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George B. Wellman

Town Clerk.

July 31, 1939

MIDDLESEX, ss:

Personally appeared the above named George B. Wellman, Clerk of the Town of Watertown, and made oath to the truth of the statement before me.

WILLIAM W. NORCROSS, JR.

Notary Public.

My Commission Expires
April 4, 1941

WATERTOWN RECORDS

Eighth Book, Begun in 1810

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1810 }
Jan^y }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the first day of January AD 1810, They appointed the following persons Enginemen for the ensuing Year (Viz)↪

Gilbert Nichols	Elijah Norcros	John Hunting
Artemas Murdock	Richard Sanger	Clinton Thayer
John Tucker	Elisha W. Dana	Benjamin Wisner
Jonathan Stone Jun ^r	Francis Whitney	John Leathe
Joseph Rufsell Jun ^r	Josiah White	John Meacham Jun ^r
John Stimpson Jun ^r	Nath ^l Weld Jun ^r	Leonard Whiting
Jonathan Robbins	John L. White	Daniel Leverett

1810 }
Feb^y }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the twenty sixth day of February AD 1810, They ifsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↪

Middlesex fs: To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting.↪

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and asemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of March next, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz).↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
- 2^d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually————
- 3^d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services————
- 4th To determine whether Swine or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act anything thereon.————
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——

- 6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon——
- 7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon.——

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- 8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon.
- 9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon——
- 10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon.——
- 11th To know if the Town will grant & supply the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot with a certain quantity of Wood the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon——
- 12th To know if the Town will quit their right to the Pew which was originally drawn by Edward Harrington deceas'd, and granted & convey'd to him & his Heirs and Afsigns forever, by a Vote of the Town pafsed the seventh of April 1800, they paying what the Town has advanced, & Interest on the same, & act any thing thereon——
- 13th To know if the Town will enlarge, or make any alteration to their Public Meeting House, & act any thing thereon.——

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of March next at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.↵

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Friday the ninth day of March next at six of the Clock PM. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty-sixth day of February, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten↵

Amos Bond	} Selectmen for Watertown↵
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Thomas Clark	
Joseph Bright	
Edward Lowd	

Middlesex fs: Watertown March 12th 1810 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed to meet and assemble at the times and places, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy, of this Warrant two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Thaddeus Cole, Constable—

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1810 }
Feb^r }

February 26th 1810 The Afsors appointed Charles Whitney a Collector of Taxes, to complete the collection of Samuel Cook's Taxes a late Collector deceas'd, & committed them to him to collect.——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Friday the ninth day of March AD 1810, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafternamed the Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Nath ^l R. Whitney in full of his Acc ^t for supplies del ^d the poor &c. — — — — —	\$67,, 42
To ditto in full for supplies del ^d Betsy Gardner —	18,, 67
To ditto in full for Wood del ^d the Middle-school	13,, 81
To ditto in full for Wood del ^d the West-school —	10,, 44
To ditto in full for three Bed-cords for the Seines	2,, —
To Amos Bond in full for clothing del ^d the poor	10,, 18
To Joseph Peirce in full for Axis for the Herse, & } for repairing Engine — — — — — }	2,, —
To Peirce & Child in full for repairing Herse —	4,, 50
To Thaddeus Cole in full for warning a Town- } meeting, & for setting Glafs in the Meeting- } house & School-houses — — — — — }	9,, 37
To Tyler Bigelow in full of his Acc ^t for his } service & costs in the case Watertown vs Amasa } Williams — — — — — }	62,, 2
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Medicines & } attendance on the poor to this date — — — — }	31,, 12

To John L. Tuttle Esq ^r Treasurer for the County of Middlesex in full for a County Tax in 1809 —————	} 331,, 4
To Daniel Coolidge & Edward Lowd in full for repairing the Bridges —————	} 17,, 74
To Edward Lowd in full for supplies del ^d Joseph Child & Nath ^l Harris —————	} 4,, 75
To ditto in full for summoning Witnesses &c. —	4,, 18
To Richard Sanger in full for a pair of Shoes for Joseph Child, & a pair for Sally Saunders —	} 3,, 25
To Daniel Leverett in full for repairing the Bafs Viol —————	} —
To Nath ^l Weld in full for carting Gravel on the Great-bridge —————	} 2,, —
To Paul Learned in full for his service in attend- ing the funeral of Bez ^l Learned, & for ringing the Bell & sweeping the Meeting-house —	} 10,, —
To Ezra Farrar in full for Selectmens* last Year	36,, 96
To Rufus Frost in full for teaching a Singing-school —————	42,, —
To Nichols & Meacham for Candles supplied the Singing-school ————	8,, —
	<hr/> 50,, —

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March }
1810 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other
Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law
to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly
assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on
Monday the twelfth day of March AD 1810, for the purpose
of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for
said Meeting proceeded as follows—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq^r Moderator—

Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Town Treasurer—

And he was sworn into said Offices, before Amos Bond
Esq^r Moderator—

*Editorial Note: Probably meant "expenses."

Voted & chose for Selectmen { Amos Bond Esq^r
Thomas Clark Esq^r
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
Jonas White

Voted & chose for Afsefsors { Amos Bond Esq^r
Thomas Clark Esq^r
Jonathan Stone, & was
excus'd by his request—

It was voted to return the thanks of the Town to Jonathan Stone for his past service as an Afsefsor——

Voted & chose Peter Clark an Afsefsor——

It was voted to choose the other Town Officers by nomination, excepting the Constables—

Voted & chose for Constables { Edward Lowd
John Hunting

And they were sworn into said Office, before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk

Voted & chose for Fence-viewers { Nath^l Weld
John Fowle
Adam Brown
Daniel Bond
Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Phinehas Sanderson
William Horn

Voted & chose for Surveyors { Jonas White
James Bernard
Jonathan Stone
Samuel Bird
of Highways—

Voted & chose for { William Leathe
Moses Coolidge
Thomas Clark Esq^r
Nath^l Bright & was excus'd
Daniel Bernard
John Fowle
Moses Chenery
Field-drivers

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It was voted to adjourn this Meeting.——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to half past three of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place.——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

In the Afternoon the Town-meeting was open'd for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer. It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the second day of April next, at five of the Clock P.M. then to meet at this place

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon of this day & proceeded as follows

Voted & chose for Hogreeves { David Hager
Phinehas Sanderson
Levi Thaxter Esq^r
Samuel Walker
Daniel A. Tainter
Jonathan Ware

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market { Benjamin Wiser
Aaron Sanger
Nath^l R. Whitney Jun^r

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Samuel Holt
Joseph Jones

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork { Isaac Dana
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose for Firewards { Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
John Fowle
Amos Bond Esq^r
Nath^l Weld
Luke Bemis
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore
Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Pound-keeper

Voted & chose for Fish-wardens { Nath^l Weld
Nath^l R. Whitney
Levi Thaxter Esq^r

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint a Sexton, & agree with him for his services.——

Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing Year

Voted to grant nine hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year.——

Voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year

Voted to grant fifty dollars for the support of a Singing-school the ensuing Year
 Voted to have the Singing-school under the direction of the Selectmen

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- 6th It was voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor to the adjournment of this Meeting.↵
- 7th It was voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as it was the last Year.↵
 It was voted to grant One hundred dollars to repair the Highways on the great County-road, from the Public Meeting house to the House of Samuel Learned.↵
 Voted that the Sum granted for the purpose aforesaid be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen.↵
- 8th Article, It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting.↵
- 9th Article, It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting.↵
- 10th Voted & chose for Agents to lease { Nath^l R. Whitney
 the fishery the ensuing Year { Nath^l Weld
- 11th Article, It was voted to postpone to the Adjournment of this Meeting.↵
- 12th It was voted to choose a Committee to examine into the state of the Pew which was originally drawn by Edward Harrington deceas'd, & make report to the Town, at the adjournment of this Meeting.↵
- Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l R. Whitney
 Adam Brown
 Amos Bond Esq^r
- 13th It was voted to choose a Committee to confer with the Owners of Pews in Watertown Meeting house, in respect to enlarging, or making any alteration in the same, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting.↵
- Voted & chose for said Committee { Walter Hunnewell
 Joseph Peirce
 Leonard Stone
 Elisha W. Dana
 Enoch Wiswall
 Joseph Bright
 Abijah White
 Levi Thaxter Esq^r
 Tyler Bigelow Esq^r

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting.——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town.——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd↵

On the Evening of the twelfth day of March AD 1810, The Town meeting was open'd at the House of Ezra Farrar, Innholder in Watertown, by adjournment from the Meeting-house this day, & proceeded as follows.——

It was voted to farm out the collection of Taxes, for the ensuing Year, to the lowest bidder, under the same restrictions as they were last Year.——

The East List of State, County Town & Minister's Taxes were put up & struck of to Moses Chenery for three Cents & three fourths Ⓕ dollar——

The West List of ditto were put up & struck of to Artemas Murdock for five & an half Cents Ⓕ dollar.↵

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Voted & chose for Collectors { Moses Chenery
of Taxes { Artemas Murdock

Then the Hay-scales were put up at Auction for the term of one Year from the first day of April next, & were struck of to Joseph Peirce for thirty six dollars——

The improvement of the Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown, was put up at Auction for the term of one Year, & was struck of to Nath^l R. Whitney for One dollar & twenty five Cents.——

Then the following Town-officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this day (Viz)↵

Amos Bond Esq^r, Thomas Clark Esq^r, Joseph Bright, Edward Lowd, & Jonas White as Selectmen——

Amos Bond Esq^r & Thomas Clark Esq^r Afsefsors, & that they would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of their Offices respecting all elections & the returns thereof——

Adam Brown & Daniel Bond Fence-viewers——

Jonas White, James Bernard, Jonathan Stone, & Samuel Bird Surveyors of Highways.——

William Leathe, Moses Coolidge, Thomas Clark Esq^r & Moses Chenery, Field-drivers.——

David Hager, Phinehas Sanderson & Jonathan Ware, Hogreeves.——

Isaac Dana & Joseph Peirce Surveyors of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork.—Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—
And Nath^l R. Whitney, was sworn into the Office of Pound-keeper, before Amos Bond Esq^r Moderator.—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting—
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house.—
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

March }
1810 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the nineteenth day of March AD 1810, They issued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting—

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of

said

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Said Commonwealth—Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting.—Given under our Hands and Seals at said Watertown this nineteenth day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten—

Amos Bond }
Thomas Clark } Selectmen
Joseph Bright } for
Edw^d Lowd } Watertown—

Middlesex fs: Watertown April 2^d 1810 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as there expressed to meet at the time and place and for purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edward Lowd, Constable—

Fishery }
Let March }
1810 }

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham agreeable to an Act of the General Court passed March 2^d 1798, empowering the Town's of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's met at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of March AD 1810, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon——

The Agents of Weston & Waltham, not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz).—

- 1st Appointed Nath^l R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents——
2^d Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening then to meet at this place——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment, & proceeded as follows——

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River, within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following Conditions (Viz).—

The privilege of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits before described, three days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents— five ¢ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money, and the residue to be paid on the first day of September next.——
And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have and the purchaser to have liberty to procure two new Seines,

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One for Shad & one for Alewives, if they be necessary, & be allowed a reasonable expence for the same out of the rent.— The persons or persons who improve the fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the improvement of the Seines if they are improved for the fishery in Newton, in proportion to the rent of Watertown & Newton fishery.— And was struck of to Jonas White for four hundred & seventy dollars.

Jonas White gave his Note for twenty three dollars & fifty Cents on demand, as earnest Money——

Also, he gave his Note for four hundred forty six dollars & fifty Cents, payable on or before the first day of September next—

April }
Meeting }
1810 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second day of April AD 1810, The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz).—

For Governor

Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq^r had One hundred sixty two
Votes——

His Excellency Christopher Gore Esq^r had One hundred
four Votes——

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. William Gray Esq^r had One hundred fifty seven
Votes——

His Honor David Cobb Esq^r had ninety eight Votes——

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Samuel Dana Esq^r had One hundred fifty six Votes

Amos Bond Esq^r had One hundred fifty five Votes

John L. Tuttle Esq^r had One hundred fifty two
Votes——

Matthew Bridge Esq^r had One hundred fifty six
Votes——

Timothy Jackson Esq^r had ninety eight Votes
 Oliver Prescott Esq^r had ninety eight Votes
 Joseph Hurd Esq^r had ninety eight Votes
 Joseph Locke Esq^r had ninety eight Votes—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at seven of the Clock this Evening for the sole purpose of completing & sealing the returns of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, & Senators & Counsellors——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the second day of April AD 1810, by adjournment from the twelfth day of March last, & proceeded as follows—

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It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Town-meeting in May next, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of April AD 1810, by adjournment from the twelfth day of March last, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer.——

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were ninety five Votes given in——

There were for Abiel Heywood Esq^r sixty two Votes—

For Hon. John L. Tuttle Esq^r thirty three Votes—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, & Counsellors & Senators, regularly assembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of Monday the second day of April AD 1810, by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this day, The Selectmen & Town Clerk examined & signed the returns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,

Counsellors & Senators, & the same were sealed up in open Town meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the ninth day of April AD 1810, They signed an Order on the Treasurer, directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named, the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz).—

To Jonas White, by Joshua Longley's Order in full for supporting Sarah White one Year, from 8 th Dec ^r 1808, to 8 th Dec ^r 1809 —————	} \$52,, —
To John K. Coolidge in full for his service as Sexton the Year past, to the 15 th of April Instant —————	} 35,, —
To ditto in full for bolts to repair the Wheel of the Bell —————	} ,, 75
To Samuel Bird in full of his Acc ^t for expences of the Committee on Roads —————	} 5,, 58

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the Sixteenth day of April AD 1810, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz).—

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Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting.—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated

at Watertown the sixteenth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten.↵

Amos Bond	} Selectmen for Watertown↵
Thomas Clark	
Joseph Bright	
Edward Lowd	
Jonas White	

Middlesex fs: Watertown May 7th 1810 Pursuant to the above Warrant I notified the male Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expresed, to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose above mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting.↵

Edw^d Lowd Constable↵

May }
Meeting }
1810 }

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders, & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives, being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the seventh day of May AD 1810, The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read.——

It was voted to choose two Representatives——

It was voted to receive the Votes for two Representatives on one ticket——

The Votes for two Representatives were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were ninety nine tickets given in, on each of which were two Votes↵

Thomas Clark Esq^r had ninety nine Votes } & were chosen
And Jonas White had ninety nine Votes— }

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Adjournment	} At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday seventh day of May AD 1810, by adjournment from the second day of April last, which was by adjournment from the twelfth day of March last, & proceeded as follows.——
of April &	
March	
Meeting 1810	

It was voted to excuse Joseph Jones from serving as a Culler of Hoops & Staves——

Voted & chose Isaac Dana Culler of Hoops & Staves——
And he was sworn into said Office before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk——

It was voted to excuse Nath^l Bemis Esq^r from serving as a Surveyor of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork——

Voted & chose Joseph Rufsell Jun^r Surveyor of Boards &c. in his stead.——

It was voted to excuse John Fowle from serving as Field-Driver——

Voted & chose David Baker Field-driver, And he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk——

It was voted to excuse Peter Clark from serving as an Afsefsor by his own request——

Voted & chose Joseph Peirce Afsefsor, and he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath^l R. Whitney, Town Clerk——

The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts was read & is as follows (Viz)——

That Nath ^l R. Whitney Town Treasurer is	
credited by —————	\$7471,, 78
And is charged with —————	6423,, 34
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Balance due the Treasurer —————	\$1048,, 44

Watertown May 3^d 1810, The above is a just & true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the third day of May 1810, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same——

Amos Bond	} Committee
Thomas Clark	
Edward Lowd	

It was voted to accept of said report.——

It was voted to grant seven hundred & fifty dollars for support of the poor the ensuing Year——

It was voted to grant Nath^l R. Whitney sixty dollars in full for his Service as Treasurer last Year.——

It was voted to grant Amos Bond Esq^r twenty four dollars in full of his Acc^t for his service as an Afsefsor last Year——

It was voted to grant Jonathan Stone eighteen dollars in full of his Acc^t for his service as an Afsefsor last Year——

It was voted to grant Thomas Clark Esq^r nineteen dollars & fifty Cents in full of his Acc^t for his service as an Afsefsor last Year——

It was voted that the Committee chosen on the twelfth day of March last, to examine into the state of the Pew which was originally drawn by Edward Harrington de-
ceas'd, be empowered to make further search respecting the state of said Pew, & take counsel respecting the same, if in their opinion they shall judge it necessary——

It was voted not to grant the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot any Wood the present Year—

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It was voted to grant Rev^d Richard R. Eliot Interest on each quarter of his Salary the Year past, after it became due——

It was voted that the Selectmen be requested to insert an article, in the next Warrant for a Town-meeting, to know if the Town will sell their right in the Pew, which was drawn by Edward Harrington de-
ceas'd——

The Afsefsors inform'd the Inhabitants, that they shall attend at the House of Ezra Farrar, on Friday the eleventh day of May Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to receive Valuations of the Estates, from the Inhabitants, which they were pofsefs'd of, on the first day of May Instant——

May 31st AD 1810 Artemas Murdock was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes, before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the third day of August AD 1810, They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive licence for Innholders & Retailers the ensuing year (Viz)——

For Innholders { Nath^l Weld
Samuel Bird
Ezra Farrar
Charles Stratton

For Retailers { John Fowle
John George
Jeremiah Fowle
Nath^l R. Whitney
Eliakim Morse
Benjamin Wiser
Aaron Clapp
Thomas Heard Jun^r
Seth Bemis

October 2^d AD 1810 Moses Chenery was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes—Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the twenty second day of October AD 1810, they agreed that Jonathan Child, James B. Whitney, & Thomas Learned be fully empowered as a Committee (to expend fifty dollars granted by the Town) to procure a teacher of Music, as soon as conveniently may be, & that they will draw an Order on the Treasurer, for the aforesaid Sum, to defray the expence thereof—

Also, They issued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representative

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In the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz)—
“the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds”) to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex-district—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting—Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twenty second day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten—

Thomas Clark } Selectmen
Jonas White } for
Edw^d Lowd } Watertown—

NB, You are alike required to give notice that the Selectmen will be in Sefsion at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of November next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons whose Names have not been entered on the list of Voters, to vote for a Representative as aforesaid.—

Middlesex fs: Watertown Nov^r 5th 1810—Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified as therein expressed, to meet & assemble, at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town, two Sundays prior to said Meeting.—

Edw^d Lowd Constable for said Town—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house, in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of November being the first Monday in said Month AD 1810, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex-district—

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The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for brought in, sorted, and counted & were as follows—

For Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq^r fifty eight Votes—
Loammi Baldwin Esq^r twenty Votes—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the seventh day of January AD 1811, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named, the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Isaac Dana for Plank of Jackson & Lincoln } for Creek-Bridge ——————	12,, 39
To ditto—for his service in procuring ditto —	1,, —
To Amos Bond in full of his Acc ^t for Cash paid } for flints for the Town's stock &c. ————	7,, —

To Thaddeus Cole in full of his Acc ^t for setting Glafs, in the Meeting-house, West & Middle School-houses —————	} 5,, 96
To Jonathan Stone in full of his Acc ^t for Stones to cover a Bridge —————	} 2,, —
To Marshall Spring in full of his Acc ^t for his services as an Agent on the trapelow-road (so called) —————	} 8,, —
To Zaccheus Pond in full of his Acc ^t for repairing Ploughs &c —————	} 5,, 18
To Nath ^l Pratt in full of his Acc ^t for a sett of Bullet moulds for the Town's-use —————	} 2,, 50
To Ezra Farrar in full of his Acc ^t for Selectmen's expences from March 12 th 1810, to include this date —————	} 31,, 42
To Aaron Barker in full for repairing Hay-scales	} 7,, 50

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the fourth day of March AD 1811, They appointed the persons hereafter-named Engine-men, for the ensuing Year——(Viz)↪

Jonathan Robbins	Benjamin Wisner
Francis Whitney	Thomas Heard Jun ^r
John Tucker	Nath ^l Weld Jun ^r
Gilbert Nichols	Josiah Jennison
John Leathe	Nath ^l R. Whitney Jun ^r
John Stimpson Jun ^r	Aaron Clap
Elijah Norcross	Clinton Thayer
Daniel Leverett	Josiah White
Joseph Rufsell Jun ^r	Artemas Murdock
Richard Sanger	Leonard Harris↪
Elisha W. Dana	

At the Meeting aforesaid, the Selectmen, revised & corrected the list of Voters, to vote in the choice of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators.——

Also, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↪

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting——

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz)↪

Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of March Instant, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
- 2^d To choose all Town-Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually——
- 3^d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services——
- 4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon——
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
- 6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon——
- 7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon——
- 8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
- 9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon——
- 10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon——
- 11th To know if the Town will make sale of the Pews in Watertown Meeting house, which belonged to Edward Harrington, and Josiah Goddard deceas'd, & act any thing thereon.
- 12th To know if the Town will procure a Bell for the Public Meeting house, & act any thing thereon——
- 13th To know if the Town will take any measures to ascertain their right to Shearman's Pond (so called) and the Land adjoining the same, or any other Lands belonging to the Town, & act any thing thereon——
- 14th To know if the Town will take measures to build a new Meeting house, and to act any thing respecting the same; and also to know if they will take any measures to settle with the Pew-holders in the present Meeting house, & how they will appropriate said House, & act any thing thereon—
- 15th To know if the Town will direct their Treasurer to receive of Thaddeus Cole Collector for the Year 1809, ten dollars

of uncurrent Money, which he asserts that he received for Taxes when the same was current, & act any thing thereon.
16th To know if the Town will make any repairs to the Ministerial-house, & act any thing thereon—

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Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eighteenth day of March Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer, & Register——

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on Friday the fifteenth day of March Instant at six of the Clock PM.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the fourth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Amos Bond	} Selectmen for Watertown—
Thomas Clark	
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Edward Lowd	

Middlesex fs: Watertown March 18th 1811——

Pursuant to the within Warrant I notified and warned, the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edw^d Lowd Constable—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Friday the fifteenth day of March AD 1811, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

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To Ezra Farrar in full for Selectmens Expences } to 15 th March 1811 —————	9,, —
To Nath ^l R. Whitney in full of his Account for } supplies delivered the poor &c. —————	85,, 8
To David Baker in full for his services and ex- } pences in carrying Sarah Ellis to the Alms-house	2,, —
To ditto in full for a Guide-post —————	2,, 75
To Daniel Bernard in full of his Acc ^t for boarding } John Randall from Jan ^{ry} 1 st 1810, to Jan ^{ry} 1 st } 1811—52 Weeks @ \$1,,20 —————	62,, 40
To ditto in full for supporting ditto from Jan ^{ry} } 1 st to March 5 th 1811—9 Weeks @ \$1,,75 } Week —————	15,, 75
To Catharine Marshall in full for supporting } Widow Susanna Learned from May 1 st 1809, to } March 31 st 1811 —————	92,, 50
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Medicines & } attendance on the poor to this date —————	20,, 12
To Daniel Swan in full of his Acc ^t for Medicines } & attendance on Jonas Learned —————	21,, 25
To John K. Coolidge in full for his service as Sex- } ton the Year past to the 15 th of April next, & for } repairing School house & Meeting house —————	33,, 50
To Jonathan Child, Thomas Learned & James } B. Whitney a Committee to procure a Singing- } master the Year past —————	50,, —
To Wiswall, Fuller & C ^o in full of their Acc ^t for } Clothing supplied the poor at the Poor-house —	25,, 47
To Amos Bond in full of his Acc ^t for Clothing } supplied Nath ^l Harris & Patrick Brazilli —————	10,, —
To Jonas White in full for supplies delivered } Andrew White —————	27,, —
To Thomas Learned for Cash paid for strings for } the Bafs Viol —————	1,, —

March }
Meeting }
1811 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of March AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows——

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk——

Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Town Treasurer——

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Voted & chose for Selectmen { Thomas Clark Esq^r
Jonas White
Nath^l R. Whitney
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Joseph Bright

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to three of the Clock this Afternoon then to meet at this place——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

In the Afternoon the Town-meeting was open'd for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register——

It was voted to postpone giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register until April Meeting——

Then the Town-meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting-house by adjournment from the Forenoon of this day & proceeded as follows——

It was voted to receive the Votes for three Assessors on one ticket——

Voted & chose for Assessors { Thomas Clark Esq^r
Nath^l R. Whitney
Jonathan Stone

It was voted to choose the other Town Officers (except Constables) by nomination——

Voted & chose for Constables { Daniel Sears
Adam Brown

- Voted & chose for Fence-viewers { Moses Coolidge
Nath^l Weld
Adam Brown
Luke Bemis
Nath^l Bright
- Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Daniel Leverett
Phinehas Sanderson
- Voted & chose for Surveyors
of Highways { William Leathe
Edmund Fowle
Jonathan Stone
James Simmons
- Voted & chose for Field-drivers { Jonathan Robbins
Phinehas Harrington
John Fowle
Israel Whitney
Daniel Leverett
Zaccheus Pond
Peter Clark

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- Voted & chose for Hogreeves { Daniel Coolidge
Leonard Stone
William Gay
John Trull
Samuel Fefsenden
Joseph Bright Jun^r
- Voted & chose for Clerks of
the Market { Benjamin Wiser
Nath^l R. Whitney Jun^r
Thaddeus Cole
- Voted & chose for Cullers of
Hoops & Staves { Samuel Holt
Edward Lowd
- Voted & chose for Surveyors
of Boards, Plank, Timber &
Slitwork { Isaac Dana
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r & was
excus'd by his request
Joseph Peirce
Edward Lowd
- Voted & chose for Firewards { Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
John Fowle
Amos Bond Esq^r
Nath^l Weld
Luke Bemis
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore
Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Pound-keeper—

Voted & chose for Fish-wardens { Nath^l Weld
Nath^l R. Whitney
Levi Thaxter Esq^r

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint a Sexton, and agree with him for his services—

Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall no go at large the ensuing Year—

Voted to grant nine hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year—

Voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year—

Voted to grant fifty dollars to defray the expence of a Singing-school the ensuing Year, & that it be expended under the direction of the Selectmen—

It was voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor to the adjournment of this Meeting—

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7th It was voted to grant the same sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as last Year—

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote in respect to the grant aforesaid, and that instead of raising fifty Cents on each Poll, & other Estates in the same proportion—

It was voted to grant twenty five Cents to be rais'd on the Polls, & other Estates in the same proportion to repair the Highways, & that it be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, or a Committee that shall be appointed for that purpose—

It was voted that the expenditure of said Tax be under the direction of the Selectmen.—

It was Voted that the Afsefsors be directed to afsefs said Tax, & commit the same to the Collectors that shall be chosen to collect the Taxes the ensuing Year, & collected as soon as may be.—

It was voted that the former Surveyors of Highways be empowered to cause the delinquencies in their Lists of Highways, to be work'd out before the first day of May next—

8th It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting—

9th It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting——

10th It was voted to choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year.

Voted & chose for said Agents { Jeduthun Fuller
Amos Bond Esq^r

11th It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting——

12th It was voted to choose a Committee to make an estimate of the expence of a new Bell, suitable for the Meeting house, & make report to the Town, at the adjournment of this Meeting——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Amos Bond Esq^r
Nath^l R. Whitney

13th It was voted to choose a Committee to ascertain the Town's right to Shearman's Pond, (so called) and the Land adjoining the same, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Moses Coolidge
Thomas Clark Esq^r
Nath^l R. Whitney

16th It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the Ministerial-house, & see if in their opinion, it is necessary to make any repairs to said House, & make an estimate of the expence, & make report to the said Town at the adjournment of this Meeting——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Tyler Bigelow Esq^r & was excus'd
Thomas Clark Esq^r & was excus'd
William Leathe
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Peter Clark

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Article }

It was voted to choose a Committee of nine persons to take into consideration the subject of building a new Meeting house to meet the Petitioners & others who are in favor of a new Meeting house, to ascertain as nearly as possible the expence of building a new Meeting house, and settling with the Pew-owners in the old House, and the best mode of obtaining such settlement, to consider of the best plan of

building, and the most eligible spot of ground on which to set the same—And generally to consider the subject in all its relations, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee

- Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
- Tyler Bigelow Esq^r
- Moses Coolidge
- Edward Lowd
- Jonas White
- Edmund Fowle
- Luke Bemis
- Leonard Stone
- Marshall Spring Esq^r

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to half past seven of the Clock this Evening then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town—

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

On the Evening of the eighteenth of March AD 1812, The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, by adjournment from the Meeting house this day, & proceeded as follows—

It was voted to farm out the collection of Taxes for the ensuing Year to the lowest bidder, under the same restrictions as they were the last Year—

The East list of State, County, Town & Ministers Taxes were put up & struck of to Moses Chenery for four Cents & one fourth P dollar—

The West list of ditto were put up & struck of to Charles Whitney for five Cents & three fourths P dollar—

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes { Moses Chenery
Charles Whitney

15th It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to receive of Thaddeus Cole Collector, ten dollars of uncurrent Money, (which he asserts that he received for taxes, when the same was current) in part for Taxes committed him to collect—

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It was voted to excuse William Leathe from serving on the Committee to examine the Ministerial house &c. by his own request—

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r in his stead, & he was excus'd—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq^r & he also was excus'd——

Voted & chose Joseph Peirce in his stead——

It was voted to excuse Nath^l Bemis Esq^r from serving on said Committee——

Voted & chose Luke Bemis to serve on said Committee——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the first day of April next, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

Then the following Town-officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this day (Viz)——

Nath^l R. Whitney, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectman, & Afsefsor, before Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator, & that in the Offices of Selectman & Afsefsor he would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of each, respecting all elections & the returns thereof——before Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

Thomas Clark Esq^r, Jonas White, Nath^l Bemis Esq^r, & Joseph Bright, Selectmen, respecting all elections & the returns thereof——

Thomas Clark Esq^r & Jonathan Stone Afsefsors; Also respecting all elections & the returns thereof——

Jonathan Robbins, Israel Whitney, Daniel Leverett, Zaccheus Pond, & Peter Clark, Field-drivers——

William Gay, Hogreeve——

Nath^l R. Whitney Jun^r & Thaddeus——* Clerks of the Market—Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk——

Nath^l R. Whitney Pound-keeper, Before Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

March 19th AD 1811 Daniel Coolidge & John Trull were sworn into the Office of Hogreeves, Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Thursday the twenty first day of March AD 1811, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting——(Viz)——

Middlesex s^s: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting——

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upward having a freehold

*Editorial Note: Last name omitted in script; probably Cole.

Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon

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To give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth—Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting—

Given under our Hands and Seals at said Watertown this twenty first day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	

Middlesex fs: Watertown April 1st 1811—

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as therein exprest to meet and assemble at the time and place, & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edward Lowd Constable—

March 23^d AD 1811, Phineas Harrington was sworn into the Office of Field-driver, Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk.

April }
Meeting }
1811 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of April AD 1811—The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons

had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names—
(Viz)↪

For Governor,

His Excellency Elbridge Gerry Esq^r had One hundred & forty three Votes.

Hon. Christopher Gore Esq^r had eighty six Votes↪

For Lieutenant Governor,

His Honor William Gray Esq^r had One hundred & forty three Votes.

Hon. William Phillips Esq^r had eighty six Votes↪

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For Senators & Counsellors↪

Hon. Samuel Dana Esq^r had One hundred & forty Votes—
Matthew Bridge Esq^r had One hundred & forty three
Votes—

John L. Tuttle Esq^r had One hundred & thirty four
Votes—

Amos Bond Esq^r had One hundred & thirty Votes—

Ebenezer Hobbs Esq^r had three Votes—

Timothy Jackson Esq^r had ninety one Votes—

Joseph Locke Esq^r had eighty seven Votes—

Asahel Stearns Esq^r had eighty seven Votes—

Nathaniel Austin Esq^r had eighty eight Votes—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at seven of the Clock this Evening, for the sole purpose of completeing & sealing the returns of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors—And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd↪

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the first day of April AD 1811, by adjournment from the eighteenth day of March last, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register↪

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r to receive count & sort the Votes for a County Register—

The Votes for a County Register were called for brought in sorted & counted, & were as follows—

There were ninety nine Votes given in——

Hon. John L. Tuttle Esq^r had twenty four Votes

Samuel Bartlet Esq^r had seventy five Votes

The Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & were as follows——

There were One hundred & thirty one Votes given in——

Hon. John L. Tuttle Esq^r had seventy one Votes

Abiel Heywood Esq^r had sixty Votes

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first day of April AD 1811, by adjournment from the eighteenth day of March last, & proceeded as follows——

It was voted to reconsider the Vote passed on the eighteenth of March last, in respect to granting twenty five Cents on the Polls, & other Estates in proportion to repair the Highways——

It was voted to grant fifty Cents on the Polls, & Estates the same proportion, to repair the Highways the ensuing Year——

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It was voted to grant One hundred dollars to repair the Highways, from Jennison's hill (so called) to Cambridge line——

It was voted to choose a Committee to expend said sum——

Voted & chose for said Committee——

{ Peter Clark, & was excus'd by
his request
Jonathan Stone
David Livermore
Adam Brown

It was voted that the part of One hundred dollars, granted by the Town on the twelfth of March AD 1810, to be expended on said road (which is not expended); be expended on said road under the direction of said Committee——

The report of the Committee to examine the Ministerial-house was read——And it was voted that the further consideration of the subject aforesaid, be referred to the same Committee, & that they make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting——

The report of the Committee to make an estimate for the expence of a new Bell, suitable for the Meeting house was read, & is as follows——That in their opinion a Bell weighing about ten hundred pounds weight would be of sufficient size for that purpose, and that the probable expence of such a Bell would be about five hundred dollars— It was voted to postpone the Article, to the adjournment of this Meeting——

The report of the Committee to take into consideration the subject of building a new Meeting-house &c. was read, & is as follows——

The Committee chosen by the Town of Watertown, “to take into consideration the subject of building a new Meeting house, to meet the Petitioners & others, who are in favor of building a new Meeting house, to ascertain as nearly as possible the expence of building a new Meeting house, and settling with the Pew-owners in the old House, and the best mode of obtaining such settlement, to consider the best plan of building and the most eligible spot of Ground on which to set the same, and generally to consider the subject in all its relations” have met and fully considered the several subjects committed to them, and beg leave to report to the Town the following result to wit—

- 1st Your Committee are of opinion that it is not expedient to build a new Meeting house at present——
- 2^d Your Committee are of opinion, that a House of the size and dimensions and generally of the construction of the Reverend M^r Codmans Meetinghouse in Dorchester would be best calculated to accommodate the Town of Watertown, and would serve generally as a model for building whenever the Town should determine to build, and that the expence of building such an House would be about twelve thousand dollars—

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- 3^d Deeming it inexpedient for the Town to build at present, your Committee have not particularly attended to the subject of settling with the Pew-owners in the present Meeting house, and are therefore unable to recommend any particular mode best calculated to obtain such settlement——And for the same reason your Committee have not thought it necessary, that they should fix on a spot of ground, which in their opinion would be the most eligible

on which to set a new Meeting-house—All which is submitted—

Nathaniel Bemis \wp order—

Watertown March 29th 1811—

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee—

It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the present Meeting house, & see if there can be any addition, or alteration in said House, for the accommodation of those who are destitute of Pews, & make report to the Town, at the adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee—	{	Adam Brown, & was excus'd by his request—
		Edward Lowd
		Amos Bond Esq ^r & was excus'd by his request—
		Jeremiah Fowle & was excus'd by his request—
		Nath ^l R. Whitney & was excus'd by his request—
		Enoch Wiswall

It was voted to postpone the consideration of the above article to the adjournment of this Meeting—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to the first Monday in May next, at one of the Clock PM then to meet at this place—

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on the Evening of the first of April AD 1811, They put up the Hay scales, at auction for the term of one Year from this day, & were struck of to Edward Lowd for forty dollars—

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up at Auction for the ensuing Year, & was struck of to Thomas Richardson for One dollar & sixty Cents—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators regularly assembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of the first of April AD 1811, by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this day—

The Selectmen & Town Clerk, completed & sealed up the returns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors & Senators—

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Fishery }
Let }
1811 }

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham agreeable to an Act of the General Court passed March 2^d 1798, empowering the Town's of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's, met at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of March AD 1811, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon—

The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)—

- 1st Appointed Nath^l R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents—
2^d Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening, then to meet at this place—
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment & proceeded as follows—

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following conditions (Viz)—

The privilege of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents— five ¢ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money, and the residue to be paid on the first day of September next— And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have— The person or persons, who improve the fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the improvement of the Seines, if they are improved for the fishery in Newton in proportion to the rent of Watertown & Newton fishery— And was struck of to Jonas White for six hundred & eight dollars—

April 2^d AD 1811 Edmund Fowle & Jonathan Stone were sworn into the Office of Surveyors of Highways—

Before, Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

April 5th AD 1811, James Simmons was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways, & Moses Coolidge as a Fence-viewer—

Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

April 6th AD 1811 William Leathe was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways—

Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the 15th day of April AD 1811, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ss: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the fifteenth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown—
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Joseph Bright		

Middlesex fs: Watertown May 6th 1811

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed to meet & assemble at the time & place, & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Ed. Lowd Constable for Watertown—

May }
Meeting }
1811 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives, being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of May AD 1811, The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read—

It was voted to choose two Representatives—

It was voted to receive the Votes for two Representatives on one ticket—

The Votes for two Representatives were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were One hundred & twenty three tickets given in—

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Jonas White had One hundred & six Votes—
Thomas Clark Esq^r had One hundred & seven
Votes— } & were
chosen—

Nath^l R. Whitney had sixteen Votes—

Nath^l Bemis Esq^r had fifteen Votes—

Levi Thaxter Esq^r had one Vote—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of May AD 1811, by adjournment from the first day of April last, (which was by adjournment from the eighteenth day of March last) & proceeded as follows—

It was voted to excuse Adam Brown from serving as Constable—

Voted & chose William Horn Constable in his stead—

It was voted to excuse Daniel Sears from serving as Constable—

Voted & chose Edward Lowd Constable in his stead—
William Horn & Edward Lowd were sworn into the Office
of Constable Before, Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

Voted & chose for { Moses Coolidge
Field-drivers { Adam Brown, & was excus'd by his
request
William Horn

Voted & chose David Baker Hogreeve—

Moses Coolidge & William Horn were sworn into the Office
of Field-drivers—And David Baker into the Office of
Hogreeve—

Before, Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

It was voted to choose three Agents to prosecute, or cause
to be prosecuted to final Judgment & Execution, any person,
or persons, who have or shall violate the Law respecting
the taking of fish called Shad & Alewives, or erecting or
causing to be erected any obstruction to the pasage of said
fish in Charles River—

Voted & chose for said Agents { Nath^l Weld
{ Nath^l R. Whitney
{ Levi Thaxter Esq^r

It was voted to grant One hundred dollars for the purpose
of prosecuting to final Judgment & Execution as aforesaid—
And that said Agents shall have a right to draw an Order
on the Treasurer for any sum or sums of Money that may
be necessary to prosecute as aforesaid—

It was voted that the Representatives chosen this day be
requested to use their influence to procure an addition to
the Act, respecting the fishery for the better securing to
the Town their rights in the pasage of the Fish called
Shad & Alewives through the Towns of Cambridge &
Brighton—

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Voted to grant Amos Bond Esq ^r in full of his	} 21,, —
Account for his service as an Afsefsor last Year —	
Voted to grant Joseph Peirce in full for ditto —	15,, —
Voted to grant Thomas Clark Esq ^r in	} 19,, 50
full for ditto — — — — — — — — — —	
Voted to grant ditto in full for his	} 2,, —
service at Concord to defend the Town	
against the road contemplated to be laid	} 21,, 50
out South of the Bridge — — — — —	

Voted to grant Nath^l R. Whitney in full for his }
 service as Treasurer last Year — — — — — } 60,, —

The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read and is as follows (Viz) ↵

That Nath^l R. Whitney Town Treasurer
 is credited by — — — — — 8957,, 31
 And is charged with — — — — — 7393,, 66

Balance due the Treasurer — — — — — \$1563,, 65

Watertown May 6th 1811, The above is a just & true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the sixth day of May 1811, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same ↵

Thomas Clark }
 Edw^d Lowd } Committee
 Joseph Bright }

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee ———

The Committee appointed to ascertain the Town's right to Sherman's Pond, (so called) & the Land adjoining the same, made the following report—(Viz) ↵

Watertown May 2^d 1811 ↵
 We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by said Town for the purpose as within expressed, have attended the service, and beg leave to report as follows. (Viz) that in our opinion by David Stone's deed, to Daniel Sears, no part of Sherman's pond, (so called) or the Land adjoining said pond, that has not been enclosed by a fence, & that heretofore has laid common, does not belong to said Sears, by said deed, and that a small part of the Land which formerly laid common & does belong to the Town, is now enclosed by said Sear's Wall ———

All which is submitted ↵

Moses Coolidge }
 Thomas Clark Esq^r } Committee
 Nath^l R. Whitney }

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee ———
 It was voted to choose a Committee to ascertain the Town's right to Sherman's pond (so called) & the Lands adjoining the same, & to cause any obstructions, that may be on the same to be removed, & to take such measures respecting the same as the Committee shall think best, or they may sell the small piece of Land which Daniel Sears fenced in, & give a deed of the same in behalf of the Town ↵

Voted & chose for said Committee { Moses Coolidge
Thomas Clark Esq^r
Nath^l R. Whitney

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The report of the Committee to examine the Ministerial-house, & see what repairs are necessary was read, & is as follows——

Your Committee appointed to examine the Ministerial House to see what repairs are necessary to be made thereon have attended that service and ask leave to make the following report, (Viz)——That as the roof on the back part of the House is very leaky and unfit to lodge under and is so low that not more than four feet in width can be walked under in an upright position——

Therefore your Committee are of an opinion that it will be greatly for the honor as well as the interest of the Town, & it will be much for the accommodation of M^r Eliot——Also to have the back part raised as high as the other part, with a roof in such form on the same as shall be convenient and proper——Your Committee recommend a gambrel roof——And are also of an opinion that the Chambers in the back part may be finished of in a plain and convenient manner, so that the whole expence of raising the roof and finishing of the Chambers &c. will not exceed the sum of four hundred dollars; with regard to the Cellar, your Committee are of an opinion that if the Cellar is enlarged it will cost the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars——

All which is submitted,

Peter Clark }
Joseph Peirce } Committee
Luke Bemis }

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee——
It was voted to grant five hundred & fifty dollars for the purpose aforesaid——

It was voted to choose a Committee to repair the Ministerial-house——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l Bemis Esq^r & was excus^d
by his request
Eliakim Morse
Moses Coolidge
Luke Bemis

It was voted to grant eight hundred dollars for support of the poor the ensuing Year——

The report of the Committee to make an estimate of the probable expence of a new Bell was read——

It was voted to grant five hundred dollars to procure a new Bell, for the Meeting house, of not less than One thousand pounds weight, and that the Committee chosen on the eighteenth day of last March to make an estimate for said Bell, be a Committee to procure said Bell, and that they shall have a right to dispose of the old Bell——

It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to make sale of the Goddard Pew, & the Town's right in the Pew of the late Edward Harrington deceas'd in Watertown Meeting house——

It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to make two Pews, instead of the two body seats in the Meeting house, & that they be empowered to make sale of the same, after they are made——

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It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the present Meeting house, & see if there can be any addition or alteration in said House for the accommodation of those who are destitute of Pews, & make report to the Town at the next Town-meeting——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Joseph Bright
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Amos Bond Esq^r
Luke Bemis
Nath^l Weld

It was voted to disolve this Meeting——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared disolved——

Nath^l Weld, Adam Brown, Luke Bemis & Nath^l Bright were sworn into the Office of Fence-viewers——
Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk

The Selectmen appointed James Robbins & James Stone Engine-men in the room of Thomas Heard Jun^r & Josiah Jennison——

Special Meeting }
concerning }
Fishery }
May 10th }
1811 }

May 10th AD 1811, The Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)——

Middlesex fs: To William Horn one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of May Instant, at six of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To know if the Town will indemnify Jonas White, & others under him and save him or them harmless in taking the fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town, according to the common custom, & agreeable to the contract made by the Agents chosen by said Town in March last, to lease the fishery in said Town, & act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To hear the report of any Committees, & act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting—Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the tenth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	
Joseph Bright	

Middlesex fs: Watertown May 13th AD 1811, Pursuant to the (*page torn*) Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as the (*page torn*) expressed, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned—

W^m Horn Constable—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, being duly warned, regularly

assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirteenth day of May AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

It was voted to dissolve this Meeting——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared dissolved—

May 16th AD 1811, The Selectmen having received the Petition of John Fowle & thirteen others, Freeholders, & Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown for calling a Town-meeting—They issued the following Warrant (Viz)—

Middlesex fs: To William Horn one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting——

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twentieth day of May Instant at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
2^d To see if the said Inhabitants will reconsider their Vote, directing the repairs of the Parsonage house (so called), or give any directions to their Committee respecting the repairing said House, or limit them, as to the sum of Money to be expended in said repairs, or act any thing thereon——
3^d Also, to see if said Inhabitants will reconsider their Vote directing the purchase of a Bell for the Meeting-house in said Town, or act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the sixteenth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Joseph Bright		

Middlesex fs: Watertown May 20th 1811——Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the

Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned—

W^m Horn Constable—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the twentieth day of May AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

2^d It was voted that the Committee chosen to repair the Ministerial-house be restricted so far as to make such small necessary repairs to the shingling on the roof, and repairing the Windows of said House as may be necessary for the present——

It was voted to excuse Moses Coolidge from serving on said Committee by his request——

Also, voted to excuse Luke Bemis, & Eliakim Morse from serving on said Committee by their request——

It was voted that the Lumber purchas'd by the Committee to repair the Ministerial house, be brought into Town under the direction of a Committee that shall be chosen to make the small necessary repairs to said House, & that they shall have a right to make use of so much of said Lumber as may be necessary to make such small repairs, & make sale of the residue for the best advantage to the Town—

Voted & chose for said Committee	{	Levi Thaxter Esq ^r & was excus'd by his request—
		Jonas White & was excus'd by his request—
		John Fowle
		William Leathe
		Adam Brown

3^d It was voted not to dismiss the Article respecting the purchase of a Bell for the Meeting house——

It was voted to disolve this Meeting——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared disolv'd—

May 25th AD 1811, On the Petition of a sufficient number of Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown,

the Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↪

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll-tax, to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third day of June next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles. (Viz)↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
 2^d To know if the Town will instruct the former Committee raised for the purpose of repairing the Ministerial house, or raise a new Committee to proceed in making said repairs, provided the Town shall be completely indemnified against any expence or charge over and above the sum which has heretofore been granted for that purpose, and act any thing thereon↪

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- 3^d To know if the Town will give their Committee any further instructions respecting their purchasing a new Bell for the Meeting house in said Town, and act any thing thereon——
 4th To know if the Town will hear the report of any Committee's and act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting————

Given under our Hands and seals at Watertown the twenty fifth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven↪

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Jonas White		

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings convened at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third day of June AD 1811, to transact the business as set

forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, Edward Lowd the Constable to whom the Warrant was committed, being absent, & no return being made on the Warrant, no business was transacted——

July 18th AD 1811, Charles Whitney was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes——Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk↵

July 31st AD 1811, Moses Chenery was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes——Before, Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk↵

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fifth day of August, AD 1811, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↵

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting——

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twelfth day of August Instant, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)↵

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
- 2^d To know if the Town will instruct the former Committee raised for the purpose of repairing the Ministerial house, or raise a new Committee to proceed in making said repairs, provided the Town shall be completely indemnified against any expence or charge over and above the sum which has heretofore been granted for that purpose, and act any thing thereon——

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- 3^d To know if the Town will give their Committee any further instructions respecting their purchasing a new Bell for the Meeting house, in said Town, and act any thing thereon——
- 4th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to confer with the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot, in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future, he quitting his right to the Town in improving the Parsonage, and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown this fifth day of August, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown—
Jonas White	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	

Middlesex fs: Watertown August 12th 1811——Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned—

Edw^d Lowd Constable for Watertown—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twelfth day of August AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)——

- 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——
- 2^d It was voted to postpone this Article, until after the other articles in the Warrant are acted on——
- 3^d Article, It was voted to dismifs——
- 4th It was voted to choose a Committee to confer with the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot, in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future, he quitting his right to the Town in improving the Parsonage belonging to the Town——

It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons for the purpose aforesaid——It was voted to choose said Committee by ballots——

Voted & chose for said Committee	}	Jonas White
		Levi Thaxter Esq ^r
		John Fowle
		Nath ^l R. Whitney
		Peter Clark

It was voted that said Committee be empowered & directed to procure a Surveyor, to take a survey of the Parsonage belonging to the Town, & ascertain the quantity of Land

it contains, & plat the Land into House lots, & the roads that may be necessary on said Land, & the amount that said lots of Land, may probably be sold for, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting——

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2^d Article——It was voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the twenty sixth day of August Instant, at four of the Clock PM. then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd↵

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twelfth day of August AD 1811, They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive licence for Innholders & Retailers the ensuing Year (Viz)↵

For Innholders { Samuel Bird
Ezra Farrar
Charles Stratton

For Retailers { John George
Jeremiah Fowle
Nath^l R. Whitney
Eliakim Morse
Seth Bemis
Joshua Jackson
John Clark
Joseph Peirce
Luke Bemis

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty sixth day of August AD 1811, by adjournment from the twelfth day of August Instant, proceeded as follows——

The report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future &c. was read & is as follows↵

Watertown August 26th 1811—

We the Subscribers being a Committee, appointed by said Town, to confer with the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future, he quitting his right to the Town in improving the Parsonage belonging to the Town—Also to procure a Surveyor, to take a survey of the Parsonage belonging to the Town, and ascertain the quantity of Land it contains, and plat the same into House lots, and the Roads that may be necessary on said Land, and the amount that said lots of Land may probably be sold for, have attended the service assigned us, and beg leave to report as follows. (Viz)—

That the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot is unwilling to relinquish the whole of the Parsonage, but on condition that the Town, will make the following repairs on the Parsonage-house (Viz) Partition, lath & plaster, two Bed-chambers, in the back Kitchen-chamber, paint & paper the Southwest Chamber, & make such repairs on the outside of said House, as a Committee shall think necessary, the expence of which probably will not exceed eighty dollars;

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And agree that he shall improve the same together with the Barn, & one lot of Land on which said Buildings stand, as may appear by the Plan which is herewith exhibited, and pay him the sum of six hundred & eighty dollars ₹ Annum, to be paid quarterly, & that he will hereafter keep the retained Premises in good repair at his own expence, & relinquish all the residue of the Parsonage Lands & the Income resulting from the same; considering the said sum of six hundred and eighty dollars, together with the improvement of the House, Barn, & lot of Land aforesaid, & the Pew in the Meeting house, now improv'd by him as a full compensation for his Salary in future——

And we further report that we have procured a survey & Plan of said Premises, which is herewith exhibited, and have not been able to make a true estimate of the value of the same, but under existing circumstances, it is our unanimous opinion, it will be best for the Town to take said Premises into their possession (except the lot with the House & Barn on which it stands) to be dispos'd of as they shall think proper, and agree with the Rev^d Richard

R. Eliot for his Salary in future, on the terms aforementioned—

All which is submitted by
 Jonas White
 Levi Thaxter
 John Fowle
 Nath^l R. Whitney
 Peter Clark

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee—
 It was voted to choose a Committee to make such repairs to the Ministerial house as are specified in the foregoing report of said Committee—

It was voted that John Fowle, William Leathe & Adam Brown (a Committee chosen on the twentieth of last May) be empowered to make said repairs, & draw an Order on the Treasurer for Money to procure Materials, & to pay the expence of said repairs—

It was voted that the Committee which was chosen to confer with the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot in respect to making a contract with him for his Salary in future &c. be directed & empowered to make, & enter into a contract with him for his Salary in future, & take a release from him of the Ministerial Farm &c. agreeable to the report of said Committee—

The report of the Committee chosen on the sixth day of May last, to examine the Meeting house, & see if there can be any addition or alteration in said House for the accommodation of those who are destitute of Pews was read, & is as follows—

Gentlemen,

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of seeing what room may be spared in the Galleries for Pews, have attended that service, and now ask leave to report that it is their opinion that five Pews may be built in the front Gallery, and three in

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The Women's side Gallery, without materially interfering with those who usually sit there, they also think it necessary to build a Porch in the front of the Meeting house to admit a passage to the said Pews, & that the probable expence of building said Porch and Pews will not exceed three

hundred & fifty dollars—which is humbly submitted by your Committee

Joseph Bright
Nath^l Bemis
Amos Bond
Luke Bemis
Nath^l Weld

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee, And that they be directed, & empowered to make the addition, & alteration to the Meeting house, agreeable to the report of said Committee——

It was voted that said Committee be empowered to draw an Order on the Treasurer for Money to procure Materials &c., to make said addition & alteration to the Meeting house——

It was voted to disolve this Meeting——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared disolv'd↵

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty sixth day of August AD 1811, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several sums annex'd their Names (Viz)↵

To Amos Bond in full of his Acc ^t for four pair of Shoes delivered the poor — — — — — — — — — —	} 5,, 25
To Joseph Rufsell in full for making two Pews in the Meeting house — — — — — — — — — —	} 11,, —
To Peter Tufts Jun ^r in full for surveying & drawing a plan of the Parsonage Land — — — — — — — — — —	} 6,, —
To Jonathan Child in full for the funeral expences of Joseph Child — — — — — — — — — —	} 14,, 72

September 12th AD 1811, The Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↵

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting——

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, (Viz) “the male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income

of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds") to

assemble

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Assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of September Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district, Hereof fail not &c.

Also, You are alike required to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty third day of September Instant at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)↪

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——

2^d To know if the Town will choose a Committee to petition the Legislature, for an Act of incorporation for making sale of Ministerial Lands belonging to the Town, & for managing the funds arising therefrom, for the support of the Minister, & act any thing thereon——

Also, To know if the Town will agree upon the number and persons, whom they wish to have appointed as Members of the Corporation for the Ministerial Lands & funds, and act any thing thereon——

3^d To Hear the report of any Committee's, & act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twelfth day of September, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eleven↪

Jonas White	}	Selectmen
Nath ^l R. Whitney		for
Nath ^l Bemis		Watertown↪

NB, You are alike required to give notice that the Selectmen will be in Sefsion at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of September Instant at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons whose Names have not been entered on the list of Voters, to vote for a Representative as aforesaid——

Middlesex fs: Watertown Sept^r 23^d 1811, Pursuant to this Warrant I notified and warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town, two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

Edw^d Lowd Constable for said Town—

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September 21st AD 1811, The Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting——(Viz)——

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting——

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirtieth day of September Instant at four of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following articles, (Viz)——

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
 2^d To know if the Town will accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen, and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twenty first day of September, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven——

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	

Middlesex fs: Watertown September 30th 1811, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet & assemble at the time & place, & for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

Edw^d Lowd Constable——

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house, in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of September, being the fourth Monday in said Month AD 1811, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America, for the Middlesex-district, in the room of the Hon. Joseph B. Varnum, Esq^r who has vacated his seat in the House of Representatives, by accepting a seat in the Senate of the United States, to which he had been elected by the General Court——

The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted, and counted, & were as follows——

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For Hon. Marshall Spring Esq^r sixty seven Votes—
 Loammi Baldwin Esq^r thirteen Votes—
 Hon. John L. Tuttle Esq^r one Vote—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of September AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the businefs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows—

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

It was voted to choose a Committee of three persons to petition the Legislature for an Act of incorporation for making sale of Ministerial Lands belonging to the Town, & for managing the funds arising therefrom for the support of the Minister——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Bond Esq^r
 Jonas White
 Thomas Clark Esq^r

It was voted to choose a Committee to select Candidates for said Committee——

It was voted to postpone the consideration of the following Article (Viz)——

To know if the Town will agree upon the number, and persons, whom they wish to have appointed as Members of the corporation for the Ministerial Lands & funds, to the adjournment of this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the thirtieth day of September Instant, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon then to meet at this place——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the thirtieth day of September AD 1811, They revis'd the list of Jurors——

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirtieth day of September AD 1811, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows——

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

2^d The list of Jurors prepared, & presented by the Selectmen was read——

It was voted to accept of said list of Jurors——

It was voted to dissolve this Meeting——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared dissolved——

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To all to whom these Presents shall come——

The Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown in the County of Middlesex, by their Committee, whose Names are hereunto subscribed being duly authorized by a Vote of said Town, passed in legal Town-meeting on the twenty sixth day of August, in consideration of the services of the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot, as the regularly ordained or settled Minister of said Town, and in part compensation for the same, do hereby lease, demise & let unto the said Eliot a certain piece of Land with the Buildings thereon situate in said Watertown—bounded as follows, Viz. Beginning on the great Country-road at the end of a rail fence, and running westerly on said road two hundred & fifty feet, then turning & running Northerly a straight line, one

hundred & eighty four feet to a stake & stones then turning and running Easterly a straight line two hundred and fifty feet to a stake and stones, then turning and running Southerly a straight line two hundred and five feet to the bounds first mentioned. To hold to him the said Eliot during his Ministry—And the said Inhabitants hereby promise & agree to enclose said piece of Land within a convenient time, with a good four rail fence, or some other fence answerable thereto—that he the said Eliot shall continue to occupy and improve the Pew in the Meeting house, which he has usually occupied, during his Ministry, and that they will pay to the said Eliot in Cash after the rate of six hundred & eighty dollars per Annum to commence from the first day of October next, and to be paid quarterly; all which is to be in full compensation for his the said Eliot's services, in future to be rendered as the Minister of said Town of Watertown—And the said Richard R. Eliot hereby on his part, promises & agrees to and with the said Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, that in consideration of the Premises he will continue to do, and perform all the duties and services incumbent upon him as their regularly ordained or settled Minister, that he will keep all the Buildings on said Land, and all the fences enclosing the same in good repair during his Ministry at his own expence, and that the said sum of six hundred & eighty dollars to be paid as aforesaid together with the improvement of the Land and Buildings aforesaid & the Pew in the Meeting-house, shall be in full compensation for his Salary in future, as the Minister of said Town—

In Witness whereof the Committee aforesaid on behalf of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown and the said Richard R. Eliot have hereunto interchangeably subscribed their Names this thirtieth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eleven—

Witness—

Richard R. Eliot

Ezra Farrar
Jeduthun Fuller

Jonas White	} Committee
Levi Thaxter	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
John Fowle	
Peter Clark	

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Know all Men by these Presents—That whereas there is a contract now subsisting between the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, & the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot, as he is

their regularly ordained or settled Minister, wherein & whereby the said Inhabitants, in consideration of the services of the said Eliot as their Minister as aforesaid, have agreed & are obliged to pay him, the sum of one hundred Pounds lawful Money during his Ministry, & have given & conveyed to him the use & improvement of about twenty four Acres of Land, commonly called the Parsonage Land with the Buildings thereon situate in said Watertown, bounded Easterly on Land of Jonas White, Northerly on Land of John Fowle, Westerly on Land of Marshall Spring and Southerly on Land of Isaac Patten, & on the great Country road, together with about three Acres of Salt Marsh situate on Charles River, for and during his Ministry—

Now Know ye that I the said Richard R. Eliot for & in consideration of one dollar paid me by the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and in consideration of a new contract now about to be executed by & between me & the said Inhabitants in respect to my future Salary or compensation for my services as their Minister—do hereby remise, release, and forever quit claim unto the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, all my right title & interest in & to all or any of the Lands and buildings aforesaid, or to the occupation and improvement of the same, or to any income profit or advantage resulting or to result from the same, as also all my right and claim to the Interest of a certain Note of hand given by Isaac Patten to the said Inhabitants for the purchase of a piece of Land formerly belonging to the said Parsonage land, or any income or advantage resulting or to be derived from said Note of hand or the interest thereof. And I hereby release and discharge the said Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown from all and every kind of contract or Obligation of whatever name or nature now subsisting between me & them—In Witness whereof I the said Richard R. Eliot have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirtieth day of September in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eleven—

In presence of—

Richard R. Eliot—

Ezra Farrar
Jeduthun Fuller

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public

Meeting house in said Town Monday the thirtieth day of September AD 1811, by adjournment from the twenty third day of September Instant, & proceeded as follows—

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It was voted to choose by ballot five persons whom the Town wish to have appointed as Trustees of the corporation for the Ministerial Lands & funds—

Voted & chose for said Trustees—	{	Jonas White John Fowle Nath ^l R. Whitney Levi Thaxter Esq ^r Peter Clark
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It was voted to difsolve this Meeting—
And the Meeting was accordingly declared difsolv'd—

October 26th AD 1811, The Selectmen ifsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz). All the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceeding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds to afsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of November next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of the said Commonwealth in the Congrefs of the United States for the Middlesex-district—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting,

Given under our hands and seals, dated at Watertown the twenty sixth day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White		
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Joseph Bright		

Middlesex fs: Watertown Nov^r 4th 1811, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expressed to meet & assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

Edw^d Lowd Constable—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of November being the first Monday in said Month AD 1811, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America for the Middlesex-district—

The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for brought in, sorted & counted, & were as follows—

For William M. Richardson Esq^r sixty eight Votes——
For Loammi Baldwin Esq^r twenty five Votes——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fourth day of November AD 1811, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several sums annex'd their Names——(Viz)——

To Thomas Clark Esq ^r in full of his Acc ^t for costs paid Judge of Probate for William Gays citation, complaint &c. — — — — —	}	3,, —
To ditto for Cash paid for twelve Camp-kettles		

To Sally Nutting in full for supporting Jonathan }
 Nutting from August 2^d 1810, to* _____ }
 & for Clothing ————— }

To Daniel Coolidge in full of his Premium for }
 collecting Taxes ————— }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar
 Innholder in Watertown on Monday the sixth day of
 January AD 1812—They appointed the persons hereafter
 named Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)↪

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|---|---|
| Elisha W. Dana | Aaron Clap |
| Francis Whitney | Richard Sanger |
| Clinton Thayer | James Robbins |
| Gilbert Nichols | Nath ^l Weld Jun ^r |
| Leonard Harris | Joseph Rufsell Jun ^r |
| Josiah White | George Craft |
| John Stimpson Jun ^r | Joseph Cole |
| Jonathan Robbins | Caleb Dana |
| Nath ^l R. Whitney Jun ^r | George Coolidge |
| Elijah Norcrofs | Jeremiah Meacham |
| John Leathe | |

January 23^d AD 1812, The Selectmen ifsued the following
 Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)———

Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of
 the Town of Watertown—————Greeting—————

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You are hereby required in the Name of the Common-
 wealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith to summon and no-
 tify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town,
 qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, to afsemble at
 the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the
 twenty seventh day of January Instant, at three of the
 Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles
 (Viz)↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
- 2^d To know if the Town will choose a Committee to petition
 the Legislature of this Commonwealth to make Watertown
 in the County of Middlesex a Shire Town for said County,
 and act any thing thereon———

**Editorial Note: Omitted in original script.*

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our hands and Seals at Watertown, this twenty third day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve——

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown—
Jonas White	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	

Middlesex fs: Watertown Jan^{ry} 27th 1812 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned——

Edw^d Lowd Constable—

Town }
Meeting }
Jan^{ry} }
1812 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty seventh day of January AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows——

1st Voted & chose Nathaniel Bemis Esq^r Moderator——

2^d It was voted to choose by ballot a Committee of three persons to petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth to make Watertown in the County of Middlesex a Shire, or half Shire Town for said County——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l R. Whitney
Levi Thaxter Esq^r
Peter Clark

It was voted that said Committee be directed to keep an account of their expences in prosecuting said business, & lay their Account before the Selectmen for acceptance—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the second day of March AD 1812, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex fs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the
Town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixteenth day of March Instant at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) —

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
- 2^d To choose all Town-Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually——
- 3^d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services——
- 4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon——
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
- 6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon——
- 7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon——
- 8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
- 9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon——
- 10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon——
- 11th To know if the Town will make any repairs to the West School-house, & act any thing thereon——
- 12th To know if the Town will take any different measures to support the poor, & act any thing thereon——
- 13th To know if the Town will hear the request of Daniel Jackson, & act any thing thereon——
- 14th To know if the Town will make any further grants of Money that may be necessary, or transact any other business that may be for the interest of the Town——

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixteenth day of March Instant at two of the Clock in

the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the ninth day of March Instant at six of the Clock PM.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our hands and Seals at Watertown the second day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twelve—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	
Joseph Bright	

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Middlesex fs: Watertown March 16th 1812 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein exprefsed, to meet & asemble at the time & place, & for the purposes within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of the within Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting——

Edw^d Lowd Constable for Watertown—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the ninth day of March AD 1812, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several sums annex'd their Names (Viz)——

To Josiah Mason Jun ^r & Son in full of their Account for Lumber to repair the Bridge — — —	} 38,, 40
To Joseph Rufsell & William Horn in full of their Account for repairing Bridge &c. — — — — —	} 33,, 69
To Leonard Bond in full for House-rent for Charles Nutting for the Years 1810 & 1811 at \$18— [Ⓕ] Year — — — — —	} 36,, —
To Thaddeus Cole in full for setting Glafs in the West & Middle School-houses, and oiling 12 tin-kettles — — — — —	} 7,, 61

To Isaac Dana in full for Plank & Joists for the Bridge -----	} 9,, 17
To John Bancroft in full for digging a Grave, & attending the Funeral of Ruth Maddox ---	} 3,, 50
To ditto in full for ditto---of John Trufant ---	3,, ---
To Nath ^l R. Whitney in full for supplies del ^d the poor &c. to this date -----	} 88,, 30
To Nath ^l R. Whitney & Son in full for ditto to this date -----	} 41,, 54
To Daniel Bernard in full for supporting John Randall from 5 th March 1811---17 Weeks at \$1,,75 $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Week -----	} 29,, 75
To ditto in full for supporting ditto to 5 th March Instant 35 Weeks at \$2--- $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Week -----	} 70,, ---
To Ezra Farrar in full for expences of the Selectmen, Committee on Ministerial Land, & Committee to procure a Bell to this date -----	} 30,, 49
To a Committee from the Singers to defray the expence of a Singing school -----	} 50,, ---

March }
Meeting }
1812 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the sixteenth day of March AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the businefs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows-----

- Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator-----
- Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk-----
- Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Town Treasurer-----
- Nath^l R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Town Clerk, before Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator-----
- It was voted to have the Votes brought in for five Selectmen on one ticket-----

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Voted & chose for Selectmen { Thomas Clark Esq^r
Jonas White Esq^r
Nath^l R. Whitney
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Joseph Bright

Voted & chose for Assessors { Thomas Clark Esq^r
Nath^l R. Whitney
Jonathan Stone

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to three of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

In the Afternoon the Meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting house for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

It was voted to postpone giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer, to the adjournment of this Meeting——

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the Forenoon, & proceeded as follows——

Voted & chose for Constables { Moses Bright
John Tucker

John Tucker inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Jonathan Child to serve as Constable in his stead——

It was voted to excuse John Tucker from serving as Constable——

Voted & chose Jonathan Child Constable in his stead——
And he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk——

Voted & chose for Fence-viewers { Daniel Bond
Amos Livermore Jun^r
Peter Clark
Joshua Coolidge
John Fowle

Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Nath^l Woodward
Eben^r Chenery

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways { Daniel Bond & was excus'd
by his request
Jonas White Esq^r & was
excused by his request
Josiah Learned
Jonathan Stone
Moses Bright
William Leathe

Voted & chose for Field-drivers { William Leathe
Phinehas Sanderson
Josiah Learned
Nath^l Bright
Moses Coolidge
Eliakim Morse
Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Hogreeves, John Leathe, Payson Williams, Daniel Fan (*page torn*) Samuel Rand, Charles H. Chandler, Joseph Bright Jun^r, Abijah (*page torn*) & Samuel Fesenden——

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Voted & chose for Clerks { Edward Lowd
of the Market { John Clark
Nath^l R. Whitney Jun^r

Voted & chose for Cullers of { Samuel Holt
Hoops & Staves { Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Surveyors { Isaac Dana
of Boards, Plank, Timber & { Joseph Peirce
Slitwork { Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Firewards { Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
John Fowle
Amos Bond Esq^r
Nath^l Weld
Luke Bemis
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore
Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose Nath^l R. Whitney Pound-keeper——

Voted & chose for Fishwardens { Nath^l Weld
Nath^l R. Whitney
Levi Thaxter Esq^r

It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons to liquidate & settle with Jonas White Esq^r & others who hired the fishery last Year, & that they shall have full power to make a fair & equitable abatement of such part of the rent as they shall judge reasonable——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Levi Thaxter Esq^r
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Nath^l R. Whitney
Thomas Clark Esq^r
Amos Bond Esq^r & was excus'd
by his request
Moses Coolidge

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint a Sexton the ensuing Year, & agree with him for his services——

Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing Year——

It was voted to grant nine hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year——

Voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools the ensuing Year, be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year——

6th Article—Voted to postpone to the adjournment of this Meeting——

Voted to grant the same sum for repairing the Highways the ensuing Year, & the same price for Labor as last Year——

It was voted not to grant any Money for a Singing school the ensuing Year——

Voted & chose for Agents to lease { Jeduthun Fuller
the fishery, { Amos Bond Esq^r

11th It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the West School house, & see what repairs are necessary, & the probable expence & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting——

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Voted & chose for said Committee { Adam Brown
Moses Coolidge
Thomas Clark Esq^r

12th Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to take any measures to support the poor, as they may think necessary

13th It was voted to choose a Committee to hear the request of Daniel Jackson, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Bond Esq^r
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Levi Thaxter Esq^r

It was voted to choose a Committee to consist of three persons to examine all the Accounts of the Town for ten Years last past, and to state on paper the several sums of Money that the Town have granted during that period, to what purpose the same has been appropriated & to whom paid, what sums of Money are due to the Town & from whom, & what sums of Money the Town owe, & to whom, & to exhibit the same to the Town in public Town-meeting as soon as may be, that every Individual may know the particular situation of their Town business, & that the Town Clerk & Treasurer be directed to furnish said Committee with all the Books, papers & documents of the Town to enable them to make said investigation——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Levi Thaxter Esq^r
Abijah White

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to half past six of the Clock this Evening then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, for the sole purpose of farming the Taxes, choosing Collectors of Taxes, letting the Hay-scales, & the Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

On the Evening of the sixteenth of March AD 1812, The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, by adjournment from the Meeting-house, & proceeded as follows——

It was voted to farm out the collection of Taxes for the ensuing Year to the lowest bidder, under the same restrictions as they were the last Year——

The East List of State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes were put up & struck off to Moses Chenery for three Cents & one fourth $\frac{1}{4}$ dollar——

The West list of ditto were put up & struck of to Charles Whitney for three & an half Cents $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar——

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes { Moses Chenery
Charles Whitney

The Hay-scales were put up at Auction for the term of one Year from the first day of April next, & were struck of to Luther Barrett & Clinton Thayer for forty dollars & fifty Cents——

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to this Town was put up at Auction for the term of one Year & was struck of to Moses Coolidge for (*page torn*)——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, (*page torn*) of the Clock in the Afternoon then to meet at the Public Meeting house in (*page torn*) And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

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Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this day (*Viz*)——

Nath^l R. Whitney Town Treasurer, Afsefsor & Pound-keeper, and that in the Offices of Selectman & Afsefsor he would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of each, respecting all elections & the returns thereof——

Before Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

Thomas Clark Esq^r Jonas White Esq^r Nath^l Bemis Esq^r & Joseph Bright Selectmen——Thomas Clark Esq^r & Jonathan Stone Afsefsors, & that they would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of each respecting all elections & the returns thereof——

Peter Clark & John Fowle Fence-viewers——

Josiah Learned, Jonathan Stone & William Leathe Surveyors of Highways——

William Leathe, Phinehas Sanderson, Josiah Learned, Moses Coolidge, & Peter Clark Field-drivers——

John Leathe, Samuel Rand, Joseph Bright Jun^r & Samuel Fesenden Hogreeves——

John Clark & Nath^l R. Whitney Jun^r Clerks of the Market Isaac Dana & Joseph Peirce Surveyors of Boards, Plank, Timber & Slitwork——

Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk——

March 18th 1812 Payson Williams was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve——

21st Joshua Coolidge was sworn into the Office of Fence-viewer——

Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty third day of March AD 1812, They ifsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (*Viz*)——

Middlesex fs: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown,————Greeting————

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirtieth day of March Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
- 2^d To know if the Town will take into consideration the doings and statement of the Committee which was appointed on the sixteenth day of March Instant, to settle with Jonas White Esq^r and others, relating to the rent of the fishery last Year, & act any thing thereon————
- 3^d To know if the Town will give their Agents chosen to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, any new instructions different from what they have had in times past, and act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting————

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty third day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve↪

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown↪
Jonas White		
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Joseph Bright		

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Watertown March 26th 1812 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned↪

Jonathan Child Constable↪

Also, The Selectmen at the Meeting aforesaid issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↪

Middlesex fs: To Jonathan Child Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown this twenty third day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White		
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Joseph Bright		

NB. The Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, will be received on one ticket——

Watertown April 6th 1812 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting attested copies of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town, two Sundays preceding said Meeting—

Jonathan Child Constable—

March 24th 1812, Daniel Bond was sworn into the Office of Fenceviewer, & Abijah White a Hogreeve——Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

March 25th 1812, Charles H. Chandler was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve—

Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the thirtieth day of March AD 1812, for the purpose of trans-

acting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting & proceeded as follows—

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Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Moderator—

The report of the Committee chosen on the sixteenth day of March Instant, to liquidate & settle with Jonas White Esq^r & others who hired the fishery last Year &c. made the following report—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown—

The Committee who were chosen & empowered on behalf of the Town to settle with Jonas White Esq^r & his Associates, who hired the fishery the last Year, and to make them such fair & equitable abatement of the rent as they should judge reasonable—Gave notice to the persons interested, and on the twenty third instant met them at the House of M^r Ezra Farrar, for the purpose of making said settlement; but your Committee finding that a portion of the Town appeared to be dissatisfied with the measure that had been adapted for the settlement of the business aforesaid and understanding from the Selectmen that a Warrant had been granted for calling a Town Meeting to be held this day, thought it most adviseable not to proceed in the business to the extent of their authority; but proposed to the said White & his Associates as a measure, the best calculated to give satisfaction to all persons interested, that we would investigate the subject, collect all the facts, and report the same to the Town, for their consideration & final settlement. This proposition being readily agreed to on the part of the said White and his Associates, Your Committee went into an examination of all the circumstances of the business, and now beg leave to report as follows (Viz)—That Amos Bond Esq^r and M^r Jeduthan Fuller were chosen Agents by the Town the last Year to lease the fishery—That they put the same up at Vendue, as had been usual, and it was bid off by Jonas White Esq^r for himself M^r Nath^l Weld, John Richardson Esq^r & M^r Abijah White at the sum of six hundred & eight dollars—That it has been stated to your Committee by the said Bond & Fuller, that it was their expectation, and they believe to have been the expectation of the said White & his Associates, at the time the fishery was leased, that there would not be any other or greater incumbrance in the River to obstruct the passage of the fish, than had been usual in

Years previous—That your Committee are convinced, that there was Seines set across the River from shore to shore, at Cambridge & at Brighton and continued through the season, at those particular periods of the Tides in which the Fish pass up & down the River, which entirely obstructed their passage. That large quantities of fish were taken every day in the Week both at Cambridge & Brighton a portion of which it is reasonable to suppose, would have passed up the River to the Watertown fishery had it not been for the obstruction of said seines—That it is stated to your Committee both by the s^d White and his Associates, who hired the fishery and several of the persons who were employed to catch the fish, that but a very small quantity were taken at the Watertown fishery notwithstanding every attention was paid & every means used to take all that come within their limits.—Your Committee have also examined and made all proper enquiry respecting the Accounts of the said Jonas White and his Associates relative to the fishery the last Year, and they are

satisfied

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Satisfied that the Monies paid & expended by them including the rent, amounts to \$1518,,44—and that all the credits resulting therefrom amount only to the sum of \$938,,76 making to them a loss exclusive of all their time & trouble in the business of \$579,,68—

Under all these circumstances, your Committee think it will be unjust to compel the said White & his Associates to pay the full amount of the rent, and they confidently believe that the Inhabitants of the Town, will be unwilling to enforce it even if they have the power: And your Committee have no doubts but that the said White & his Associates, will be satisfied to sustain a portion of the loss, in order that the business may be amicably adjusted; altho they think that they have a just claim to be indemnified for an injury, from which, they consider it was the duty of the Town to protect them. Your Committee therefore take the liberty to recommend that the sum of \$289,,84 being half the amount of the loss sustained, should be deducted from the rent aforesaid and if the said White & his Associates will accede thereto, that the Treasurer of the Town be authorized & empowered, on payment of the balance, to give them a full discharge for the rent of the fishery the last Year; fully & conscientiously believing that by such a procedure, the interest of all concerned will eventually be promoted;

the little warmth and feeling which may have been excited, will be done away, and harmony restored to the Town.—

All which is respectfully submitted—

Watertown 30th March 1812—

Levi Thaxter
Nath^l Bemis
Nath^l R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Moses Coolidge

As you may see on file—

It was voted not to accept the report of said Committee—
It was voted that the Committee aforesaid be dismiss'd from any further services respecting the settlement aforesaid—And that the thanks of the Town be given to said Committee for their past services—

3^d Article, It was voted to dismiss—

It was voted to dissolve this Meeting—
And the Meeting was accordingly declared dissolv'd—

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston, & Waltham agreeable to an Act of the General Court pass'd March 2^d 1798, empowering the Towns of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's met at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the thirtieth day of March AD 1812, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon—

The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Appointed Nath^l R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents—

2^d Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to six of the Clock this Evening, then to meet at this place—
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment & proceeded as follows—

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River, within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following conditions (Viz)—The privilege of taking the fish called

Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents—five P Cent to be paid down as earnest Money, and the residue to be paid on the first day of September next—And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have, & of having a new one, if in the judgment of the Agents it may be necessary.—The person or persons who hire the fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the use of the Seines, if they are used for the fishery in Newton in proportion to the rent of the fishery in Watertown & Newton the present Year—

And was struck of to Artemas Murdock for six hundred and five dollars—

Artemas Murdock & Enoch Wiswall paid thirty dollars & twenty five Cents as earnest Money—And they gave a Note payable on, or before the first day of September next for five hundred seventy four dollars & seventy five Cents—

At a Public Town-Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Counsellors and Senators being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of April AD 1812—The Selectmen, presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read; the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators, were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)↪

For Governor

His Excellency Elbridge Gerry Esq^r had One hundred
forty three Votes

Hon. Caleb Strong Esq^r had One hundred twelve Votes

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. William King Esq^r had One hundred forty four Votes

Hon. William Phillips Esq^r had One hundred twelve Votes

For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Samuel Dana Esq^r had One hundred forty four Votes

Matthew Bridge Esq^r had One hundred forty three
Votes

John L. Tuttle Esq^r had One hundred forty two Votes

William Winthrop Esq^r had One Vote

Amos Bond Esq^r had One Vote

Josiah Bartlet Esq^r had One hundred eleven Votes
Asahel Stearns Esq^r had One hundred twelve Votes
Loammi Baldwin Esq^r had One hundred twelve Votes

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at six of the Clock this Evening for the sole purpose of completing & sealing the returns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd↵

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Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the sixteenth day of last March for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

It was voted to postpone giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer to the adjournment of this Meeting↵

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of April AD 1812, by adjournment from the sixteenth day of last March, & proceeded as follows (Viz)↵

It was voted to excuse Moses Bright from serving as Constable——

Voted & chose Amos Livermore Jun^r Constable——

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the West School house was read, & is as follows (Viz)↵

The Committee appointed to examine the West School-house & see what repairs are needful to be made thereon have attended that service and ask leave to report, that it is needful that the Wall on the back part should be taken down nearly to the foundation as it is near falling and it is the opinion of your Committee that as the House stands so high from the ground, and the Walls being so open that the cold affects the School-room as much or more from underneath as from any other part therefore your Committee recommend that a brick Wall be built on the back side of about four feet from the sill and so partly at each end and banked from the ground up to the brick, the inside must have some small repairs and so on the outside——Your Committee are of an opinion that the whole expences over

what the Stones that are taken out will bring, will amount to the sum of eighty dollars—All which is submitted—

Adam Brown
Moses Coolidge
Thomas Clark

Watertown April 6th 1812—

As you may see on file

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee, & that a Committee shall be chosen to make said repairs with Stone or Bricks, as they shall judge will be for the interest of the Town

Voted & chose for said Committee	{	Adam Brown	
		Nath ^l Bemis Esq ^r & was excus'd by	his request
		Moses Coolidge & was excus'd by his	request
		Luke Bemis	
		Jonas White Esq ^r & was excus'd by	his request
		John Fowle	

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to the day of the Town-meeting in May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place—
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators (*page torn*) assembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on the Evening (*page torn*) sixth of April AD 1812—by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this (*page torn*) the Selectmen & Town Clerk completed & sealed up the returns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors & Senators in open Town-meeting

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April 7th 1812, Jonathan Child was sworn into the Office of Hay-weigher—Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

April 8th 1812, Moses Bright was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways—Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

April 20th 1812, The Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↪

Middlesex fs: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown,——Greeting——

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the twenty second day of April Instant at four of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
 2^d To know if the Town will hear the petition of Daniel Bond & others, wherein they state that the River is obstructed by Seines set by Abijah Ruggles & others in such way & manner as that the fish called Shad & Alewives cannot pass up the River to Watertown, and as the fish wardens do not think themselves authorized to cut away the obstructions, unless the Town will indemnify them, which obstructions if not removed will deprive the Town of any benefit from the fishery in future, & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twentieth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve↪

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White		
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		

Watertown April 21st 1812——Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned——

Jonathan Child Constable↪

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the twenty second day of April AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows——

- 1st Voted & chose Col. Enoch Wiswall Moderator——
- 2^d It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons to remove or cause to be removed any obstruction to the passage of the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River, & that they be empowered to cut away any Seine or Seines that may be set across said River to the obstruction of the passage of said fish, if they should judge it expedient, & that the Town should guarantee said Committee in so doing—

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Voted & chose for said Committee	}	Daniel Bond
		Gilbert Nichols
		Enoch Wiswall
		Edward Lowd & was excus'd by his request——
		William M. Pomroy
		Josiah Learned & was excus'd by his request——
		Joseph Rufsell Jun ^r

It was voted to dissolve this Meeting——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared dissolved—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 27th day of April AD 1812, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)——

Middlesex ss: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting——

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eleventh day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.——
Hereof fail not &c.——

Also, You are alike required to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to assemble at the Public

Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eleventh day of May next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz) —

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
- 2^d To know if the Town will take any measures to have a Courthouse & Prison erected within the Town, or appoint a Committee to receive subscriptions, and secure the payment of the same, or make any grants of Money and Land in addition to the subscriptions that may be obtained, or act any thing thereon——
- 3^d To know if the Town will contract with the Heirs of Samuel White deceas'd, for their Pew over the front door in the Meeting house, which must be taken by the Town's Committee, in order to carry a former Vote of the Town into effect, and act any thing thereon——
- 4th To know if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen from the Watering place near Hubbard Rufsell's, through Lands of Edmund Fowle, Jonas White Esq^r & Marshall Spring Esq^r in conformity with the Road laid out by the Corporation of Ministerial Lands, and grant Money to make the Road, & pay any damages that may arise thereby, and act any thing thereon——
- 5th To know if the Town will straighten the Road near the Brick School house, & act any thing thereon——
- 6th To know if the Town will give the Committee appointed to procure a Bell for the Meeting house, any further instructions respecting the (*page torn*) have on trial, & act any thing thereon——

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- 7th To know if the Town will give their Treasurer any instructions respecting any debts which are due to the Town, & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meetings, Given under our Hands and Seals, at Watertown the twenty seventh day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve —

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown —
Jonas White	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	
Joseph Bright	

NB., The Selectmen will be in session at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon of said eleventh day of May, to receive evidence of the qualifications of Voters to vote in the choice of Representatives——

Watertown May 11th 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the times and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays preceding said Meeting——

Jonathan Child Constable—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eleventh day of May AD 1812, The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read——

It was voted to choose two Representatives——

It was voted to receive the Votes for two Representatives on one ticket——

The Votes for two Representatives were called for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared that there were three hundred & seventy nine Votes given in, & were as follows—

For Thomas Clark Esq^r One hundred & eleven Votes——
 Jonas White Esq^r One hundred & seven Votes——
 Nath^l R. Whitney eighty one Votes——
 Enoch Wiswall seventy seven Votes——
 Peter Clark one Vote——
 Jonathan Stone one Vote——
 Amos Livermore one Vote——

And Thomas Clark & Jonas White Esq^{rs} were chosen——

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the sixth day of last April, which was by an adjournment from the sixteenth day of last March, & proceeded as follows—

Amos Livermore Jun^r was sworn into the Office of Constable——Before, Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

Then the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & were as follows—

For John L. Tuttle Esq^r eighty one Votes——
 Abiel Heywood Esq^r fifty six Votes——
 James Winthrop Esq^r two Votes——

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It was voted to grant One thousand dollars for support of the poor the ensuing Year——

It was voted to grant Nath^l R. Whitney sixty dollars for his service as Clerk & Treasurer last Year——

It was voted to grant Nath^l R. Whitney for his service as an Afsefsor last Year 17 ½ days @ \$1,,50 p day, amounting to twenty six dollars & twenty five Cents——

It was voted to grant ditto for his service in taking & making special Valuation last Year, 23 days @ \$1,,50 p day, amounting to thirty four dollars & fifty Cents——

It was voted to grant Thomas Clark Esq^r & Jonathan Stone for their service as Afsefsors last Year, the same price p day, as allow'd Nath^l R. Whitney for his service, & that they be directed to present their Accounts (of the time by them spent) to the Selectmen for allowance——

Voted & chose Joseph Bird Field-driver——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the second Monday in June next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eleventh day of May AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the businefs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows——(Viz)——

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

2^d It was voted to grant One thousand dollars, and to give a sufficient quantity of Land to erect a Courthouse & Gaol, suitable for the County, & that the Afsefsors be directed to afsefs said sum when ever it is determined that a Courthouse & Gaol shall be erected in this Town——

It was voted to choose a Committee of seven persons to use their influence to have a Courthouse & Gaol erected in this Town, & to receive subscriptions & secure the payment of the same for the purpose aforesaid—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Marshall Spring Esq^r
Jonas White Esq^r
Amos Bond Esq^r
Eben^r Preble Esq^r
Eliakim Morse
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Nath^l R. Whitney

3^d It was voted that Joseph Bright, Nath^l Bemis Esq^r, Luke Bemis & Nath^l Weld, four of the Committee chosen on the twenty sixth of last August, to make an addition, or alteration to the Meeting house, (agreeable to the report of said Committee) be empowered to contract with the Executors of the last Will of Samuel White deceas'd, for the Pew over the front door in the Meeting house, belonging to the Heirs of said deceas'd, in order to make the addition or alteration as aforesaid—

5th It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to straighten the road near the Brick School-house, if in their opinion they may judge it expedient—

6th It was voted that the Committee appointed to procure a Bell for the Meeting house, be directed to return the present one we have on trial (*page torn*) procure another one instead thereof—It was voted to make an addition (*page torn*) persons to the Committee appointed to procure a Bell—

Voted & chose for an addition to said { Jeduthun Fuller
Committee { Eliakim Morse

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7th Article—It was voted to dismiss—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the second Monday in June next, at five of the Clock, in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place—

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

May 30th AD 1812, The Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town meeting, (*Viz*)—

Middlesex fs: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eighth day of June next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)↵

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
 2^d To know if the Town will make a grant to this Town's quota of Men required by Government to be detached, when they may be called into actual service, and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the thirtieth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve↵

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	
Joseph Bright	

Watertown June 8th 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein exprest to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned——

Jonathan Child Constable↵

1812 }
June 12 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of June AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)↵

- 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——
 2^d It was voted to grant a sum in addition to the sum to be paid by Government including Clothing to the Soldiers that are, or shall be detached for this Town's quota of Men, that shall be required to march into actual service during the term they continue in said service, with the sum to be paid by Government, so as to make them fifteen dollars ꝑ Month——

It was voted to advance each Man ten dollars, when called to march into actual service, in part of their Monthly pay——

It was voted to difsolve this Meeting——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared difsolvd↪

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the eleventh day of last May, which was by an adjournment from the sixth of last April, which was by an adjournment from the sixteenth of last March, & proceeded as follows (Viz)↪

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The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read, & is as follows (Viz)↪

That Nath ^l R. Whitney Town Treasurer is	
Credited by ————	9605,, 13
And is charged with ————	7997,, 8
	<hr/>
Balance due the Treasurer ————	\$1608,, 5

Watertown June 8th 1812 The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the eighth day of June AD 1812, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same↪

Thomas Clark	} Committee
Jonas White	
Nath ^l Bemis	
Joseph Bright	

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee——

The following report was read & is as follows (Viz)↪

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown——The Subscribers who were chosen a Committee, by said Town to hear the request of Daniel Jackson Esq^r respecting his title to the Pew in the Meeting house formerly occupied & pofsefled by Ebenezer Goddard late of said Watertown deceased, have attended that service, and now beg leave to report——

That it is their unanimous opinion that the said Jackson has no claim or legal title to any part of said Pew—

Nath ^l Bemis	} Committee
Amos Bond	
Levi Thaxter	

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee——
It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to let said Pew, & the two new Pews in the body of the Meeting house, either at private sale, or at Public auction, until they are sold—

Voted & chose for Field-drivers	}	Israel Whitney	} was excus'd by his request—
		William Horn	
		Edmund Fowle, &	

It was voted to excuse Eliakim Morse from serving as Field-driver

Voted & chose for Field-drivers	}	John Trull	} And he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath ^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—
		Jonathan Child,	

It was voted to disolve this Meeting——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared disolv'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the seventh day of September AD 1812, They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive licence for Innholders & Retailers the ensuing Year (Viz)—

For Innholders	}	Ezra Farrar
		Charles Stratton
		Samuel Bellows

For Retailers—	}	John George
		Jeremiah Fowle
		Seth Bemis
		Luke Bemis
		Joseph Peirce
		John Clark
		Francis Whitney
Henry B. Jackson		

October 12th 1812, Charles Whitney was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes——

October 17th 1812, Moses Chenery was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes——

Before Nath^l R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the nineteenth day of October AD 1812, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↪

Middlesex fs: To Mr Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown——Greeting——

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, (Viz. “the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds”) to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Norfolk-district——Hereof fail not &c.——

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of November next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
- 2^d To know if the Town will accept of a road which may be laid out by the Selectmen from or near the Watering-place, by Land of the late Hubbard Rufsell in a straight line across Lands of Edmund Fowle, Jonas White Esq^r Ministerial Land, & Land of Marshall Spring Esq^r to the great Road in front of the Cotton factory, as prayed for by Amos Bond Esq^r & others, & act any thing thereon——
- 3^d To hear the request of Artemas Murdock & others relative to the rent of the fishery the Year past, & act any thing thereon——
- 4th To know if the Town will give their Treasurer any instructions respecting any debts which are due to the Town, & act any thing thereon——
- 5th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to wait upon the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot & request of him never to invite Mefs^{rs} Homer & Holmes to officiate in Watertown Meeting

house again, agreeable to the request of Amos Bond Esq^r & others, of the thirteenth of October Instant——

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——

Given under our Hands & seals at Watertown the nineteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve——

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White		
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Joseph Bright		

NB. You are likewise to give notice that the Selectmen will be in sefsion at the Public Meeting house on Monday the second day of November next at one of the Clock PM. to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons whose Names are not entered on the list of Voters, to vote for a Representative as aforesaid——

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Middlesex fs: Watertown November 2^d 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein exprested, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting notifications hereof at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays preceding said Meeting——

Jonathan Child, Constable——

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of November, being the first Monday in said Month AD 1812, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America for the Norfolk-district——

The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & were as follows——

For Nathaniel Ruggles Esq^r ninety three Votes—
 Ebenezer Seaver Esq^r eighty four Votes—
 Thomas B. Adams Esq^r two Votes—
 Samuel Carman one Vote—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at seven of the Clock this Evening, for the sole purpose of completing & sealing the returns of Votes which were given in this day for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America for the Norfolk-district—

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

1812 }
 Nov. 2^d }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of November AD 1812, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator—

It was motioned not to act any further under the Warrant for this Meeting, it having been stated that there had not been an attested Copy of the Warrant posted at the Meeting house agreeable to a former Vote of the Town—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the twelfth day of November Instant at four of the Clock PM. then to meet at this place—And that the Selectmen be requested to search the Records this Evening, & satisfy themselves in respect to the Vote of the Town for warning Town-meetings, & if they find it necessary, then forthwith to issue a Warrant for a Town-meeting to be held on the said twelfth day of November Instant and have the same articles inserted, that were inserted in the Warrant for this Meeting—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth regularly assembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of the second of November AD 1812, by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this day—

The Selectmen & Town Clerk completed & sealed up the returns of Votes which were given in this day (*page torn*) a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America for the Norfolk-district, in open Town-meeting——

The Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)——

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Middlesex fs: To M^r Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown——Greeting——

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, (Viz)——“the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceeding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds”) to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Thursday the twelfth day of November Instant at two of the Clock PM. to give in their written or printed Votes for five Electors of President and Vice President of the United States——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the second day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve——

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown——
Jonas White		
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Joseph Bright		

Middlesex fs: Watertown Nov^r 12th 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned——

Jonathan Child Constable——

Also, The Selectmen issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz) ↪

Middlesex fs: To M^r Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the twelfth day of November Instant at three of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) ↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To know if the Town will accept of a road which is laid out by the Selectmen from or near the Watering place by Land of the late Hubbard Rufsell in a straight line acrofs Lands of Edmund Fowle, Jonas White Esq^r Ministerial Land, & Land of Marshall Spring Esq^r to the great road in front of the Cotton factory, as prayed for by Amos Bond Esq^r & others, & act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To hear the request of Artemas Murdock & others relative to the rent of the fishery the Year past & act any thing thereon—
- 4th To know if the Town will give their Treasurer any instructions respecting any debts which are due to the Town, & act any thing thereon—
- 5th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to wait upon the Rev^d Richard R. Eliot & request of him never to invite Mefs^{rs} Homer & Holmes to officiate in Watertown Meeting house again, agreeable to the request of Amos Bond Esq^r & others of the thirteenth of October last ↪

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Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting—

Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the second day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve ↪

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown ↪
Jonas White	
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Nath ^l Bemis	
Joseph Bright	

Middlesex fs: Watertown Nov^r 12th 1812, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein exprest to afsemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned——

Jonathan Child Constable—

1812 }
Nov. 12 }

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, being duly warned, regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Thursday the twelfth day of November AD 1812, to give in their written or printed Votes for five Electors of President, and Vice President of the United States——The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for five Electors of President and Vice President; (comprising the Counties of Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex) were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & were as follows (Viz)——

For Hon. Harrison Gray Otis, of Boston ninety Votes——
 Hon. Nathan Dane of Beverly ninety Votes——
 Hon. Jeremiah Nelson of Newbury-port ninety Votes——
 Abraham Biglow Esq^r of Cambridge ninety
 Votes——
 John Walker Esq^r of Burlington, ninety Votes——
 Hon. William Gray of Boston seventy eight Votes——
 Hon. Samuel Brown of Boston seventy eight Votes——
 Moses Townsend Esq^r of Salem seventy eight
 Votes——
 William Pearce Esq^r of Gloucester seventy eight
 Votes——
 Samuel Hoar Esq^r of Lincoln seventy eight
 Votes——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, at six of the Clock this Evening, for the sole purpose of completing & sealing the returns of Votes which were given in this day for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States——
 And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd——

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the twelfth day of November AD 1812, for the purpose of

transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)↪

- 1st Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Moderator——
 2^d The following report of the Selectmen was read, and is as follows (Viz)↪

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To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town Watertown in public Town-meeting assembled, on Monday the 2^d day of November AD 1812——

Whereas Amos Bond Esq^r & others Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown by their petition to the Selectmen of said Town dated September 22^d 1812, have stated that a road is necessary to laid out from, or near the Watering place by Mr Hubbard Rufsell's land in a straight line across lands of Edmund Fowle, Jonas White, Ministerial Land, & Land of Marshall Spring to the great road in front of the Cotton factory, that it will be of convenience for the communication with the Northerly parts of the Town, & shorten the distance, and as House lots are now offered for sale by the Corporation of the Ministerial fund or Land, and as many persons wish to purchase and build, but delay until they see a road laid out in the direction as above, & therefore request that we will lay out a road as aforesaid——We the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Watertown, judging that it will be of public necessity & convenience to lay out said road, do hereby lay out said road as follows, Beginning at the Southeastwardly corner of the Garden wall of the Heirs of Hubbard Rufsell deceas'd on the road leading to W. Cambridge & adjoining the Watering place (so called) thence running South^{dly} a straight line across the Town's land, through Land of E. Fowle, Jonas White Esq^r, Ministerial Land, & Land of Marshall Spring Esq^r to the Eastwardly corner of the House belonging to s^d Spring now occupied by J. Fuller to the great County road in front of the Cotton factory, the whole road throughout to be fifty feet in width, and on the Eastwardly side of said line↪

All which is submitted——

Thomas Clark
 Nath^l R. Whitney
 Nath^l Bemis
 Joseph Bright

Watertown November 2^d 1812

It was voted to postpone the consideration of the Article in respect to the acceptance of the road laid out by the Selectmen, until next March Meeting——

3^d The Petition of Artemas Murdock relative to an abatement of the rent of the fishery the Year past was read——
And it was voted to postpone the consideration of the Article until next March Meeting——

4th It was put to vote whether the Selectmen (Jonas White Esq^r excepted shall be authorized & empowered to refer the demand of the Town, on Jonas White Esq^r for the rent of the Fishery in 1811, to the determination of such judicious disinterested persons as do not belong to this Town, as shall be mutually agreed on by the Selectmen & Jonas White Esq^r——And it passed in the Negative——

It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to call on Jonas White Esq^r & his Associates, & collect the rent which is due from him to the Town for the fishery in 1811——

It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to postpone collecting Artemas Murdock, & Enoch Wiswall's Note for the rent of the fishery the Year past until after next March Meeting——

5th Article It was voted to dismiss——

It was voted to dissolve this Meeting——And the Meeting was accordingly declared dissolved——

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth regularly assembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on the Evening of the twelfth day of November AD 1812, by adjournment from the Public Meeting house this day, for the purpose of completing & sealing the returns for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States——The Selectmen & Town Clerk completed & sealed up the returns of Votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States in open Town-meeting——

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Wednesday the thirtieth day of December AD 1812, They signed an Order on the

Treasurer, directing him to pay the persons hereafter named the sums annex'd their several Names (Viz) —

	<i>Doll^s C^{ts}</i>
To Caleb Lincoln in full of his Account for repairing the great, & Creek-bridges — — — — —	30,, 50
To Charles Whitney in full for Labor &c. at the Creek-bridge — — — — —	36,, 78
To John Stimpson Jun ^r in full for going to see Charles Stearns in Brookline, respecting his Horse that was hurt, by falling through the Bridge	1,, 50
To David Baker in full for a Journey to Chelsea, to summon Williams, as a Witness in the fishery	2,, 50
To Joseph Rufsell in full for repairing the Middle School-house, & for taking Timber out of the River — — — — —	3,, 45
To Nath ^l Woodward in full for digging the Grave, tolling the Bell, & attending the funeral of the Widow Susanna Learned — — — — —	3,, 50
To Jonathan Stone in full for his Service as an Afsefsor, for making Taxes, & taking special Valuation in 1811 — — — — —	54,, —
To ditto in full for finding stuff & railing a Bridge near Peter Clark's — — — — —	5,, 50
To Wiswall, Fuller & C ^o in full for Cloth &c. delivered Phebe Tillock's Children — — — — —	6,, 33

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the eleventh day of January AD 1813, They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz) —

Elisha W. Dana	Aaron Clap
Francis Whitney	Richard Sanger
Clinton Thayer	James Robbins
Gilbert Nichols	Nath ^l Weld Jun ^r
Leonard Harris	Joseph Rufsell Jun ^r
Josiah White	George Craft
John Stimpson Jun ^r	Joseph Cole
Jonathan Robbins	Caleb Dana
Nath ^l R. Whitney Jun ^r	Jon ^a P. Jordan
Elijah Norcrofs	Nathan Barnard
John Leathe	William Bright

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the first day of March AD 1813, They issued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)↪

Middlesex Is: To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————Greeting↪

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of March Instant at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
- 2^d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually————

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- 3^d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services————
- 4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon————
- 6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon————
- 7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————
- 8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon————
- 9th To hear the report of any Committee's, & act any thing thereon————
- 10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
- 11th To know if the Town will take any different measures to support the poor, the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
- 12th To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear before any Court to assist their Treasurer in carrying on the suit which is now, or may be commenced for rent of the fishery, & act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will take into consideration the several articles which were postponed on the twelfth of last November, to next March Meeting, & act any thing thereon——

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of March Instant at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Monday the eighth day of March Instant, at five of the Clock PM.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the first day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown—
Nath ^l R. Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Joseph Bright		

Middlesex fs: Watertown March 15th 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant at the Public Meeting house in said town of Watertown two Sundies prior to Said Meeting——

Jonathan Child Constable—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the eighth day of March AD 1813, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named, the sums annex'd their several Names (Viz)——

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To Jonathan Child in full of his Account for repairing Hay scales & Weights —————	} 2,, 87
To ditto in full for warning Town-meetings verbally —————	} 12,, —

To Henry Craft in full for Stones for the Creek-Bridge &c —————	19,, —
To David Fuller in full for a Plough for the Town's use —————	10,, —
To Thaddeus Cole in full for repairing Windows in the Meeting house, & School-houses ———	7,, 48
To Joshua Coolidge in full for carting Gravel on the Great-road —————	13,, 25
To Abraham Sanger in full for boarding his Mother (Widow Abigail Sanger) from 27 th last October, to 2 ^d March Instant 18 Weeks @ \$1,,75	31,, 50
To ditto in full for his Labor in hoisting & hanging the Bell —————	1,, 25
To Wiswall, Fuller & C ^o in full for articles of Clothing supplied the poor —————	19,, 81
To Joseph Peirce in full for Clothing supplied Thomas Wellington Jun ^r —————	18,, 99
To Jonas White & Son in full of Joshua Longley's Acc ^t for boarding Sarah White one Year, for John Cole & Josiah Mason Jun ^r & Son's Acc ^t for Plank & Timber to repair the Bridge —————	152,, 85
To Jonas White the balance of his Acc ^t (after deducting Cash he rec ^d from Higgins for board &c. of Phebe Tillock's Children) —————	42,, 6
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Medicines & attendance on the poor, from March 1811, to this date —————	30,, 38
To Isaac Dana in full for finding Materials, & assisting in hanging the Bell —————	16,, 60
To Francis Whitney in full for supplies del ^d Workmen at the Bridge —————	4,, 99
To Artemas Murdock in full of his Premium for collecting Taxes in 1810 —————	120,, 32
To Ezra Farrar in full for expence in hanging the Bell, leasing the fishery, & for Committee's expence on Ministerial Land &c. —————	24,, 70
To ditto in full for Selectmen's expences last Year —————	34,, 7
To E. Morse & G. W. Coffin in full for use of a Scow in repairing the Bridge —————	

To Nath^l Bemis Jun^r in full for Medicines & attendance on Samuel Avery, Eliza Brown (a Mullatto) & her Child — — — — —

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1813 }
March 15 }

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to Vote in Town Affairs being duely warned assembled at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 15th day of March AD 1813 for the purpose of transacting the businefs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows

Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator

Voted & Chose Gilbert Nichols* Town Clerk

Gilbert Nichols was Sworn into the Office of Town Clerk by Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator

Voted & Chose Abijah White Town Treasurer

It was Voted to have the Votes for Selectmen five in Number brought in on one Ticket

Voted & Chose for Selectmen { Thomas Clark Esq^r
Jonas White
Josep Bright
Daniel Bond
Enoch Wiswall

Voted & Chose for Afsefsors { Thomas Clark Esq^r
Abijah White
Gilbert Nichols

Voted to adjourn this Meeting

Voted to adjourn this Meeting untill three of the Clock this afternoon then to meet at this place & the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd — Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

In the afternoon the Meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting house for the purpose of giving in their Votes for County Treasurer —

**Editorial Note:—Many words were misspelled in original text by Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk. Script has been followed exactly, in transcribing record.*

Voted to postpone giving in their Votes for County Treasurer to the adjournment of this Meeting—Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the Town meeting was opened by the adjournment in the forenoon and proceeded as follows

Voted & Chose as Constables { Jonathan Childs
Ebenezar Chenery excused See Page 81
Jeduthan Fuller excused by his request

Voted to chose* the remaining Town Officers by Hand Votes

Voted & Choose* for Fence Viewers { Joseph Peirce
Peter Clark
William Leathe

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into Office (Viz) which were chosen this day (Viz) Thomas Clark Joseph Bright & Daniel Bond, before Nathaniel R. Whitney Esq^r

Voted & Chose for Tythingmen { Nathaniel Woodard
Paul Learnard

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Voted & Chose as Surveyors of Highways— { Adam Brown
Joshua Coolidge
Daniel Bond excused by his request
Amos Bond excused by his request
Zacheus Pond excused by his request
Charles Whitney excused by his request
Francies Bright
Jonathan Stone
David Livermore

Voted & Chose as Field Drivers { William Horn
Thomas Richardson
William Leathe excused by his request
Clinton Thayer
Moses Coolidge
Charles Stone
Nathaniel Harrington
Richard Sanger

*Editorial Note:—original script has been followed.

- Voted & Chose as Hogleaves { Josiah Coolidge
Joshua Coolidge Jun^r
Jonathan Stone Jun^r
Jonathan Wyeth
Justin Dyer
Sam^l Pond
George Coolidge
- Voted & Chose Clerks { Edward Lowd
of Markett { John Clark
Nathaniel R. Whitney Jun^r
- Voted & Chose Cullers { Edward Lowd
of Hoops & Staves { Isaac Dana
- Voted & Chose Surveyors { Isaac Dana
of Board & Timber { Joseph Peirce excused by his request
Edward Lowd
Jonathan Childs
- Voted & Chose Firewards { Nathaniel Bemis Esq^r
John Fowle
Amos Bond Esq^r
Nathaniel Weld
Luke Bemis
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore
Joseph Peirce
- Voted & Chose John Rufsell pound Keeper the Ensuing Year——
- Voted & Chose for { Nathaniel Weld excused by his request
Fishwardens { Nath^l R. Whitney excused by his request
Levi Thaxter excused by his request
Asaac* Dana
Josiah Learnard excused by his request
Edward Lowd
Josiah Coolidge

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- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen be empower'd to appoint a Sexton for the ensueing Year & agree with him for his Services——
- 4th Voted that the Swine shall not go at large the ensueing Year

**Editorial Note:—original script has been followed.*

Voted that the neats Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing Year

5th Voted that Nine hundred Dollars shou'd be granted the ensuing Year for the support of the Schools
Voted that the money granted for the support of the Schools the ensuing Year be equally divided between the three districts as it was the Last Year
Voted to postpone the 6th Article respecting raising Money to support the Poor to the adjournment of this Meeting in April

7th Voted to grant fifty Cents on a Single Pole & other estate in propotion & the same price for Labour as Last Year, for the Highway—

10th Voted & Chose as Agents to Lease {Jeduthan Fuller
the Fishery the Ensueing Year {Amos Bond Esq^r

11th Article Voted to be dismis'd

12th Voted to Chose agents to appear before any Court to afisist their Treasurer in carrying on the suit which is now or may be commenced for rent of the fishery—

Voted & Chose to prosecute as aforesaid

{Tyler Bigelow (excused by his request
Edmund Fowle
Edward Lowd (excused by his request
Nath^l Bemis (excused by his request
} Adam Brown (excused by his request
Elikim Morse (excused by his request
Josiah Child (excused by his request
Thaddeus Cole (excused by his request
Nath^l R. Whitney (excused by his request

Voted to postpone the further consideration of the above Article untill the 1st Monday of April next

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen Dated November 2^d 1812 recorded in Page 70 relaiting to a Road laid out from the Watering place (so Called) through the Land of Edmund Fowle Jonas White Ministerial Land (so called) & the Land of Marshall Spring to the Corner of the house now improved by Jeduthan Fuller—

Voted to Chose a Committee to enquire what the probable expence of the above mentioned Road would be & to asfertain what the Owners of the Land would dispose of the Land for—

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Enoch Wiswall
Moses Coolidge
Nath^l Bemis

Voted to postpone the request of Artimas Murdock & others untill April meeting next

Voted to adjourn this meeting. Voted to adjourn this meeting untill 7 of the Clock to the House of Ezra Farrer* Inholder and the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

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Agreeable to adjournment the inhabitants assembled at the House of Ezra Farrer. The Meeting was accordingly opened

Voted to farm out the Collection of Taxes the ensueing Year to the Lowest Bider under the same restrictions that they were the Last Year

The West district of State & County Town & Minister Taxes were put up & Struck off to Edmund Fowle for three Cents & three fourths of a Cent $\frac{3}{4}$ Dollar

The East district of State & County Town & Minister Taxes were put up & Struck of to Moses Chenery for Two & half Cents $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar

Voted to Chose Edmund Fowle & Moses Chenery Collectors for the ensueing Year

The Hay Scales were put up & struck of to Thadeus Cole for the term of One Year from the 1st day of April next for Thirty nine Dollars—

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up & Struck off to Isaac Dana for Two Dollars and five Cents for the Year ensueing—

Voted to adjourn the Meeting.

Voted to adjourn the Meeting intill the first Monday of April next then to meet at the Public Meeting house at four of the Clock in the afternoon. And the Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into Office respectively as they were Chosen this day (Viz)

Jonathan Child Constable. Joseph Peirce Peter Clark William Leathe, fence Viewers, Jonathan Stone Surveyor of Highways, W^m Horn Clinton Thayer Tho^s Richardson

**Editorial Note:—probably meant for Ezra Farrar.*

Field Drivers. Jonathan Wyeth Justin Dyer Sam^l Pond
 Hogleaves. Edward Lowd Clerk of the Markett.
 Edward Lowd Isaac Dana Cullers of Hoops & Staves——
 Isaac Dana Edward Lowd Jonathan Child Surveyors of
 boards Plank & Timber. Richard Sanger Field driver

Sworn before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

8 th Article, Voted to grant Nath ^l R. Whitney in full for his Service as Treasurer & Afsefsor the Last Year — — — }	\$ c 88.50
Voted to grant Isaac Dana, in full for Wedgeing the Stock of the Bell — — — }	2.00
Voted to grant William Horn, in full for Warn- ing Town Meetings the Last Year }	6.00

Note. the record of the Above Article was omitted in
 course, the Last Meeting March 15th 1813——although
 acted upon as above in its proper place——

Recorded by—— Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk↵

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer
 Innholder of Watertown on Monday 25th of March AD
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They ifsued the following Warrants (Viz)↵

Middlesex fs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for
 the town of Watertown. Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
 wealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn all the male
 Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown of twenty one
 Years of age & upwards, haveing a freehold Estate within
 the Commonwealth of the anual Income of the** pounds or
 any Estate to the amount of Sixty pounds to meet at the
 public meeting house of said town on Monday the 5th day
 of April next at One of the Clock in the afternoon to give
 in their Votes for Govenor, Lieutenant Govenor Senators
 and Counfsellers, agreeably to the constitution of said
 Commonwealth——

*Editorial Note:—probably meant for the year 1813.

**Editorial Note:—the; probably meant "three."

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said meeting—Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this 25th day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirteen—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Daniel Bond	
Enoch Wiswall	

Middlesex fs Watertown April 5th AD 1813.—Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of this warrant at the public Meetinghouse in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting—

Jonathan Child Constable—

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the free hold and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the Public meeting house in said town on Monday the 5th day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles

- 1st to Choose a Moderator—
- 2^d to know if the town will approve & allow of the doings of the Selectmen in laying out a Highway from the great Road in front of the Cotton Factory a straight course through the Land of Doc^r Marshall Spring, Ministerial Land & Land of Jonas White Land of Edmund Fowle & town Land to the Corner of Hubbard Ruffell's Garden on the Road leading from Meeting house hill (so Called) to West Cambridge, or Act any thing thereon—

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- 3^d To know if the town will give the Selectmen any instruction relating to Pews belonging to the Town or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and Thirteen—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen
Daniel Bond		for
Enoch Wiswall		Watertown

Middlesex vs Watertown April 5th 1813 Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested Copies of this warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting

Jonathan Child Constable—

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The agents of the town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of Leasing the Fishery in Watertown Weston & Waltham agreeable to an act, pass'd March 2^d 1798 empowering the Towns of Watertown Weston & Waltham to lease the Fishery called Shad & Alewives within the Limits of said Watertown met at the house of Ezra Farrer Inholder in said town on Monday twenty ninth day of March AD 1813 at two of the Clock in the afternoon——

The agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents Watertown proceeded as follows—

1st Chose Gilbert Nichols Clerk for said agents——

2^d agreed to adjourn the meeting to six of the Clock then to meet at this place——And the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

The Agents aforesaid, met at the time and place aforementioned by adjournment, and proceeded as follows (Viz)—

They agreed to Lease all the privilege & the right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year on the following conditions (Viz)

The privilege of taking the fish Called Shad & Alewives within the limits beforedescribed three days each Week &

no more, to the highest bidder, he or they giving Security for the payment to the acceptance of Said Agents—Five ₹ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money and the residue to be paid on the first day of September next, And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have & of having a new One if in Judgement of the Agents it may be nefsessary——

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The person or persons who hire the Fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the Use of the Seine if they are used for the Fishery in Newton, in proportion to the Rent of the Fishery in Watertown & Newton the present Year—And, was struck off to Elijah Norcrofs for three Hundrd & twenty Dollars——Rec'd Sixteen Dollars of Elijah Norcrofs & Others as earnest money, & a Note payable on or before the first day of September next for Three hundred & four Dollars Interest after due.

April 5th AD 1813 Jonas White sworn into office as Select-man before Tho^s Clark Justice of peace

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to Vote for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators & Counsellors, being duely warned & Regularly asembled at the public Meeting-house of said town on monday the 5th day of April AD 1813 the Selectmen presideing the List of voters was revised and read the Votes for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor, Counsellors & Senators were called for & brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the following persons had the number of votes that are hereunder anex'd to their names (Viz)↪

For Govenor

His Excellency Caleb Strong had one hundred & six
Hon. Joseph B. Varnum had one hundred & thirty eight

For Lieutenant Govenor

Hon. William Phillips had one hundred & six——
Hon. William King had one hundred & thirty eight

For Senators & Counsellors

Josiah Bartlet Esq^r had one hundred & four——
Asahel Stearnes Esq^r had one hundred & six——

Loamma Baldwin Esq^r had one hundred & six——
 Samuel P. P. Fay had one——
 Samuel Hoar Esq^r had one hundred & thirty seven——
 Rev^d Edmund Foster had one hundred thirty seven——
 Timothy Fuller Esq^r had one hundred thirty six——

Voted to adjourn this Meeting. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer's there to meet at six of the Clock this evening for the purpose of completeing & Sealing the returns of Govonor Lieutenant Govonor & Senators & Counsellors. & the meeting was accordingly declared adjourned—

Then the meeting was opened by adjournment from the 15th day of March last, by adjournment for the purpose of giving in their votes for County Treasurer which were called for sorted & Counted which were as follows (Viz)

Benjamin Prescott Jun^r had ninety two } for County
 Abiel Haywood Esq^r had Seventy six } Treasurer—

At a public town Meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in town affairs assembled at the public meeting house in said town by adjournment from the 15 day of March last AD 1813 & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

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Voted to postpone the 6th article under March Meeting warrant——

Voted to excuse Ebenezar Chenery from serveing as Constable——

Voted & Chose Edward Lowd for a Constable the ensueing Year in Lieu of Eben^r Chenery——

Sworn into the Office of Constable Edward Lowd before Gilbert Nichols T. Clerk

Voted & Chose Nath^l R. Whitney & Thadeus Cole with Edmund Fowle (who was chosen the 15th day March Last at the public Town meeting) as agents for the town, for the purpose of appearing before any Court to assist their Treasurer in carrying on the suit which is now or may be commenced for rent of the Fishery 1811——

Voted to dismifs the 13th Article so far as respects the petition of Artimas Murdock & others——

Voted to ajourn this meeting to May Town meeting next

then to Meet at 4 of the Clock, and the meeting was accordingly declared adjourned

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public meeting of the freeholders, & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified to vote in town affairs regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said town on monday the 5th day of April AD 1813—And proceeded as follows (Viz)↵

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator of said meeting——

Minist^l }
Fund }

The Corporation of the Ministerial Funds made the following Report (Viz)

To the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, in Town meeting assembled, Monday 5th AD 1813——

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund, represent to the town that in pursuance of their duty since the Incorporation of said fund, they have caused a survey of the Ministerial Lands to be taken, & a plan of the same, describing the contemplated Streets here after to be opened, & dividing it into squares, in a manner, which they consider to be the most convenient & advantageous for the erection of Houses & other buildings.

That in pursuance of the authority given them in & by the Act of Incorporation, they have laid out & established a Street forty feet in width, in a direction leading from the main Street in front of the Cotton Factory to the road leading from the meeting house, over meetinghouse hill, near the corner of Hubbard Rufsell's Garden, as far as the Ministerial lands extend.

That they have laid out & established an other Street fifty feet leading from the Great Road a little East of the Brick Schoolhouse to the forty feet Street aforementioned, both of said Streets to be opened and made at the expence of the town.

That they leased the whole of the lands the last season for the sum of \$215.00. That they contracted for the sale of four lots (*page torn*) which, together measure about 340 feet square at the sum of \$1325 (*page torn*)

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And have leased the remainder of the Lands for the ensuing season for the sum of \$176,00 reserving the right of disposing of any part of the same & of opening Roads, Deducting from the rent the amount of injury that may be sustained by such Sales, & Roads if any happen——

A statement of the Funds of the Corporation is here with exhibited By which it appears that there is a ballance of Incum to the 1^s of April Instant, \$226.71¢—which when collected will remain to be applyed towards the support of the Minister of the Town, in such way & manner, as the town may direct.——

The trustees further, beg leave to represent that it will be necessary for the convenience of those persons who have purchased; that the Streets aforesaid, shou'd be opened & made in the course of the present season, and they are enduced to believe, that if good & convenient roads, shou'd be made, it will be an enducement for others to purchase, and they doubt not, that by a Judicious & proper attention to the business, a sufficient number of Lots may be sold, to produce an Incum, equal to the Salary of the Minister, in the course of a very few Years.↵

By order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Clerk——

State of Ministerial Funds

The Trustees of Watertown Ministerial Funds Charge themselves

For Isaac Pattens 2 Notes —————		\$180.00
Ins ^t from 1 ^s Oc ^t 1811 to 1 ^s April 1813	\$16.20	
For Ezra Farrers Note —————		37.50
Ins ^t from 1 ^s April 1812 to 1 ^s April		
1813 —————	2.25	
For Wiswall Fuller & C ^o Note —————		8.00
Ins ^t of d ^o to 1 ^s April 1813 ———	0.67	
For Rent* of Land Leased to M ^r Eliot		
to 1 ^s April 1813 —————	20.00	
For Rent* of Land Leased Wiswall		
Fuller & C ^o —————	12.00	
For Rent* of Land Leased to Mark Vose	186.19	237.31
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		\$462.81
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*Editorial Note: Script illegible; possibly Ins^t, Rec^t, Rent.

From which is to be deducted ↪

Amount of Principal of said Notes to be reserved } as part of Capital of said Fund — — — — — }	225.50
Expence for Books for Records — — — — —	5.50
Expence of corporation Seal — — — — —	5.00
Ballance of Incum to be paid toward support of } the Minister of the Town, when collected — — }	226.81
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Attest Levi Thaxter Treasurer of Said Corporation

Voted to appropriate the Ballance of Incum in the Above Report, to the support of the Minister of said Town Viz \$226.81 —————

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Voted to accept the following report of the Selectmen (Viz)

On the Petition of Jonathan Child & Others, praying the Selectmen of said Town, to lay out a Road from the great Road, in front of the Cotton Factory over Lands of Marshal Spring Esq^r Ministerial Lands, Lands of Jonas White Esq^r & Lands of Edmund Fowle to the Road leading from the meeting house over meetinghouse hill to West Cambridge

The Selectmen report that having given notice to the parties interested in said Lands, & haveing meet them & heard their Objection & after viewing the propesd Road, do determine that it is of common convenience to the inhabitants & General nessesity that said Road shou'd be laid out.

And we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Watertown do hereby lay out said Road as follows (Viz) Beginning at the great Road Thirteen feet or thereabouts Southardly corner of a house owned by Marshall Spring Esq^r now improved by Jeduthan Fuller from thence over Lands belonging to said Spring in a Straight line to a stake on Ministerial Lands being the Westardly bounds of a Street Laid out by the corporation of Ministerial Lands or funds in said Town, from thence in a straight line over Ministerial lands to Lands of Jonas White Esq^r & over lands of said White & Edmund Fowle in a straight line to the Southardly corner of the late Hubbard Rufsells Garden said Road to be on

the Southwardly side of said bounds, & forty feet wide through the whole course all which is humbly submitted—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of said Watertown
Joseph Bright	
Dan ^l Bond	
Enoch Wiswall	

Voted to choose a Committee of three, to receive Subscriptions, & to ascertain as near as may be the expence of said road (above mentioned) also to what the Land can be bought for, & report at the adjournment of March Meeting

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Levi Thaxter Esq^r
Jeduthan Fuller
Charles Whitney

Voted & directed the Selectmen to Lease the Pews belonging to the town

Voted to dissolve the meeting & was accordingly dissolv'd

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by Law, to vote for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators & Counsellors regularly assembled at the house of Ezra Farrers on the evening of the 5th of April 1813. by adjournment from the public meeting house this day

The Selectmen completed & sealed up the returns of Govenor Lieutenant Govenor Counsellors & Senators, in open Town meeting. Abijah White was sworn in the office of Treasurer of said Town Edward Lowd was sworn into Office of Constable the ensuing Year.—before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk——

Abijah White & Gilbert Nichols sworn into office of Afsefsors before Thomas Clark Justice of the peace——

Thomas Clark Esq^r sworn into Office of Afsefsor before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk——David Livermore sworn into office of Surveyor of Highways April 12 1813 Before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk——

April 14th 1813 Adam Brown sworn into Office of Surveyor of Highways before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 29th 1813 Joshua Coolidge was sworn & Surveyor of Highways Francies Bright sworn as surveyor of highways before G. Nichols Town Clerk

Moses Chenery was sworn as Collector of the East list of Taxes August 23^d & Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen, on Monday 12th April AD 1813 at the house of Ezra Farrer for the purpose of Leaseing the Pews belonging to the town——

They agreed to lease said Pews for One Year from the 12th of April AD 1813; unless said Pews shou'd be sold, & if so who ever shou'd hire must relinquish the same by paying in proportion to the time they improve them; the rent to be paid as follows (Viz) Twenty P cent to be paid within twenty day, the remainder to be paid at the expiration of the Year——

The Godard Pew (so called) was set up, & struck off to Ira Draper for twelve Dollars and twenty Cents——

The East long Pew was set up, & struck off to Clinton Thayer for Eight Dollars——

The west Long Pew was set up & struck off to George Craft for Six Dollars & Seventy five Cents——

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer Inholder of Watertown on Thursday 29th of April AD 1813 They issued the following Warrant (Viz)——

Middlesex fs. To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown——Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth

of

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Of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceeding having a free hold estate within said town of the anual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house of said town on monday the tenth day of May next, at two of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of chooseing one or more Representatives to represent them at the general

Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next. Hereoff fail not &C——

Also You are alike required to summon & notify the free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the public meeting house of said Town on monday the tenth day of May next, at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)——

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
- 2^d To know if the town will make any Repairs to the East School house & alter the Water course under the same or act any thing thereon
- 3^d To hear the request of Edmund Fowle, relative to the road laid out through his land by the Selectmen, and accepted by the Town at their meeting April 5th 1813, or act any thing thereon
- 4th To hear the Report of any committee or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty ninth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirteen.

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Dan ^l Bond	
Enoch Wiswall	

Middlesex fs. Watertown May 10th 1813——

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested coppies of this warrant at the public Meeting house in said town, two Sundays prior to said meeting

Jonathan Child Constable——

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk——



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At a meeting of the Selectmen, at the house of Ezra Farrer Inn holder in Watertown on Monday the 3^d day of May 1813 they appointed the following persons as Enginemen the ensuing Year, instead of Richard Sanger & Joseph Rufsell Jun^r discharged (Viz) Edward Richards & Silas Jones——

At a public meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution to Vote in the Choise of Representatives, being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said Town, on Monday the 10th day of May AD 1813

The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revised & read, the Votes called for & brought in sorted & counted, & proclaimed to stand thus (Viz)

Jonas White Esq^r had One hundred & twenty Votes
 Thomas Clark Esq^r had One hundred & nineteen Votes
 Nath^l Bemis Esq^r had Sixty three Votes
 Nath^l R. Whitney Esq^r had Sixty five Votes

Thomas Clark Esq^r & Jonas White Esq^r were Shosen——

At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in town affairs, being duly warned & afsembled at the meeting house of said Watertown on Monday the 10th day of May AD 1813, proceeded as follows (Viz)——

- 1st Chose Thomas Clark Moderator of Said Meeting
 Voted to grant \$15,,00 to repair or alter the drean* under the east Schoolhouse to be laid out & expended by Jonathan Stone the Surveyor of Highways of said district
 Voted to grant \$10,,00 to repair the seats &C of the afore-said Schoolhouse
 Voted that the School committee of said district be a Committee to lay out & expend the above grant of \$10.00 Dollars, to repair the seats &C of said East Schoolhouse

Voted to dismifs the 3^d Article (Viz) to hear the request of Edmund Fowle——

Voted to axcept the report of Levi Thaxter & others & order the same on file

*Editorial Note:—drear; probably meant "drain."

Voted to grant \$200,, Dollars for the purpose above mentioned in said report Viz to be laid out on the Road laid out by the Selectmen through the Land of Marshall Spring Esq^r in front of the Cotton Factory to the Ministerial Land (so called) & pay the same into the hands of the corporation of the Ministerial Funds for them to lay out & expend on said Road

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Voted to Excuse the Corporation of Ministerial funds from receiveing & laying the Money granted for said Road, at their own request———

Voted that the Selectmen shou'd be a Committee to lay out & expend the said sum of \$200,, on said Road & build a sufficient fence on each side of said Road through the Land of Marshal Spring Esq^r

Recorded by——Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified to Vote in Town affairs being duly warned & asembled at the meeting house of said town on Monday 10th day of May AD 1813 by adjournment from the 15th day of March last, proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted that the Treasurer shou'd pay Jonathan Stone in full for his service in taking Invoice & Makeing Taxes for the Year 1812—10 Days—	}	15,, 00
at One Dollar & half $\frac{3}{4}$ Day — — — — —		

Also Thomas Clark for takeing Invoice & Makeing Taxes for the Year 1812 days @ One Dollar & fifty cents $\frac{3}{4}$ Day — — — — —	}

Voted to choose two additional Fielddrivers———

Voted & Chose as additional Field drivers——	{ Josiah Learnard
	{ Solomon Dutton

Voted to grant Twelve hundred Dollas for the support of the Poor of said town the ensueing Year

Voted to axcept the report of the committee appointed to examine the late Treasury Accounts which was as follows (Viz)

That Nath^l R. Whitney the late Treasurer is
 Credited by ———— 8904.47
 and is charged with ———— 7672.24

Ballance due the Treasurer ———— \$1232.23

Watertown April 29th 1813 the above is a just & true statement of Nath^l R. Whitney late Treasurers accounts to the twenty ninth day of April AD 1813—As examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same

Tho^s Clark }
 Jonas White } Committee
 Joseph Bright }

(on file)———

Voted that the Treasurer shou'd give the late Treasurer a Note for the above ballance due him on Settlement of the Treasurer accounts.

Voted to grant Five hundred Dollars as an additional sum for the support of the Poor of said Town the ensuing Year———

Moses Coolidge Nath^l Harrington & Josiah Learnard
 Solomon Dutton was sworn as Fielddrivers
 & Recorded by———Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk———

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May 29th AD 1813. The Selectmen ifsued the following Warrant

Middlesex fs. To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown

Greeting———

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith to notify, and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to meet & afsemble at the public meeting house in said town on thursday the third day of June next at four of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles. (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
 Whereas the Selectmen have requested the late Treasurer to deliver over into the hands of the present Treasurer all the books & papers relative to that office, together with the

receipts taken by him as Treasurer of the town, and the Book which the first entrys of payments was made being the same book the Selectmen have had recourse to on examining the Treasury accounts which book & Receipts the late Treasurer refuses to deliver up

- 2^d To know what method the town will take to obtain said books & Receipts, and act any thing thereon
- 3^d To know if the town will accept the list of Jurors, prepared by the Selectmen, or act any thing thereon
- 4th To know if the town will take any method to collect the Note for the rent of the fishery in Watertown, of Artimas Murdock & others for the last Year and act any thing thereon——
- 5th To know if the town will choose a committee to hear the proposals of Daniel Jackson relative to the Creek bridge and make any agreement with him about the same, and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant an your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said meeting

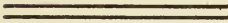
Given under our hands, and seals at Watertown this twenty ninth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred & thirteen

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Daniel Bond	
Enoch Wiswall	

Middlesex fs, Watertown May 31st 1813. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place, & for the purposes within mentioned

Jonathan Child Constable——

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk——



At a public meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of town of Watertown, qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs, being duly warned, and assembled at the meeting house on Thursday the third day of June 1813, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the warrant for said meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)——

Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator——

Voted to choose a committee of five persons, to receive of Nath^l R. Whitney Esq^r the late Town Treasurer, all the books & papers relating to that office, consisting of his original books of Entries, which the Selectmen have had recourse to in adjusting the Treasury accounts yearly, which he calls his waste book, & the Ledger which is bound in parchment, giving a receipt for the same.

Voted & Chose for said committee	}	Amos Bond Esq ^r Levi Thaxter. Excus ^d by his request Enoch Wiswall Gilbert Nichols Jonas White Esq ^r Abijah White Excus ^d by his request Jonathan Child
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Voted that the above Committee be directed, on the refusal of said Whitney, to take what measures they shall see fit to obtain said books & papers

4th Voted that the present town Treasurer be directed to collect the Note given by Artimas Murdock & others for the use of the fishery of said town for the Year 1812——

5th Voted to choose a Committee to hear the proposals of Dan^l Jackson relative to the Creek bridge
Voted that said Committee consist of five persons——

Voted & Chose the present Selectmen for said Committee

Voted to accept the List of Jurors made & presented by the Selectmen——

Voted to grant Nath^l R. Whitney the late Treasurer a copy of his record, or the Town Treasurers book of Entries

Voted to dissolve the meeting, which was accordingly declared disolvd.

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown June 21st 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following persons the sums of Money annexed to their names (Viz)

To Abigal Lawrence for surporting Eliza Brown	\$7,, 68
To Nath ^l Woodard for his Services ringing the Bell & takeing care of the Meetinghouse diging Graves for Aaron Whitney & S Saunders & Randall — — — — —	40,, 00
Peter Tufts for Surveying & drawin plan of the Ministerial Lands — — — — —	9,, 00
Jeduthan Fuller for Ringing Bell from Feb ^{ry} 4 1811 To Oct ^r 11 th 1811 — — — — —	12,, 00
Jonathan Child for his Accounts allow'd March 8 th 1813 for warning Town Meetings — — — —	12,, 00
Tho ^s Clark for his Servicies an Afsefsor 1812 — —	22,, 50
Nathan Barnard & Mofes Whitney for Saveing* Timber belonging to the great Bridge — — — —	1,, 25
Jonathan Stone for his Servicies as Afsefsor 1812	15,, 00
W ^m Horn for warning Town meetings — — — —	6,, 00
July 20 th Ballance due Paul Revere & Son for Bell — — — — —	348,, 81
Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk——	

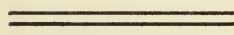


At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 30th day of August AD 1813 they approbated the persons here under named as Innholders & Retailors the ensueing Year (Viz)

Ezra Farrer
Charles Stratton } For Innholders
Sam^l Bellows

Joseph Peirce
John Clark
Luke Bemis
Seth Bemis
Nath^l R. Whitney Jun^r
Dan^l Jackson Jun^r } For Retailors

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—



*Editorial Note:—Saveing; possibly "sawing."

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Jonas White and Christopher Grant both of Watertown Esq^{rs} about their respective rights in a partition fence in a line between their lands or farms at the north part of Watertown.

we the subscribers fence viewers of the town of Watertown duly shosen & sworn haveing on the application of said White (and after haveing due notice to said Grant) viewed the said premicies and duly considered the matter in dispute have assigned & do hereby assign to each of the parties his share of the fence as follows (Viz) the said White shall build & keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from Jonas & Leonard

Bonds

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Bonds land runing northerly twenty rods & twenty one links & said Grant shall build & keep in repair a like fence one the other part of said line (Viz) from the fence of said White running northwardly twenty rods & twenty one links to a stone wall, & said White shall build & keep in repair a like fence begining at said Grants fence & running northerly thirty two rods, the said Grant shall build & keep in repair the fence from the said Whites last mentioned bounds runing northerly two rods thence turning & running easterly twenty two rods & five links the said White shall build & keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from said Grant's last mentioned bounds turning and runing northerly thirteen rods & twenty two links then turning & runing westerly one rod & fifteen links the said Grant shall build & keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line begining at said White's last mentioned bounds and runing Westerly one rod & twenty two links then turning and runing north-erly twenty one rods & ten links to land of Nath^l Bright & whereas a like dispute has arisen between the said White & Grant about their respective right in a partition in a line between one other piece of Land or farm near the before mentioned premises we have assigned & do hereby assign to each of said parties his share of fence as follows (Viz) the said White shall build & keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from the northeast corner of Nath^l Brights fresh medow running easterly thirty five rods & four links to a corner of fence & said Grant shall build & keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line (Viz) from the corner of said Whites last mentioned bound running

northerly thirty six rods and eight links to the road leading from Watertown to West Cambridge

Given under our hands at said Watertown this 10th day of August AD 1813

William Leathe }
Peter Clark } fence Viewers
Joseph Peirce }

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen September 20th 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the Sums of Money annexed their names. (Viz).

Jacob Farrer for supporting Benjamin Whitney } one year —————	20,, 00
Thadeus Cole's premium for collecting Taxes in } the year 1808 & 1809 —————	163,, 06
David Sanger One year's Interest on Note due } from Town to Oliver Learnard —————	7,, 80
David Sanger in part for the principal on Note } due from Town to Oliver Learnard —————	30,, 00
Levi Thaxter, Sally Nutting's order in part for } support of Jonathan Nutting —————	20,, 00
Sally Nutting's Ballance due her for board & } clothing for Jonathan Nutting to August 14 th } 1813 —————	64,, 65
Amelia Sparhawk CM ^s house rent $\frac{2}{3}$ Jonas } Learnard $\frac{2}{3}$ Hannah Learnard Rec ^t —————	12,, 50
Nath ^l Weld for his A/c for boarding Lincoln & } others —————	24,, 62
John Stimpson Jn ^r for his A/c for Horse man & } Waggon —————	6,, 00
Joseph Peirce for boarding Tho ^s Wellington Jn ^r } 5 ^m 11 ^{ds} —————	29,, 90
Eleazer Clapp for Medicines & attendance on } M ^{rs} Barry —————	9,, 50
Abraham Sanger a/c in full for boarding his } Mother from March 2 ^d 1813 —————	31,, 50

Abraham Sanger a/c in full for boarding his Mother from March 2 ^d 1813 to August 20 th 1813 }	42,, 75
Abraham Sanger for 1 days labour hanging the Bell ————— }	1,, 25
Isaac Dana acc ^t for Coffin for Aaron Whitney —	4,, 00
David Baker acc ^t for Journey to Chelsea to Summons Williams as Witnefs ————— }	2,, 50
Ezra Farrer in full for Expences in hanging the Bell & Leasing the fishery Committee's Expences on Ministerial Lands ————— }	24,, 70
Ezra Farrer in full for Selectmens Expences last year ————— }	34,, 07
Caleb Lincoln for Labour on Bridge &C — — —	30,, 50

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Also the Selectmen agreed to give notice to the Selectmen of West Cambridge to meet at the toll house on Concord Turnpike near the brick house owned by Richard Richardson, the 11th day of October next at two of the Clock P.M., also the Selectmen of Waltham to meet at the house of Thomas Clark Esq^r in Watertown on Monday the 18th day of October next at two of the Clock P.M. also the Selectmen of Newton to meet at Ezra Farrer's in Watertown the 11th day of October next at two of the clock P.M. also the Selectmen of Cambridge to meet at the house of Sam^l Bellows in Watertown on Monday the 11th day of October next at two of the Clock P.M., To perambulate run & renew the lines between said towns according to a Law of this commonwealth which notice was to be given by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Joseph Bright was appointed to perambulate the lines between West Cambridge & Watertown

Daniel Bond was appointed to perambulate between Newton & Watertown.

Enoch Wiswall was appointed to perambulate between Cambridge & Watertown

Thomas Clark was appointed to perambulate between Waltham & Watertown. Recor'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate the lines, renew & establish the bounds between the towns of Watertown & Newton have attended that Service as follows, (Viz)

- 1st beginning at a stone by Charles River in land belonging to Nath^l Weld marked .W.N.
- 2^d from thence runing Southarly to a stone in land belonging to John Richardson, marked W.N. which bounds makes a corner
- 3^d from thence runing Westerly to a stone in the road near the old house belonging to D^r Morse marked .W.N.
- 4th from thence to a stone by the house of Cornelius Lenox marked W.N. thence runing Northerly to a stone by Charles River, marked W.N. in land belonging to Ludy* Harris—All of Which we have renewed & agreed to Oc^t 11. 1813

	Selectmen		Selectman
Caleb Kenrick }	of	Daniel Bond }	of
Sam ^l Hide }	Newton		Watertown

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We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Watertown and West Cambridge, having been appointed to perambulate the lines of said towns, haveing meet agreeable to notice for that purpose proceeded as follows—Viz—

- 1st Begining on the Westerly side of fresh Pond (so called) at a Post standing near the Pond in the line of division between lands of T. Apthorp & Elizabeth Prentifs & marked on the Southerly side, W. and on the Northerly side, W.C. from thence to a post standing in the Whitney Land (so called) at the Southerly Corner of said Apthorp Land & marked in manner before mentioned, from thence to a maple tree marked as before said tree stands in land of Leonard Stone being the Southerly line of the Cambridge & Concord Turnpike Road, from thence to a Post marked as before, standing in land of the heirs of Solomon Prentice deceased, on the Southerly side of said Turnpike,—thence Northerly to a swamp white Oak tree standing in land of Leonard & Jonas Bond & marked as before,—from thence to a white Oak tree standing in the land of Tho^s & Peter Clark & marked as before named,—from thence to a Stone on a hill in land of said Tho^s & Peter Clark being the bound mark

*Editorial Note:—possibly Lucy; script illegible.

between Watertown & Waltham marked on the Northerly side with the Letter C. & on the Westerly side W. & on the Easterly side .W.

Done at West Cambridge }
Oc^r 18th 1813 ↵

Joseph Bright } Selectman
of
Watertown

Tho^s Rufsell } Selectmen
of
James Perry } West Cambridge

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Watertown & Waltham haveing Perambulated & run the lines between said towns on the 18th day of October 1813 & found the antient marks & monuments as follows

- 1st at a Stone marked .W.W. in Peter Clarks land by West Cambridge line 2^d at a heap of Stones of a flat rock in Cap^t Charles Wellington's land (formerly the land of S. White
3^d at a heap of stones in Jonas White's land by Ceder tree (formerly the land of Phinehas Stearnes
4th At a Walnut tree marked W W in Nath^l Brights land
5th Across the Tom Harrington Well (so called)——
6th At a black oak tree marked W.W in Jonas Whites land
7th At a heap of Stones by the side of Barne's Wall about

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About 15 rods eas of his house 8th At a heap of stones in the Bemis lane (so called) by the side of Jonathan Coolidges's wall 9th At a Buttonwood tree mark'd .W.W. in the land of Christopher Gore 10th At a walnut tree mark'd W W. in said Gores land

Tho^s Clark } Selectman
of
Watertown

October 18th AD 1813

David Townsend } Selectman
of
Waltham

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 4th day of October AD 1813 they signed an Order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following Persons, anex'd their names (Viz) —

To John Remington for his board 14 weeks since the 25 th of June he haveing at that time requested assistance — — — — —	14,, 00
To Isaac Dana in full for hanging the Bell and finding materials for the same — — — — —	16,, 60
To Isaac Dana for plank Bo ^t of Jackson & Lincoln for the Creek bridge in the year 1810 — —	12,, 39
To Isaac Dana for his servicies for procureing the above plank — — — — —	1,, 00
To David Fuller in full for Plow for Town use —	10,, 00
To Henry Craft in full for stones for Creek bridge	19,, 00
To Benjamin Rufsell for advertiseing Petition for Court house — — — — —	5,, 00
To your self for Cash p ^d Catharine Hay for board- ing Lucy Popenberry 7 weeks to August 11 th 1813	7,, 00
To Paul Learnard Administrator to Sam ^l Learnard Estate for five months board of Benjamin Learnard — — — — —	25,, 00
To Elijah Norcrofs for string in Seanes in the year 1809–1811. & 1812 — — — — —	16,, 70
To Adam Brown for his account for work on the Road — — — — —	14,, 00
To David Livermore for his a/c for work on the Road — — — — —	10,, 98
To Dan ^l Coolidge a Ballance due him for Pre- mium for collecting Taxes — — — — —	

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Oct 26th 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to deliver over to William Gay, Richard Richardson's Note of hand for Nine hundred Dollars payable to said William Gay Dated May 29th 1807 the same being the property of said Gay & heretofore left for safe keeping with the Treasurer of Watertown

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At a meeting of the Selectmen December 6th AD 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following persons anex'd their names, Viz.

To Abjiah White to Cash paid Benjamin Gardner Nov ^r 24 th 1813 in part pay for boarding Lucy Hager —————	} 11,, 0
To Abijah White for Cash paid Caty Hay for boarding M ^{rs} Popenberry & Anne Green from September 28 th 1813 to November 17 th 1813 & wine & supplys &C —————	} 13,, 16
To Abijah White for Cash paid Ew ^d Lowd in part for sundry accounts allow'd him heretofore Nov 2, 1813 —————	} 40,, 0
To Abijah White to cash p ^d Nath ^l Bemis Jn ^r Nov ^r 1, 1813 for Medicine & attendance on S. Avery Eliza Brown & Child —————	} 9,, 25
To Joseph Bright for perambulating the lines between Watertown & West Cambridge & Waltham in 1808 & Watertown & West Cam- bridge in 1813 —————	} 2,, 00
To Thomas Larrabee his Bill for Bell Rope — —	5,, 89
To Eliakim Morse for a Rope agreeable to a report of Ed ^d Fowle Nath ^l R. Whitney & Josiah Learnard —————	} 29,, 00
To Mark Vose ballance due him for boarding the Poor of the town of Watertown & supplys dld them except—Sarah Cutter from Jan ^y 20 th 1811 to Jan ^y 20 th 1812 & Joseph Cuter from Jan ^y 20 th 1811 to may 6 th 1813 —————	

Watertown Dec^r 6th 1813 }
Record'd by
Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk }

Thomas Clark }
Jonas White } Selectmen
Joseph Bright } of
Dan^l Bond } Watertown
Enoch Wiswall }

At a meeting of the Selectmen December 23^d 1813 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following persons anex'd their names (Viz)

To Ira Draper his ac ^t for Tar & Brush supply'd the town for use of creek Bridge — — — — —	} 2,, 8
To Z & S Pond for their a/c for mending Plow & Iron Bar 1812 — — — — —	} 8,, 13
To John Tucker for a room for a womans Schooll ten weeks cash p ^d Leonard Harris for seats for d ^o	} 9,,
To Mary Fowle for teaching a School in the middle district from May 25 th 1812 to Oc ^t 19 th 1812, 21 weeks @ \$3 — — — — —	} 63,,
To Ew ^d Lowd for boarding a School master in the middle district from May 11 th 1812 to Dec. 8 th 1812. 30 Week & 2 day — — — — —	} 90,, 86
To W ^m Earl for a room for Womans School in Middle district 6 weeks @ 1,,50 $\frac{2}{3}$ Month — —	} 2,, 25
To yourself for Cash p ^d Francies Whitney Abial Jaques order for teaching School in Middle district from April 19 th 1813 14 $\frac{1}{3}$ Week — — —	} 125,, 41

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To yourself for cash p ^d Joshua Longley Dec ^r 14 th 1813 for boarding Mifs White & Sundrys supply'd her & for Joel Pages Bill for boarding Lucy White from 1 ^s June 1812 to the 1 st of June 1813 — — —	} 82,, 62
To yourself to Cash p ^d Benjamin Gardner in part for boarding Lucy Hager p ^d December 10 th 1813 — — — — —	} 9,,
To Mathew Hawks in part pay for makeing a road through the Ministerial land oposite the Cotton factory — — — — —	} 50,,

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Daniel Bond	

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk



December 6th 1813 the Selectmen issued the following Warrant

Middlesex. fs. To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet & assemble at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the twentieth day of December Ins^t, at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.
- 2^d To know if the town will sink the taxes set to certain persons, or any of them & hear the Collectors reasons respecting the same and act any thing thereon
- 3^d To know if the town will direct their Selectmen to allow the premiums to the Collectors who have not settled their collection within one year after they have received their lists of Taxes and act any thing thereon
- 4th To know if the town will give their Treasurer any instructions respecting the outstanding Taxes & Notes due the town and act any thing thereon.
- 5th To hear the statement of the Selectmen respecting the poor persons of said town and act any thing thereon
- 6th To hear the statement of the Selectmen & Mark Vose respecting Sarah Cuter & Child and act any thing thereon

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- 7th To know if the town will give their Representatives any instructions respecting procureing a new act to prevent the destruction of fish in Charles River or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirteen

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Dan ^l Bond	
Enoch Wiswall	

Middlesex. fs, Watertown Dec^r 20th 1813

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants to assemble at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned

Jonathan Child Constable

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, being duly warned and assembled at the Meeting house of said town on Monday the 20th day of December 1813 for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the warrant for said meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz.)

Voted & chose Jonas White their Moderator

2^d Voted & Chose the Selectmen & Afsefsors for a Committee to examine Moses Chenery's & Charles Whitney's list of person's taxes brought before the town to be sunk up to the year 1813, & sink such of them as they shall think proper, & report at the next town meeting

3^d Voted, that if the Collectors who have not settled up their Taxes with the Treasurer before the year 1813, come ferw'd & settle the same with the Treasurer within sixty days from the date of this meeting shall be allow'd their premiums

Voted that the Selectmen & Afsefsors be a committee to Aliquidate & Settle the premium with Charles Whitney for the Collection of the remnant of Taxes committed to him

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After the decease of Sam^l Cook, which was formerly committed to said Cook before his decease

4th Voted that the Treasurer be directed to call on all those who are indebted to the town, for a settlement, & to take Notes & renew the old ones takeing good security or the money Voted that the Treasurer issue his execution after sixty days from the date of this meeting against those Collectors who have not settled up the Taxes committed to them before the year 1813

5th Voted to approve of the doings of the Selectmen respecting the poor of the town of Watertown

- 6th Voted that the Selectmen be directed not to pay to Mark Vose his charge for boarding Sarah Cutter from Jan^y 20th 1811 to Jan^y 20th 1812 & Joseph Cutter from Jan^y 20th 1811 to May 6th 1813 untill further orders of the town
- 7th Voted that the Representatives be hereby instructed to endeavour to procure a new act to prevent the distruction of fish in Charles River if they think proper

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer December 6th AD 1813 they Rec^d the following petition To the Honorable board of Selectmen for the town of Watertown, we the Subscribers wishing to open a drain from the West side & south of the great Bridge over Charles River on the west side of the Road to the land lately & now partly owned by Israel Cook the drain to be well cover'd with Stones & finished in a workmanlike maner, your approbation to the above request, will much oblige your humble servants

Watertown December 6th AD 1813 { Joseph Peirce
Enoch Wiswall

The above request is granted by the subscribers Selectmen on condition that said Peirce & Wiswall file in the town Clerks Office an Obligation to bind them & their Asigns to for ever & save the town harmlefs from any cost or charge that may arise by reason of said drain & make the least possible Obstruction to the Road while making said drain

Tho^s Clark }
Jonas White } Selectmen
Joseph Bright } for
Daniel Bond } Watertown

Obligation for the above on file. Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer

the 3^d day of January 1814 they appointed the following persons as Engine men the Ensueing Year (Viz).

Elisha W Dana	Aaron Clap
Francies Whitney	James Robbins
Clinton Thayer	Nath ^l Weld Jun ^r
Gilbert Nichols	George Craft
Leonard Harris	Joseph Cole
Josiah White	Nathan Barnard
John Stimpson Jun ^r	William Bright
Jonathan Robbins	Edward Richards
Nath ^l R Whitney Jn ^r	Silas Jones
George Coolidge	Elijah Ray
Jerom Hersey	Daniel Howe

Also they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following sums of money anex'd their names (Viz)

To Benjamin Gardner for boarding & supporting Lucy Hager from March the 29 th 1813 to August 30 th AD 1813 —————	}	\$44.00
To Joseph Rufsell Jn ^r for his Acc ^t for boards & nails & labour at the middle district school house & great Bridge —————	}	3,, 45
To yourself for cash p ^d Benjamin Gardner's bal- lance for boarding Lucy Hager from Aug 30 th 1813 to Nov. 23 ^d 1813 —————	}	*3.34
To Joseph Rufsel Jun ^r in part for makeing fence on the new road in front the Cotton factory — —	}	25.00
To Josiah Mason & son for Ballance due them for Lumber for Bridge dld in 1809 & 1811 — — — —	}	
To Amelia Sparhawk six month house rent from Sep ^t 1 1813 to march 1 st 1814 for Jonas Learnard	}	12.50
To the Rev ^d Richard R Eliot Interest on his quarterly payments that were not pay'd when due —————	}	46.48

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen
Jonas White		for
Joseph Bright		Watertown

Watertown Jan^y 3^d 1814 Recorded by

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

*Editorial Note:—The listings of accounts begin to indicate single points as well as the two small dashes, between dollars and cents columns. Original script has been followed.

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January 28th 1814. the Selectmen issued the following
Warrant
Middlesex fs To Edward Lowd one of constables for the
town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Mafsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet & assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of February next at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)

- 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.
- 2^d To take into consideration the petition of John Hayden & others, praying for leave to build a dam across Charles River and act any thing thereon.
- 3^d To take into consideration the petition of the town of Concord praying that said town of Concord may be the only shire town for the County & act any thing thereon
- 4th To take into consideration the petition of the Agents for the town of Cambridge praying that the Court house & Goal* may be erected in the first parrish of said town and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty eight day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Daniel Bond		
Enoch Wiswall		

Middlesex fs. Watertown February 6th 1814 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warn'd all the freeholder & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet and assemble as therein directed & for the purposes therein mentioned By posting a Cobby of this warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting

Edward Lowd, Constable

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

*Editorial Note:—probably meant "Gaal."

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At a public town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs being duly warned and regularly assembled at the public meeting house of said town on monday the 7th day of February 1814 for the purpose of transacting the business set forth in the warrant for said meeting proceeded as follows (Viz) —

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator for said metg

2^d On motion Voted unanimously to oppos the petition for liberty to build said dam across Charles River

On motion Voted to choose a committe of five persons to appear before the legislature to oppose said petition being granted

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Bond
Eliakim Morse
Nath^l Bemis
Enoch Wiswall
Levi Thaxter

On motion Voted to add two persons to said committee Voted & chose in addition to said committee Tyler Bigelow & Josiah Learnard

3^d On Motion Voted to present a memorial to the legislature against the petition of the town of Concord praying that may be made the only shire town for this county.

4th On motion Voted & instructed the representatives of this town to use their influence to prevent the Court house & Goal* being erected at Craigies point according to the desision of the Court of Sefsions for said County

On motion Voted & disolv'd this meeting——

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen February 7th 1814 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following persons, anex'd their names (Viz)

To Catharine Hay her acc^t for boarding Lucy Popenberry & Ann Green from Nov^r 17th to February 19th 1814 12 Weeks — — — — — } 24,, 0

*Editorial Note:—probably meant "Gaol."

To Francies Whitney his acc ^t for Goods dld } Charles Nutting —————	6,, 0
John Clark his acc ^t for Cloth dld Lemuel Whitney	8,, 46
To Ezekiel Whitney his acc ^t for 4 days work at } Bridge —————	6,, 66
To the inhabitants of the town of Newton for } boarding Samuel Bigilow from February 11 th } 1812 to April 16 th 1812 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ Weeks @ 9/ $\frac{3}{4}$ Week }	13,, 96
To William Horn his acc ^t for work'd on the great } Bridge —————	40.82
To Enoch Wiswall his acc ^t for moneys p ^d for } Lumber & Labour for the great Bridge — — —	90.85

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To Jacob Gale for 31 Ceder Posts for fence for } new road in front of Cotton Factory through } land of M Spring —————	11,, 63
To George Stearnes for 37 Ceder Posts for fence } on new road in front of the Cotton Factory — — }	18 50
To Sarah Nutting for boarding &C Jonathan } Nutting from August 14 th 1813 to Feb ^y 12 th 1814 }	
To William Horn for boarding & Clothing for } Sally Popenberry —————	14,, 76
To Nath ^l Weld his bill for boarding William Horn } & his men while at work on the great Bridge — — }	18,, 33
To Samuel Cambell his Bill for instructing a } School in the Middle district 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ months in 1812 }	150,, 00
To Interest in the above \$150— to commence } May 4 th 1812 —————	
To Samuel Cambell his Bill for instructing a } School in the West district 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Months in 1813 — }	104,, 00
To Interest on the above 104 Dollars to com- } mence May 1 st 1813 —————	
To M ^s Tower her Bill for boarding &C for Lucy } Popenberry Le ^o Harris & Joseph Cutter to } Feb ^y 7 th 1814 —————	

To Charles Whitney his acct for materials & work
 in making Bridge across new road in front Cot-
 ton Factory ————— } 100,, 00

Watertown Feb^y 7th 1814—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Dan ^l Bond	
Enoch Wiswall	

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 7th 1814 the Selectmen issued the following Warrant—
 Middlesex fs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for
 the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
 wealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the
 freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown
 qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet & assemble
 at the public meeting house in said town, on monday the
 twenty first day of March, Instant at ten of the clock in
 the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a moderator for said meeting

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- 2^d To choose all town Officers required to be chose in the
 months of March & April annually
 3^d To choose a sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his
 services.—
 4th To determine whether swine & neat Cattle shall at large
 the ensuing year & act any thing thereon
 5th To agree what schools shall be kept the ensuing year &
 grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon
 6th To grant money to support the poor & act any thing thereon
 7th To grant money to repair the highway & act any thing
 thereon
 8th To hear the accounts of those persons, who the town are
 indebted to & grant money to pay the same & act any thing
 thereon
 9th To hear the report of any committee & act any thing
 thereon

- 10th To know if the town will take any different measure to support the poor the ensuing year & act any thing thereon
- 11th To choose agents to lease the fishery the ensuing year & act any thing thereon
- 12th To know the minds of the town what directions they will to the corporation of Ministerial funds concerning who they shall pay the proceeds to hereafter and act any thing thereon
- 13th To know if the town will build a new Engine house & enlarge the number of ladders & act any thing thereon
- 14th To know if the town will build any further Roads on the Ministerial land & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon
- 15th To know if the town will grant money to pay the debts not already provided for & act any thing thereon
- 16th To hear the statement of the Treasurer concerning a settlement with Dan^l Coolidge relative to the taxes transmitted to him to collect after the decease of Samuel Coolidge & act any thing thereon
- 17th To hear the statement of Walter Hunnewell & Charles Whitney & act any thing thereon
- Also You are alike required to notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet at the public meeting house of said town on Monday the twenty first Instant at two of the Clock P M. to give in their Votes for County Treasurer

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Also, You are alike required to notify the town Creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer innholder in Watertown on monday the 14th Instant at two of the clock P M. Hereoff fail not, & make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this seventh day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen

Watertown March 7. 1814

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Dan ^l Bond	
Enoch Wiswall	

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 14th 1814—they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following sums of money to the following persons anixed their names (Viz)

To himself for Cash p ^d Asaph Rice Administrator to the Estate of Dan ^l Barnard for a Bed dld for the use of Randall at the poor house — — — —	8,, 00
To himself for Cash p ^d David Sanger in full for board & funeral expences for Oliver Learnard by desision of Reference Feb ^y 28 th 1814 — — — —	50,, 00
To himself for Cash p ^d John Richardson Rob ^t Murdock & David Townsend as Referees between Town & Sanger — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 00
To himself for Cash p ^d Ruth Tower for boarding Leonard Harris & Joseph Cutter from Feb ^y 7 th to March the 7 th 1814 — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 67
To David Sanger for Note of hand due from Town to Oliver Learnard — — — — — — — — — —	
To Jonas White for Sundies dld Andrew White & wood dld widow Harrington — — — — — — — — — —	41,, 82
To Micah Bent for Shoes dld the poor — — — —	7,, 9
Wiswall Fuller & C ^o for Sundries dld the poor for Poor house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	73,, 71
To Dan ^l Bond for Sundries dld Charles Nutting & William Gardner & for runing town Lines — — — —	32,, 9

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To John Clark his acc ^t for Sundries dld the Poor & Powder dld Cap ^t Bird & Nails for fence — —	27,, 42
To Peirce & Wiswall acc ^t for Sundries dld Charles Nutting & Rum & C dld Horn & Sergent working at Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 85
To Tristram Knight for boarding Lucy Hager 13 Weeks — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19.50
To Doc ^{tr} Bemis for Medicine & attendence on Ann Green — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4.75
To Joseph Cole for Iron for the Bridge & work for meeting house & Engine house — — — — — —	11,, 63

To Jerome Hersey's acc ^t for setting glafs in School house work paint &C — — — — —	} 6,, 15
To ditto for paint & painting at the Bridge — —	14.83
To Nath ^l R Whitney's acc ^t for drawing Lumber for Bridge — — — — —	} 1,, 00
To Nath ^l R Whitney for Expencies paid by him in suit Town vs. Jonas White for rent of fishery	} .16
To Edmund Fowle for his servicies as agent to carry on the suit against J White for rent of Fishery — — — — —	} 20,, 70
To Estate of Abraham Whitney for boarding Elisha Whitney — — — — —	} 20,, 00
To Abijah White for two Loads of Wood dld Jonas Learnard & 1 pair Shoes dld Anne Green —	}
To Edward Lowd a ballance due him for sundry a/c that have been allow'd him at different times for several years past — — — — —	}
To Caty Hay acc ^t for boarding Anne Green & Lucy Popenbery from Feb 9 th 1814 to March 16 th 1814 — — — — —	} 11,, 91
To John Hunting for twine for seane in 1812 —	25.67
To Enoch Wiswall his acc ^t p ^d George A Peirce for pointing stakes for seane in 1812 — — — —	}
To Artimas Murdock for twine rope &C. for seane in Year 1812 — — — — —	}
To Edward Lowd for twine for Seane in 1808 —	
To Nath ^l R Whitney in part for the Note due him — — — — —	} 200,, 0
To Amos Livermore Acc ^t for repairs &C on school house — — — — —	} 20,, 8
To Moses Warren his Acc ^t going down the River as Evidence against the Brighton Fisherman —	} 4,, 79
To Andrew Barnes as Evidence of Brighton Fisherman — — — — —	} 6,, 6
To Charles Whitney for Beef dld Charles Nutting	6,, 80
To Moses Chenery for Eben ^r Swan's Note of hand which said Swann gave him for Taxes — —	} 15,, 41

To Moses Chenery for Error in Taxes committed }
 to him 1802 — — — — — } 4,, 25

To Ezra Farrer his account for Selectmen's Ex- }
 pencies & Committee of Ministerial funds Letting }
 fishery Taxes &C — — — — — } 71,, 14

To Walter Hunewell for Medicine & attendance }
 on the Poor from Nov^r 1812 to this date — — — } 60. 93

signed by Thos Clark }
 Jonas White } Selectmen
 Joseph Bright } for
 Dan^l Bond } Watertown
 Enoch Wiswall }

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty first day of March 1814 for the purpose of transacting the business sett forth in the Warrant for said meeting; proceeded as follows Viz—

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark for Moderator for said meeting

Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Voted & chose Abijah White for Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen {
 Thomas Clark
 Jonas White
 Joseph Bright
 Dan^l Bond
 Enoch Wiswall

Voted & chose for Afsefsors— {
 Thomas Clark
 Abijah White excused
 Gilbert Nichols

Voted to adjourn this meeting to half past two of the clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place, & was accordingly declared adjourn'd

Atts^t—Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeable to the above adjournment the Inhabitants assembled & the meeting was opened & proceeded as follows (Viz)

- Voted & chose for Constables— { Peter Clark (excused
Jonathan Child, sworn
Dan^l Bond (excused
William Horn, sworn
- Voted to choose the remaining town Officers by hand Votes
- Voted & chose for Fenceviewers— { Thomas Richardson
Dan^l Bond
Luke Bemis
Joseph Peirce
- Voted & chose for Tythingmen— { Thomas Woodard
Paul Learnard
- Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highway { Daniel Bond
Paul Learnard
David Livermore (sworn
Francies Bright

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- Voted & chose for Fielddrivers { David Hager (sworn
Luther Barrett (sworn
Joseph Bird (sworn
Charles Stone (sworn
Phinehas Harrington (sworn
- Voted & chose for Hogreeves { Joshua Jackson
Levi Thaxter
Clinton Thayer
Aaron Clap
Nath^l Bemis Jun^r
John Clark
Silas Jones (sworn
Isaac Crosby
David Stone
Hubbard Rufsell
- Voted & chose for Clerks of Markett { Edward Lowd (sworn
John Clark
Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r
- Voted & chose Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Edward Lowd (sworn
Isaac Dana (sworn

Voted & chose Surveyors of Boards & Timber { Isaac Dana (sworn
Edward Lowd (sworn
Jon^a Child (sworn

Voted & chose for Firewards { Nath^l Bemis
John Fowle
Amos Bond
Nath^l Weld
Luke Bemis
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore
Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose for Pound keeper John Rufsel (sworn

Voted & chose for fish committee { Josiah Coolidge
Nath^l Weld
W^m M Pomroy
Edward Lowd
Gilbert Nichols

- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen provide a Sexton
- 4th Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year
- 5th Voted to grant Nine hundred Dollars for the support of Schools to be divided equally between the three districts
Voted to purchase four Dozen Psalm books for the use of the Singers & grant money for the same
- 6th Article postponed for further consideration

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- 7th Voted to grant fifty cents on a single pole and other Estate in propotion for to repair the highway
Voted that the Surveyors allow twelve & half Cents $\frac{7}{8}$ hour for work done on highway
Voted the last years Surveyors work out their lists or return them by the first of June next—
- 8th Voted to allow the following acc^t & grant money to pay the same (Viz)
To Abijah White for his Servicies as Treasurer — \$40,, 00
To Abijah White for his Servicies as Afsefsor — — 13,, 50
To Gilbert Nichols for his Servicies of Town Clerk 20,, 00

To Gilbert Nichols for his Services as Afsefsor — 13,, 50

d^o ————— „ ————— „ Carting Bell to
Boston — — — — — „ — — — — — „ — — — — — 00,, 75

To Tho^s Clark his account — — — — — 24,, 50

To Fish Committee acc^t for Services — — — — — 36,, 59

Voted to postpone the 9th Article

10th Voted & chose for fish Agents — { Moses Coolidge
Jonas White

Voted that the fish Agents be impowered to lease the fishery at their own discretion, make any agreement with any other town if they think proper —————

11 Voted that the Selectmen take what method they shall see proper for the support of the Poor the ensuing year

12 Voted that the corporation of Ministerial funds shou^d pay the proceeds of said fund to the town Treasurer for him to pay over to the Minister taking a receipt for the same

13 Voted that a committee of three persons be shosen to examine the Old Engine house & see if it is nessessary to build a new one & to see what ladders are wanted & the probable expence of a new Engine house & where they can procure a place for the same & report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted & chose for said committee { Adam Brown
Jonas White
Nath^l Weld

14th Article postponed untill next meeting

15 Article postponed untill next meeting

16 Voted to choose a committee of three persons to examine the accounts between the town & Dan^l Coolidge & report at next meeting

Voted & chose for said committee { Nath^l Bemis
Amos Bond
Abijah White

17th Voted that Walter Hunnewell & Charles Whitney shall be discharged from their Bond for Sam^l Cook for the Collection of Taxes committed to him to collect

Voted to postpone the choise of county Treasurer untill April meeting

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Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer for the purpose of farming out the collection of Taxes & Leaseing the Hayscales & Wharf——

there to meet at half past six OClock this evening accordingly the meeting was declared adjourn'd

Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeable to the above adjournment the Inhabitants assembled at the house of Ezra Farrer & the meeting being opened, proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted to farm out the Collection of Taxes the ensueing year on the following conditions (Viz)

The lowest bidder to be Collector & he shall collect the Taxes contained in his list & pay the whole of the same to the Treasurer within one year from the time he shall receive his list & if failing to collect & pay them as aforesaid he shall not receive any part of his premium for collecting & he shall give sufficient & satisfactory Bonds which shall be held for the fullfilment of the above condition, Excepting such taxes as the Selectmen & Afsefsors shall suspend for further orders

The West list was put up & struck off to Jonathan Child for five cents & ¼ of a cent on the Dollar

The East list was put up & struck off to Moses Chenery for three cents & one fourth of a cent on a Dollar

Voted & chose for Collectors { Jon^a Child
Moses Chenery

The Hayscales was put up & struck off to Sam^l Brigham for thirty three Dollars for one year from the 1^s of April next

The wharf in Cambridge was put up & struck off To Sam^l Brigham for One Dollar for the year ensueing

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April then to meet at four of the Clock PM which was declared adjourned

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Then the following Town Officers where sworn into the several Offices to which they were chose this day Viz

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk, & Abijah White as Treasurer
Jonathan Child & William Horn as Constables——

David Hager Luther Barrett & Phinehas Harrington as field drivers. Silas Jones as Hogreave, Edward Lowd as Clerk of the Markett. Edward Lowd & Isaac Dana as Cullers of Hoops & Staves. Isaac Dana Edward Lowd & Jonathan Child as Surveyors of Boards & Timber John Rufsell as pound Keeper. Thomas Clark Jonas White Joseph Bright Dan^l Bond & Enoch Wiswall as Selectmen, faithfully & impartially to discharge their duty & respecting Elections & returns thereof

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Gilbert Nichols was sworn into the Office as an Afsefsor concerning Elections & the returns thereof by Thomas Clark Justice of the Peace. Thomas Clark was sworn into the Office of Afsefsor & concerning Elections & the returns thereof

April 4th AD 1814

Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The Agents of the town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leaseing the Fishery in Watertown Weston & Waltham, agreeable to an Act of the General Court pas'd March 2^d 1798 empowering the said towns to lease the Fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Watertown, met at the house of Ezra Farrer Innholder in said Watertown on Monday the 28th day of March AD 1814. at two of the Clock P.M.

The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1st Appointed Gilbert Nichols Clerk for said Agents
2^d Agreed to adjourn this meeting to 7 O clock this evening then to meet at this place
The Agents aforesaid meet at the time & place before mentioned agreeable to adjournment & proceeded as follows (Viz)

They agreed to lease the priviledge & right of takeing the fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of Watertown

below the Mill dam next above the Great Bridge, the ensuing year on the following conditions (Viz) The privilege of taking the Fish call'd Shad & Alewives within the limits aforesaid on the following days, & no other agreeable to an Act pas'd March 1814 (Viz) Mondays Wednesdays & Fridays, to the highest bidder he or they giving security to the exceptence of said Agents, Five $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent to be paid down as earnest money

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The remainder to be paid on or before the first day of September next, And the purchaser to have the use Seanes the town now have & that the purchaser shall take proper care of the same. And was struck off to Edward Lowd for Two hundred & seaventy five Dollars, for which said Lowd & other gave their Note payable the first day of September 1814

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols, { Town Clerk &
Clerk for said Agents

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 24th day of March 1814, They issued the following Warrant——

Middlesex fs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for the town of Watertown

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age & upwards haveing a freehold Estate within said commonwealth of the anual Income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth &C

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting
 2^d Whereas, there has been doubts arisen concerning the legality of the town Records by their not being signed by the Clerks of the town in times past.
 To know what method the town will take concerning the same & act any thing thereon
 3^d To know if the town will choose a committee to settle the account between the Treasurer and the School districts & act any thing thereon
 4th To know if the town will take any method to enlarge the Water course at Treadway Bridge & act any thing thereon
 5th To know if the town will take any method to remove the Woodstand to Treadway Square and Act any thing thereon

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- 6th To know if the town will purchase any Fish rights or act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen—

Tho ^s Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Dan ^l Bond	
Enoch Wiswall	

Middlesex fs Watertown April 4th 1814, Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by Posting attested Copies of these Warrants at the public meeting house in said Town two sundays prior to said meeting

Jonathan Child Constable

Recorded By Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public Town Meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor & Senators & Counsellors being duly warned & regularly Assembled at the public meeting house in said town on

Monday the fourth day of April 1814. The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revised & read & the Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor & Counsellors & Senators were call'd for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared the following persons had the number of Votes annexed their severall names (Viz)

For Governor

Samuel Dexter Esq^r had One hundred & thirty seven
His Excellency Caleb Strong had One hundred & Eleven
William Gray Esq^r had One
Joseph Storey had One

For Lieu^t Governor

Hon. William Phillips had One hundred & ten
William Gray Esq^r had One hundred & thirty eight
William King had One

For Senators & Counsellors

Samuel Hoar had One hundred & thirty eight
Edmund Foster had One hundred thirty eight
Timothy Fuller had One hundred & thirty seven
Josiah Bartlett Esq^r had One hundred & Eleven
Asahel Stearns Esq^r had One hundred & Eleven
Loammi Baldwin Esq^r had One hundred & Eleven

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On motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer in said town there to meet at seven of the Clock for the purpose of Sealing up the returns for Gov^r Lieu^t Governor & Counsellors & Senators, & was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the Town meeting was opened by an adjournment from the 21st day of March 1814 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for County Treasurer

The Votes for County Treasurer were call'd for & brought in sorted & Counted & stood thus (Viz)

John Keyes Esq^r had Seventy eight Votes
Abial Haywood Esq^r had Seventy two Votes

At a public town meeting of the freeholder & other Inhabitants qualified by law to Vote in town affairs agreeable to an adjournment from the twenty first day of March 1814 proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted that the report of the committee chosen the twenty first day of March last past to examine the accounts between the town Dan^l Coolidge lay over to may meeting

Voted the report concerning the Engine house & C lay over to May meeting

Voted to excuse Abijah White from serveing as an Afsefsor the ensueing year by his request

Voted to choose as an Afsefsor (in the room of said White excused) Nath^l R Whitney

Voted to postpone granting money for the support of the poor untill may meeting

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the day to be appointed to choose Representatives in May next then to meet at four of the Clock in the afternoon & was accordingly adjourn'd

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote in town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public Meeting house in said town proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq^r for Moderator for said Meeting
- 2^d Voted that our Representatives be instructed to use their best endeavours to get the town Records made Valid
- 3^d Voted to choose a Committe for the purpose settling the Account between the Treasurer & the School districts
- Voted & Chose for said committee { Nath^l Bemis Esq^r
Nath^l R Whitney Esq^r

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- 4th Voted to choose a Committee for the purpose of examining Treadway Bridge (so called) To see if it be nefsessary to enlarge the Water coarse under the same & report at our next meeting
- Voted & chose for said committee { Nath^l R Whitney
Gilbert Nichols
Amos Bond
- 5th Voted to remove the wood stand to Treadway square (so called)

Voted to choose a committee of two persons to petition to the Court of Sefsions to establish the same

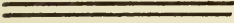
Voted & Chose for said Committee { Tyler Bigelow
Levi Thaxter (excused
by his request
Edward Lowd

6th Voted to choose a committee for the purpose of seeing whether fish rights can be purchased for the town & for what sum they can be purchased & report at our next meeting

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Nath^l Bemis
Adam Brown
Abijah White

On motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first town meeting in may then to meet at five of the Clock in the afternoon & was accordingly declared adjourned

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk



At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer on Monday the 4th day of April 1814 For the purpose of leaseing the Pews belonging to the Town They agreed to lease the same at public auction for One Year from the 12th of April current to the highest bidder

The Godard Pew (so called) was put up & struck off to John Clark for twelve Dollars & fifty cents

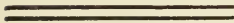
The West long Pew was put up & struck off to Benjamin Stevens for Nine Dollars

The East long Pew was put up & struck off to Ira Draper for Nine Dollars & Seventy five cents

NB The rent for the above Pews to be paid on or before the 1st day of January 1815.

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 8th 1814 David Livermore & Francies Bright was sworn as Surveyers of highway & Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk



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April 12th 1814 The Selectmen granted the following License (Viz)

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Watertown at a meeting this day holden for that purpose, have licensed & do hereby license Mr Edward Lowd of said Watertown, to sell at public Vendue or outcry, any goods and chattells, whatsoever, pursuant to a law of the commonwealth, passed June 16th 1795

Given under our hands the 12th day of April 1814

Jonas White	}	Selectmen
Dan ^l Bond		for
Enoch Wiswall		Watertown

Also the Selectmen appointed said Edward Lowd as Measurer of Wood & Bark in the town of Watertown the ensuing year & was sworn to the faithfull discharge of that office & Record'd by

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 13th 1814 Joseph Bird & Charles Stone was sworn into the Office of Fielddrivers for the ensuing year before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Charles Stratton Inholder in Watertown the Selectmen signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of money anixed their names dated April 11th 1814

(Viz)

To M ^{rs} Learnard for wood for Jonas Learnard —	\$6,, 00
To Ruth Tower for boarding & clothing for the poor under her care — — — — —	11,, 90
To William Peniman in part for boarding poor —	75,, 00
To Nath ^l R Whitney in part for Note of hand —	300,, 00
To Josiah Mason & Son for their Bill of Lumber —	115,, 15
To John Cole his a/c for ditto — — — — —	28,, 48
To Silas Jones his a/c for Labour on the great Bridge — — — — —	1,, 00
To Jacob Farrer for supporting Ben ⁿ Whitney 1 year — — — — —	20,, 00

To Sarah Nutting her a/c for boarding Jon^a Nutting
To Caty Hay for boarding Lucy Popenberry &
Ann Green — — — — —

Record'd by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April 18th 1814 At a Meeting of the Selectmen, they appointed John Clark, for a Sealer of Weights & Measures for the town of Watertown for the ensuing year

April 19th 1814 John Clark was sworn to the faithfull discharge of his duty, as a Sealer of Weights & Measures also as Hogleave—

Daniel Bond was sworn into the Offices of Surveyor of Highways & fence Viewer for the ensuing year before & Recorded by

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 25th day April AD 1814. They issued the following Warrant (Viz)
Middlesex Is To Jonathan Child one of the Constables of the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Mafachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards and resident in said town one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the anual income of three pounds or any estate to the Value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 9th day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chooseing two or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

Given under our hands & Seales at said Watertown the 25th day of April AD 1814

Thos Clark }
Jonas White } Selectmen
Joseph Bright } of
Enoch Wiswall } Watertown

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs Watertown May 9th 1814 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sunday prior to said meeting

Jonathan Child Constable

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives, being duly warned and regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 9th day of May 1814 The Selectmen presideing, proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st On Motion Voted to choose two Representatives

2^d the list of Voters was Revised & read & the Votes call'd for & brought in sorted & counted & proclaimed to stand thus

Thomas Clark Esq^r had One hundred & one Votes

Jonas White Esq^r had One hundred & one Votes

Nath^l R Whitney Esq^r had four Votes

Nath^l Bemis Esq^r had one Vote

Tyler Bigelow Esq^r had one Vote

Thomas Clark & Jonas White Esq^r was declared Chosen

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The meeting was then declared open by an adjournment from March meeting last & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Article

6th On Motion Voted to grant Eleven Hundred Dollars for the support of the poor of said town the ensuing year

9 On Motion Voted to accept the report of the committee appointed to examine the town Treasurers accounts which stands as follows (Viz)

That Abijah White (said Treasurer) stands
 charged — — — — — \$10809,, 72
 And is Credited by — — — — — 10530,, 95
 leaving a Ballance being cash in the Treasury \$278,, 77

The above is a Just & true account of Abijah White Treasurer, to the 9th day of May 1814 as examined by the Subscribers a committee to settle the same

On file _____ }
 Thos Clark } Committee
 Jonas White }
 Joseph Bright }

On Motion Voted to accept the following Report (Viz)

We the Subscribers Committee chosen to examine the Engine house to see whether it is nessessary to build a new one have attended said service & are of opinion that it is expedient to build a new one as soon as lumber can be procured to advantage that land may be obtained of Mefs^{rs} Wiswall & Peirce for that purpose on the north side of the Mill Creek near the Paper Mill on the conditions herein enclosed that two new ladders ought to be procured the probable of the expence of a building suitable to contain the Engine & Waggon & ladders will amount to one hundred & Sixty Dollars

Watertown May 9th 1814 }
 Adam Brown } Committee
 Nath^l Weld }

On Motion Voted to Grant One hundred & Sixty Dollars for the purpose of building a New Engine house & two ladders to be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen as soon as lumber can be procured at a reasonable rate

The Corporation of the Ministerial Fund made the following Statement

The Trustees of Watertown Ministerial charge themselves as follows (Viz)

For Isaac Pattens Note.....	\$180,, 00	
For Ezra Farrers Note.....	37,, 50	
“ Wiswall Fuller & C ^o Note.....	8,, 00	
“ Farrer & Wyeth's d ^o	300,, 00	
“ Joseph Rufsell's d ^o	400,, 00	
“ Edward Lowd's d ^o	325,, 00	1250,, 50
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“ Interest on said Notes 1 year..	75,, 3	
“ Rent of Lands 1 year.....	178,, 00	253,, 3
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“ Isaac Pattens Note.....	450,, 00	
“ Joseph Coles Note.....	150,, 00	600,, 0
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		<u>\$2103,, 53</u>

To Ballance which the Trustees charge

The amount of Principal of } said Notes.....		\$1850,, 50
use of certing* acrofs M ^r } Eliots Garden.....	2,, 00	
for Recording Mortgage } deed.....	84	2,, 84
	<hr/>	
Ballance of Income to be paid into } Treasury of the Town as soon } as collected.....		250,, 19
		<hr/>
		<u>\$2103,, 53</u>

By Order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Treasurer

**Editorial Note:—original script has been followed.*

On Motion Voted to accept the above report & place the same on file

14th On Motion, Voted to grant four Hundred Dollars for the purpose of building the Road (laid out and accepted by the town April 5 1813 in front of the cotton Factory) Viz begining on the same at the corner near the house of Joseph Rufsell Jn^r from thence as far as the Ministerial lands extend; & from the aforementioned corner to the great Road near the Brick School house

On Motion, Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to expend the said money on said Road as soon as may be at the best advantage

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15th On Motion, Voted to grant Five Hundred Dollars to pay the Debts not allready provided for

16th Voted to postpone the Sixteenth Article

On Motion Voted to choose one more Surveyor of high ways in the South East Destrict

On Motion Voted & chose Nath^l Stone as Surveyer in said Destrict

On Motion Voted to choose three more Field drivers

Voted & choose as Fielddrivers { Leonard Harris
Moses Coolidge
Sam^l Davis

On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to our next town meeting & was accordingly declared adjourned

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April Meeting was then declared open by an adjournment & proceeded as follows Viz—

On Motion Voted to postpone the third Article to our next meeting

On Motion Voted to postpone the 6th Article to our next meeting

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to our next meeting & was accordingly declared adjour'd

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the following persons were sworn to their respective offices Viz Leonard Harris, Moses Coolidge Sam^l Davis as Field drivers, & Nath^l Stone was sworn as Surveyor of Highways.

By Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1814 May 9th Nath^l R Whitney was sworn to the office of an Afsefsor & concerning Elections & the returns thereof

By Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Resolve of the General Court rendering Valid the Records of the town of Watertown

On the petition of the Inhabitants of Watertown in the County of Middlesex by their Representatives stating that none of the Records of said town have been attested by any of their former Clerks, & doubts have arisen whether such records are legal & praying that their records may be made Valid the aforesaid neglect of their former Clerks notwithstanding

Resolved, for the reasons set forth in said petition that the several records, and the proceedings had in pursuance thereof in the said town of Watertown as aforesaid, be & they are hereby rendered as good & fully ratified confirmed and made Valid as they would have been had their former Clerks heretofore attested said records according to Law
The Above Resolve pafsed

At a meeting of the Selectmen July 19th 1814 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz) ↪

To Samuel Learnard & Martin Wilder the balance of granted for support a singing School for the year 1811 —————	} \$ c	
		29,, 44
To Jon ^a Child his a/c for support of N Baxter One year to July 18 th 1814 —————	} 33,, 80	
To Jon ^a Child his a/c for servicies as Constable in 1813 blank Tax bills & filling Tax bills — — —	} 16,, 50	
To Thadeus Cole his a/c for setting Glafs & for his servicies as Agent to carry on the suit against Jonas White for rent of Fishery — — — — —	} 8,, 00	

To Edmund Wellington for boarding his father Tho ^s Wellington from Oct ^r 6 th 1813 to April 6 th 1814 — — — — —	}	26,, 00
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To Thomas Learnard for cash paid by him for repairing the Bafs Viol — — — — —	}	\$ 10,, 00
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to ditto for 4 doz ⁿ Psalm Books — — —		28,, —
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To Estate of John Bancroft (dec ^d) an a/c for taking care of the Meetinghouse & burying the body of Trufant & Ruth Mattocks — — — — —	}	
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To Nath ^l Woodard for takeing care the meeting house 1 year & to extra work done at the Meet- inghouse —	}	33.58
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To Enos Foot for 2 Casks of Gun Powder for part of Town stock —	}	32,, 0
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To John Remington for his support at his request		10,, —
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To William Peniman in full for ballance due him for boarding M ^{rs} Green Tho ^s Wellington Jun ^r & Boynton & Clothing to supply them One year To 11 th August 1814 — — —	}	110.76
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To Mathew Hawkes in part for building the Road in front the Cotton Factory Leading to the Land	}	150 —
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To Mark Vose for Interest that is due on his acc ^t from Dec ^r 6 th 1813 To July 25 th 1814 — —	}	
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To Nath ^l R Whitney the Ballance of Note of hand dated may 10 th 1813 & Interest on the Above Note — — — — —	}	
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Tho ^s Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White		
Jo ^s Bright		
Enoch Wiswall		

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Charles Stratton on Thursday the 6th day of Sep^r 1814 they apro-
bated the following Persons as Retailors & Innholders for
the town of Watertown the ensuing year

Ezra Farrer—Charles Stratton—Samuel Bellows & Noah
Newhall for Innholders
Joseph Peirce John Clark Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r and
Daniel Jackson Jun^r for Retailors

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the twenty fourth day of
October AD 1814 they issued the following Warrant

Middlesex fs To Jonathan Child one of the Constables for
the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
wealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabit-
ants of the said town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote
for Representatives in the general Court of said Common-
wealth Viz. the male inhabitants of said town being twenty
one years of age & resident in said town for the space of one
year next precedeing haveing a freehold Estate within
said town of the anual income of three pounds or any
estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the
public Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the 7th day
of November next, being the first Monday in said Month,
at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes
for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth,
in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex
district

hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your
doings thereon at the time appointed for said Meeting—
Given under our hands and seals this 24th day of October
AD 1814

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Enoch Wiswall	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

**Editorial Note:—Page [124] does not exist in original script. Pages were
misnumbered by town clerk.*

Middlesex fs Watertown Nov^r 7th 1814—

In obedience to the within warrent I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose therein mentioned—

Jon^a Child Constable

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at the public Meeting house of said town on Monday the 7th day of November AD 1814. Votes for the following persons to Represent the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district were given in as follows (Viz)—

For the Hon Samuel Dana Ninety one votes

For the Hon. Asahel Stearns Eighty two votes

On motion, Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer, for the sole purpose of sealing up the list of said Votes, there to meet at six oclock this evening & was accordingly adjourned

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants at the house of E Farrer according to the above adjournment for the purpose of Sealing up the list of Votes given for a Representative to Congress as given in this day Nov^r 7th 1814. The Selectmen enclosed & seald up said list & directed the same to the Secretary of this Commonwealth in Open Town Meeting—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Oc^t 10th 1814 they signed an order directing the town Treasurer to pay following persons

the following sums of money anixed their several names
(Viz)

To James Parmenter for boarding Leonard Harris & Joseph Cutter, Clothing & supplies for the same 18 Weeks from April 7 th 1814 — — — —	\$ c 33,, 99
To Tristram Knight for boarding Lucy Hager 32 Weeks from the 20 th of Feb ^y 1814 — — — —	48,, 00
To Asa Stone for makeing Clothes for Baxter & Nath ^l Harris — — — —	6,, 13

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To Joseph Rufsell Jun^r in full for building fence
on the new Road on Ministerial Land — — — —

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White		
Joseph Bright		
Dan ^l Bond		
Enoch Wiswall		

Attes^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Dec^r 5th 1814 they signed an
order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following
persons the following sums anixed their several names
(Viz) —

To Isaac Thoms for boarding Nicholas Johnson & Sundries supplied him sick — — — — —	\$ c 42,, 48
To Sam ^l Walker for makeing a Trough for Town pump — — — — —	6,, 35
To John Odin in full for his Acc ^t for Arms & C. dld for Town's use Int ^s on same — — — — —	175.—
To Oliver Jackson in part for supporting the poor persons under his care the present year — — — — —	100.—
To Eb ^e Field for 2 casks gun Powder dld for Town stock — — — — —	30,, 00
To Jon ^a Child's Tax of United States for Water- town — — — — —	2,, 3

To Martin Wilder in full for Hinges & C — — — —	6,,
To Isaac Dana his a/c for attending General court at Boston & for Land taken in front of the Cotton Factory — — — —	17,, 50
To Joseph Peirce in full for a Ballance due Micah Bent for Shoes dl'd the poor — — — — — — — —	10.33
To Dan ^l Bond his acc ^t for cash paid for making Catriges in Sep ^t 1813 — — — — — — — — — —	24,, 10

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To Enoch Wiswall his acc ^t for attending with committee on town lines in July 1813 & for cash supplied the poor at different times — — — —	30,, 00
To Abraham Sanger his acc ^t for cash paid for Caty Sanger's stage hire from Boston & back —	1,, 25
To the town of Boston their acc ^t for the support of Francies White while in Goal* in April 1811 & for sundries supplied M ^{rs} Warren to Nov ^r 2 1814	72,, 51
To Nath ^l Locke his Acc ^t in full for burying the body of a Stranger found dead — — — — — —	5,, 00
To Tristram Knight his acc ^t in full for boarding Lucy Hager — — — —	19.50
To the town of Cambridge their acc ^t in full for boarding Sundry persons in Goal* in 1812 — —	42,, 86
To Levi Thaxter his Acc ^t in full for attending the actions against Ruggles & for fish rights — — —	21,, 50
To Joseph Rufsell his acc ^t for attending General courts committee — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 00
To Jerom Hersey his Acc ^t for setting glafs in the poor & School houses — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 50
To Abijah Ruggles a ballance due him for at- tendance as an evidence in the cause of J White	2,, 48
To Zacheus Pond his a/c for repairing town Plow	4,, 37
To John Clark his a/c for Handkerchief dld Baxter & Nails & Powder cask — —	2,, 17

*Editorial Note—Probably meant "Gaal".

To John Clark his a/c for building fence on the new Road — — }	15,, 8
To Joshua Longly his acc ^t for the support of the widow Sarah White to Dec ^r 8 th 1814 & Lucy White to June 8 th 1814 — — — }	100,, 20
To——Gleason his Acc ^t for the support of Lemuel Whitney while at Sudbury & Shoes & C }	42,, 00
To Amos Bond his acc ^t for the support of John Sanger to Jan ^y 7 th 1815 — — — — — — — — }	26,, 13

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To Samuel Hyde his Acc ^t for boarding Jonathan Nutting from 1 st of April 1814 to Dec ^r 13 th 1814 & for sundry Clothes supply'd — — — — — — — — }	77.94
To Henry Craft his Acc ^t for Stones & Labour at the new Road over the Ministerial Lands — — }	55,, 92
To Jonas White his Acc ^t for sundries supplied Andrew White & Widow Harrington & for 12 Ceder posts for props for great Bridge — — — — }	67,, 64

Tho ^s Clark	} Selectmen for Watertown
Jonas White	
Dan ^l Bond	

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 6th 1815 they issued the following Warrant.

Middlesex fs. To William Horn one of the Constables of the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twentieth day of March Ins^t at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) —

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
- 2^d To choose all town Officers required to be chosen in months of March & April annually

- 3^d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his services.
- 4th To determine whether Swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing season & Act any thing thereon
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & Grant money to pay for the same & Act any thing thereon
- 6th To grant money to support the poor & Act any thing thereon

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- 7th To grant money to repair the highways & act any thing thereon
- 8th To hear the accounts of those persons who the town is indebted to & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon
- 9th To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon
- 10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & Act any thing thereon
- 11th To choose agents to lease the fishery the ensueing year & act any thing thereon
- 12th To know the minds of the town if they will choose a committee to support & defend their right in the comon Landing place near Whitneys Distillery and act any thing thereon.
- 13th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of our Treasury
- 14th To hear the request of Moses Chenery & Act any thing thereon

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified by Law to Vote for Representatives, to meet at the public meeting house of said town on Monday the twentieth day of March Ins^t at two of the Clock P.M to give in their Votes for County Treasurer

Also You are alike required to notify the town creditors to bring in their accounts to the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer on Monday the 13th Ins^t at 6 O clock. P.M

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting—Given under our hands & Seals this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord 1815.

Tho ^s Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White		
Joseph Bright		
Dan ^l Bond		
Enoch Wiswall		

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen March 13th 1815 they signed an order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anixed their several names (Viz)

To Joseph Bird in full for his a/c for Plow sharp- ing & Camp kettle bailing — — — — —	} \$ 4.58
To Child & Craft in full for Catrige Boxes & Belts	10.00
To Caleb Lincoln in full for Putting Shore under Bridge	} 3.50
To John Rufsell in full for repairing pound & triming the pawl — — —	} 4.75
To Sam ^l Brigham in full for attending the Courts Committee at Boston — — —	} 2.0
To the Town of Cambridge in full for boarding Peter Cockran & Sam ^l Walker in Goal — — —	} 16.71
To David Hager in full for boarding Eliza Gard- ner from Oct 12 th 1813. 10 Weeks — — — — —	} 14.66
To William Horn in full for Shoes & Stockings dld Sally Perry* — — —	} 2.25
To Abraham Sanger in full for time & Expencies to Boston — — —	} 3.78
To John Hunting & C ^o in full for Catrige paper	14.66
Tho ^s Clark for Cash p ^d A Green & Expencies to Westminster — —	} 20.00
To Stephen Cook for house rent from 31 st of May 1814 To March 1 st 1815 — — — — —	} 18.75
To Daniel Bond for wood dld J Learnard & sup- plies dld Jessee Stone's	} 28.66
To Abijah White for Cash p ^d Jonas White of Westminster for boarding J Cutter from N ^o 16 th 1814 12 ½ Week & supplies for the same — — —	} 10.67
To Abijah White for Cash p ^d for Wood dld M ^{re} Harrington — — — — —	} 4.81

**Editorial Note:—Original script illegible; possibly Berry.*

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To John Fowle in full for M ^{rs} Barnes's rent — —	\$ 4,, 17
To Mark Vose for boarding Nath ^l Harris from } Dec ^r 6 th 1813 to May 6 th 1814 21 ½ Weeks — — }	27.95
To ditto to sundris, spirits & Wine dld Jn ^o Ran- } dall & others from April 1 ^s 1812 to Ja ^y 6 th 1813 — — }	15.61
To ditto for boarding Tho ^s Wellington Jun ^r while } sick from July 1813 to August 11 th 1813 — — — }	8.86
To ditto for Interest on his acc ^t from May 6 th } 1813 & from July 25 th 1814 to March 6 th 1815 in } addition to Interest allow'd him in his acc ^t from } Dec ^r 6 th 1813 To July 25 th 1815 — — — — — }	46.54
To Ezra Farrer in full for entertainment for the } Selectmen fish committee & committee to lease } the Ministerial Land — — — — — }	27.17
To Nath ^l Bemis Jun ^r for Medicine & attendence } on the poor from March 1814 to March 1815 — }	15.00
To Amos Bond for boarding John Sanger from } Jan ^y 7 th 1815 to March 16 th 1815 9/ Week — — }	14.12

Tho ^s Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Enoch Wiswall	

Atts. Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—————

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At a public meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for town Officers & town affairs regularly assembled at the public meeting house of said town on Monday the 20th day of March AD 1815 for the purpose of transacting the business sett forth in the Warrant for said meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1st Voted & choose Thomas Clark Moderator for said Meeting
- 2^d Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols for Town Clerk & was sworn before Thomas Clark Justice of the peace.

Voted & chose for Selectmen {
 Thomas Clark
 Jonas White
 Joseph Bright
 Daniel Bond
 Gilbert Nichols

Voted & chose Abijah White for Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Afsefsors { Amos Bond
Thomas Clark
Gilbert Nichols

On Motion Voted & adjourn'd this meeting to three O'clock then to meet at this place

Att^s Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeable to the above adjournment the Inhabitants meet and proceeded as follows.—(Viz)↪

Voted & chose Francies Bright Constable, Voted to excuse him by his request then Voted & chose William Horn to serve as constable in his place—sworne

Also Voted & chose Isaac Patten Constable——

Voted to choose the remaining Town Officers by hand Vote

Voted & chose for fence Viewers { Peter Clark
Nath^l Bright
John Hunting sworn
Eben^r Chenery

Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Jonas White } Esq^{rs}
Amos Bond }

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Voted & chose Surveyors of Highway { Nathaniel Bemis (excused)
Israel Whitney
David Livermore (excused)
Thomas Learnard sworn

Voted & chose for Fielddrivers↪ { Phinehas Sanderson
(sworn
Mark Vose
Enos Blake. sworn
Phinehas Harrington
sworn
Samuel Bellows (sworn
John H. Clark. sworn
Silas Jones—sworn
Thomas Richardson

- Voted & chose for Hogreeves { Christopher Grant Jun^r
(sworn
David Stone
James Robbins
Jon^a P Jourden
Isaac Sergent
John Sawyer
Sam^l Carman
Thomas Soden
Charles Stone sworn
Charles Bemis
Enos Blake
- Voted & chose Clerks of the { Charles Patten. sworn
Markett { John Clark
- Voted & chose for Cullers of { Isaac Dana
Hoops & Staves { Joseph Peirce
- Surveyors of Lumber { William Horn
{ Isaac Dana
- Voted & chose for Firewards { Nath^l Bemis
John Fowle
Amos Bond
Nath^l Weld
Luke Bemis
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore
Joseph Peirce
- Voted & chose John Rufsell for pound keeper—sworn

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- Voted & chose for Fish committee { Josiah Coolidge
to see the Fish Law executed { Nathaniel Weld
W^m M Pomroy
Edward Lowd
Gilbert Nichols
- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen procure a Sexton
- 4 Voted that Swine & neat Cattle shall not go at large
- 5 Voted to grant Nine hundred Dollars for the support of the Schools to be divided equally as last year
- 6th Article Voted to postpone to our next meeting

7th Voted to postpone granting money to repair the highways to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to choose a committee to devise a sitem to repair the highways & asertain what sum will be necessary for the same & report at our april Meeting next—

Voted & chose for said Committee	{	Jonas White Amos Bond Joshua Coolidge Nath ^l R Whitney John Fowle
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Voted & directed the last years Surveyors of Highway to work out their lists of Taxes by the first of May next—

8th Voted to allow the following Acc^{ts} & granted money to pay the same (Viz)

To Abijah White for his servicies as Treasurer — \$ 50,, 00

To Gilbert Nichols his acc^t in full for servicies — 48,, 00

To Tho^s Clark for his servicies as Afsefsor & Cash p^d ————— 22,, 00

To Nath^l R Whitney in full for his servicies as Afsefsor ————— 21,, 00

To Sam^l Learnard for repairing seats in meeting house ————— 8,, 25

9th Article Voted to postpone to the adjournment of this meeting

10th Article Voted to postpone to the next meeting——

11th Voted & chose as agents to lease the Fishery

{	Moses Coolidge Amos Bond
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12th Voted & chose the following Committee to support & defend the towns common landing place near Whitney's distillery on Charles River (Viz)

{	Amos Bond——Tyler Bigelow——Joseph Peirce Nathaniel Bemis——Nath ^l R Whitney
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See Page 184 See Deposition in perpetuance, on this subject in Middlesex Registry—

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14th Voted that Moses Chenery shall be entitled to his premium for Collecting Taxes committed to him in 1813 provided he does complete the Collection of the List committed to him for 1814 at the time limited in his warrant——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next then to meet at this place at 4 Oclock PM.

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer Monday evening March 20th 1815 They agreed to lease the Pews belonging to the town in the meeting house to the highest bider on the following conditions Viz To lease said Pews for One Year from the 12th of April 1815 reserveing the right to sell said Pews & if sold who ever shou'd hire must relinquish the same by paying in propotion to the time they impr (*illegible*) them the rent to be paid 1^s day of January 1816——

And the Godard Pew (so called) was putt up at Auction & struck off to John Hunting for — — — — — \$ 9.00

The East Pew was ditto to Silas Jones for — — 6,, 50

the West ditto to Josiah Child for — — — — — 5,, 00

Then the Hayscales belonging to the town was }
 putt up for One year from the first of April 1815 } 29,, 50
 & was struck of to Sam^l Brigham for 3rd Year }

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the town }
 was then putt up & struck off to W^m Horn for } 1,, 00
 One year from the first day of April 1815——for }

Then the following persons were sworn into their several Offices for which they were chosen this day Viz John Hunting as fenceviewer——Enos Blake Phinehas Harrington John H Clark & Silas Jones as field Drivers——Christopher Grant Jun^r as Hogreeve——Charles Patten as Clerk of the Markett——Thomas Clark, Jonas White Joseph Bright & Daniel Bond was sworn as Selectmen for the faithful performance of that Office. Isaac Patten & William Horn as Constables

before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

also Gilbert Nichols was sworn a Selectman before Thos Clark Justice Peace

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Also the Selectmen issued the following Warrant—

Middlesex fs. To William Horn one of the Constables for
the town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Mafachusetts forthwith to notify and warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town of twenty one years of age & upwards haveing a freehold Estate within said Commonwealth of the annual Income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 3^d day of April next at One of the Clock P.M. to give in their Votes for Govenor Lieutenant Govenor & Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

Also, You are alike requird to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 3^d day of April next at 4 of the Clock P M to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
- 2^d To know the minds of the town if they will sell the pews belonging to the town & act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this 20th day of March AD 1815

Tho ^s Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Gilbert Nichols	

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 3^d 1815

Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed & for the purposes within mentioned by posting an attested copy of this warrant two sunday prior to said Meeting

W^m Horn, Constable

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At a public meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor & Senators & Counsellors being duly warned and assembled at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 3^d day of April AD 1815 The Selectmen presiding the list of votes was revised & read & the votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor & Senators were call'd for, brought in & sorted & counted and it appeared the following persons had the number of Votes annexed their several names, (Viz)↵

For Gov^r

Samuel Dexter had One hundred & thirty three votes
Caleb Strong had One hundred votes—

for Lieu^t Governor

William Gray had One hundred & thirty three votes
William Phillips had One hundred votes—

For Senators

Samuel Hoar had One hundred & thirty one votes
Timothy Fuller had One hundred & thirty one votes
John Hart had One hundred & thirty one votes
John Brooks had One hundred & One votes
Calvin Sanger had One hundred & one votes
Samuel P P Fay had One hundred & one votes

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer for the purpose of sealing up the list of Votes, there to meet at 6 O Clock this evening

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then March Meeting was declared open by the adjournment the 20th day of March, 1815 & Votes called for County Treasurer & stood thus (Viz)

County Treasurer

John Keyes had Ninety seven votes—
Abiel Haywood had Sixty seven votes—

Then March Meeting was declared open by an adjournment from the 20th day of March 1815—

Voted to postpone the farming out of Taxes untill this evening then to meet at the house of Ezra Farrer for that purpose

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6th Article (to grant money for the support of the poor) was voted to postpone to our next meeting in May

Voted to excuse Nath^l Bemis from serveing as a Surveyor of Highway——

Voted to excuse David Livermore from Serveing as a Surveyor of Highway

Voted & chose as Surveyors of High ways——	{	Zacheus Pond (sworn Luke Bemis (sworn Nath ^l Weld Elisha Livermore Nath ^l R Whitney (sworn)
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Voted to choos a Committee to assist the Selectmen & Afsefsors in divideing the highway dstricts

Voted & Chose for said committee	{	Jonathan Stone Nath ^l R Whitney Adam Brown
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Voted to allow William Horn his acc^t for warning }
Town Meetings — — } 2,, 00

The Committee chosen the 20th of March last to devise a method to repair the highways made the following reports (Viz)——

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to devise a sitem for repairing the highways within the town of Watertown & to ascertain the amount of Tax requisite therefor, and to report at the adjournment of the meeting, haveing attended to that subject, & ask Leave to report as follows (Viz)

- 1st That there be laid & afsefsed on every rateable Pole twenty five Cents & such further sums on Estates & property as shall be agreeable to law.
- 2^d That it be the duty of the Afsefsors to proceed to Afsefs & make out said Tax without delay in a legal way & give said Tax to the several Surveyors of the town
- 3^d That the Surveyors cause said Tax to be work'd out on the highways before the tenth day of June next by giveing legal notice & a reasonable time to work out said Tax & not to be work'd after that time——

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And that the Surveyors be directed to return their books the Tenth of June to the Afsorsors & they to put all the delinquents taxes into their town Tax of this present year, to be collected & paid over to the town Treasurer in the same way & manner as all other Taxes are Collected & paid Over, & the same shall be appropriated & set apart as a fund to repair the highway in such a manner as the town may direct hereafter 4th Your Committee are of opinion that it will be for the Interest of the town to divide the three districts, say the Southwest Southeast & Northeast districts to be done by a committee, to be chosen for that purpose, And that committee to give their Afsistance to the former Surveyors in case any persons shou'd come forward & pay the money for their old Taxes which are due to the former Surveyors & that committee to take it & be requested to spend the same on the Road from the Meeting house to Bellow's Tavern in such a way as they may suppose most for the interest of the town

5th Your Committee are of Opinion that Each man be allow'd One Dollar $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ day for his work & the same for a good Team.

As you may see on file)	Jonas White Amos Bond Joshua Coolidge Nath' R Whitney John Fowle	}	Committee
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Voted to accept the report of the above committee

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Funds agreeable to the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, make the following report & statement of their doings the last year & of the existing State of their funds

for

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For the information of the town—The net amount Income to the 1st of April 1814 amounted to the sum \$250,,19 $\frac{1}{2}$ —\$230,,69 of said sum has been paid over to the town Treasurer the ballance \$19,,50 being the Interest on Edward Lowd's Note is not yet received from him by the Trustees But one sale of Land has been made during the last Year, (Viz) to Cyrus Russell for \$150,,00 which sum is on Inst from 1st of April Instant their funds in Money at Interest amounts at this time to the sum of \$2000,,50 & is due from the following persons

Viz—from Isaac Patten	— — — —	\$630,, 00
“ Jon ^a Wyeth	— — — —	300,, —
“ Edw ^d Lowd	— — — —	325,, —
“ Ezra Farrer	— — — —	37,, 50
“ Wiswall Fuller & C ^o	— — — —	8,, 00
“ Cyrus & Joseph Rufsell	— — — —	550,, —
“ Joseph Cole	— — — —	150,, —
		<u> </u>
		\$2000,, 50

The Interest or Income arising on } said sums to the 1 st of April 1815 — }	111,, 03
Rent of Real Estate the last year —	<u>182,, 50</u>

amount of Income — — — —	\$ 293,, 53
deduct for Recording Deeds — — — —	<u>1,, 50</u>

\$ 292,, 03

To which add Interest on Lowds Note	<u>19,, 50</u>
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Income now due to be paid to the Treasurer —	<u>\$311,, 53</u>
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⌘ Order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Clerk

Voted to except the above report & place the same on file
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Ezra Farrer
there to meet at six of the Clock this evening

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of
Watertown qualified to Vote in town affairs being duly
warned & regularly assembled at the public meeting house
April 3^d 1815 proceeded as follows

Viz Voted & chose Tho^s Clark for Moderator

Voted to postpone selling the pews to next may meeting.—

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The April Town Meeting was then declared open at the
house of Ezra Farrer agreeable to the adjournment this day
for the purpose of sealing up the returns for the Governor's
Senator's & C' which was accordingly done

Then March Meeting was declared open by an adjournment this afternoon April 3^d 1815 & proceeded to farm out the collection of Taxes (Viz)

Voted to let out the Collection of Taxes the ensuing year to the lowest bidder, upon the same conditions as last year—

And the East List of Taxes was put up & struck off to Charles Whitney for four Cents on the Dollar—And the West List of Taxes was put up & struck off to Charles Whitney for six Cents on a Dollar—

Voted & chose Charles Whitney Collector—

On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next may meeting then to meet at 4 O Clock P.M. at the Meeting house

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Ezra Farrer on the 3^d day of April 1815 they appointed the following persons as Engine Men the ensuing year (Viz)↪

Elisha W Dana	Joseph Cole
Francies Whitney	William Bright
Clinton Thayer	Edward Richards
Gilbert Nichols	Silas Jones
Leonard Harris	Jerom Hersey
Josiah White	Elijah Ray
John Stimpson Jun ^r	Thomas Soden
Nath ^l R Whitney Jun ^r	David Weeks
Aaron Clapp	George Coolidge
James Robbins	
Nath ^l Weld Jun ^r	

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 10th 1815 the following persons was sworn to their respective Offices (Viz) Samuel Bellows & Phinehas Sander-son as Field drivers, Thomas Clark Amos Bond—Asefsors before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk Gilbert Nichols was sworn as an Asefsor before Thomas Clark, Justice of the peace—Nathaniel R Whitney was sworn as Surveyor of Highways

by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Thomas Learnerd Zacheus Pond & Luke Bemis was sworn for the Office of Surveyors of Highway—Charles Stone was sworn for the Office of Hogreeve

by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Abijah White was sworn as Treasurer for the town the ensuing year

by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on the 24th day of April 1815 they issued the following Warrant—

Middlesex fs. To William Horn one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of One year next precedeing, haveing a freehold Estate in said town of the anual Income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 8th day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chooseing two or more Representatives, to Represent at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house on Monday the 8th day of May next at 3 O, Clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choos a Moderator—2^d To know if the town will make any alteration in their School districts & act any thing thereon

3^d To know if the town will make any grant for the Soldiers that was drafted from this town that perform'd their tower of duty & Act any thing thereon. 4th To know if the town will open the Road in the front of the Cotton Factory, through to the watering place by Rufsell Corner & Act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon on or before the time appointed for said Meeting—

Given under our hands & Seals at
Watertown this 24th day of April in the }
Year of our Lord 1815—

Thomas Clark }
Jonas White } Selectmen
Dan^l Bond } of
Gilbert Nichols } Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives being duly warned (as appear'd by the return on the warrant for said meeting) & regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said town, on Monday the 8th day of May AD 1815—
The Selectmen presideing, proceeded as follows (Viz)

On motion, it was voted to receive votes for two Representatives

The Votes was then call'd for brought in counted & sorted and

And it appeared there was One hundred & Sixty Votes of which

Thomas Clark Esq^r had Eighty votes }
Jonas White Esq^r had Eighty votes }

The Above named persons was declared as chosen their Representatives to the General Court the ensueing year—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 8th 1815—

At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs bein duly warned (as appear'd by the return on the Warrant for said meeting) And regularly assembled at the meeting house for the purpose of transacting the businets sett forth in the warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows Viz.

1st Voted and chose Thomas Clark Moderator

It was Voted to choos a committee of two persons in each Destrict to ascertain the number of Scholars in their respective destricts from four to sixteen years of age & the names of the persons they live with

Voted & chose in the East destrict { Elisha Livermore
for said Committee { Peter Clark

Middle Destrict { Gilbert Nichols
{ Nath^l R Whitney

West Destrict— { Adam Brown
{ Abijah White

It was Voted that the above committees report at our next meeting

Article 2^d

It was Voted to grant money to, & make up the pay of the Soldiers (that was drafted the last fall that perform'd their tower of duty, including they pay they have receivd or shall receive from Government, to sixteen Dollars ~~per~~ Month for the time they served.—Voted & chose the Selectmen as a committee to asertain what persons ought to receive said money & order the same to be paid out of the Treasury

Article 4

Voted to choose a committee to agree with Jonas White to straighten the line between the Ministerial Land & Land of said White

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Voted chose for said committee { Nathaniel R Whitney
{ John Fowle
{ Peter Clark

Voted to open the remainder of the road from the Ministerial land to the Watering place near John Rufsells—Voted—that the Selectmen cause a fence to be built on said road to be opened through the Land of Jonas White & Edmund Fowle Voted that the Selectmen with Edmund Fowle shall agree on persons to ascertain the damage done said Fowle by the road being opened through said Fowle's Land. Voted to grant three hundred Dollars to pay the expence of said fence & build said Road

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 8th 1815

Then the town meeting was opened by an adjournment from the 20th day of March 1815 & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted to grant thirteen hundred Dollars for the support of the poor the ensuing year

Voted to except the report of the committee appointed to examine the Treasurers accounts which stands as follows (Viz) that Abijah White said Treasurer stands charged the sum of ----- \$7517,, 49

& is credited by ----- 7672,, 50

leaving a ballance being cash due the Treasurer
for ----- 55,, 1

May 6th 1815 The above is a just & true statement of Abijah Whites Treasurer of Watertown Acc^{ts} to this present date as examined by the Subscribers the Selectmen

Tho ^s Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Dan ^l Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to settle with the Administrator of the Estate of Sam^l Cook & discharge said Estate

Voted that the two five Dollar Berkshire Bank Bills shall be considered as of no value & shall not be accounted for in future

Voted accept of the report of the committee chosen to defend & support the common landing place on Charle's River near Whitney's Destillery. Voted, that said committee take the depositions of certain persons to be kept in perpetual remembrance concerning said landing place, to be recorded (Report on file)

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Voted that the proposition of Amos Bond concerning the Highway be put on file for further consideration

Voted to Excuse Elisha Livermore from serveing as a Surveyor

Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Surveyor & was sworn before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Voted to so far to reconsider the vote pas'd by the town on the 20th of March for the surveyors to return their lists to the Afsefsons on the 10th of June, as to direct them to return said Lists on the 20th day of June next——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the town meeting was declared open by an adjournment from the third day of April 1815 concerning the sale of the Pews belonging to the town & proceeded as follows (Viz) Voted to sell the Pews belonging to the town after giving public Notice

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to sell said Pews in the way & manner they think propper

On Motion Voted to dissolve this & all other meeting since the first of March last past & was accordingly declared dissolv'd

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 6th 1815 The Selectmen granted the following Licence Viz——

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Watertown at a meeting this day holden for the purpose, have licenced and do hereby Licence M^r Nathaniel Fowle of said town to sell at public vendue or outcry, any goods or chattels, whatsoever, pursuant to a Law of the Commonwealth, pafs'd June 16th 1795

Given under our hands this 6th day of June 1815

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Joseph Bright	
Dan ^l Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Israel Whitney was Sworn as Surveyor of Highways June 8th before me——Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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The following is a report of the committee chosen to ascertain damage done Edmund Fowle by a road going through his land (Viz).——Watertown June 6th 1815

The Subscribers being a Committee mutually appointed by the Selectmen of Watertown on the One part & by Edmund Fowle on the other part to determine the sum said town ought to pay said Fowle for damage accruing to him by said town's opening a Road through his land to lead towards the Factory of Wiswall Fuller & C^o haveing heard the parties & duly attended to their observations, do award that in consideration of said land so taken & for the damage thereby accruing to him That said town shall make for said Fowle a good four rale fence on each side of said Road which is to be opened forty feet wide, & also that they pay him the sum of Three hundred Dollars on or before the first day of September next with Interest after that time

Expence of said Committee		Sam ^l Swan	} Committee
Viz Sam ^l Swan	\$3.00	Henry Craft	
“ Henry Craft	3.—	John Clark	
“ John Clark	3 —		
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	\$9,, 00		

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

To whom it may concern. This may certify that we the subscribers were, at the request of Nath^l Bemis present & saw him dig up the bottom of an antient post between his land which he purchased of Tho^s Mellen & the public Highway in said Watertown & saw him place a stone in the same place about two feet in Lenght principally under ground to perpetuate the bounds of said Road said Stone is about ten feet from said Bemis's fence, June 14th 1815—

Jonas White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Dan ^l Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen June 14th 1815 They signed an Order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following Sums of Money anixed their several names, (Viz) —

To ——— Farrer for the support of Ben ⁿ Whitney	} 20,, —
for One Year — — — —	
To Nathan Wood in full for the support of Joseph	} 60.—
Cutter untill he becomes twenty one years of Age	

To Oliver Jackson in part for support of poor persons in his Care — — }	150.—
To Benjamin Hoten for 1 year's house rent for Jonas Learnard, from March 1 st 1814 — — — — — }	25 —
To Benjamin Stevens in part for his services when drafted into the Military service of this Commonwealth in the fall of 1814 — — — — — }	10.—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Dan ^l Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^t 11—1815 They signed an Order directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following Sums of Money anixed their several names (Viz) —

To Joseph Jones for Buckett for poor house — —	\$ 1,, 50
To Gilbert Nichols for Cash which he paid for the support of Spencer Goding one year, to Nath ^l Goding — — — — — }	45,, —
To M & E Hunt for Sundry Clothing dld poor —	3.35
To Gilbert Nichols his Acc ^t for Sundrys rec ^d of Wiswall Fuler & C ^o for the use of the poor & for proping the Bridge — — }	19,, 55
To Catherine Hay for the support of the poor at the from — — — — — to — — — — — }	

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To Charles Lowering his Acc ^t for boarding Lucy Hager from January 2 ^d 1815 to — — — — — }	
To Samuel Brigham for repairing Hay scales 1 year to April 1 st 1815 — — — }	8,, —
To Jonas White his Acc ^t for sundrys dld the poor to Sep ^t 2 ^d 1815 — — — — — }	75.76
To Jonathan Wyeth his Acc ^t for Coffin for Mr ^t Berry & Labour at great Bridge — — }	6,, 00

To Jacob Adams his Acc ^t for Knitting Seanes —	24,, —
To Jacob Adams his Acc ^t for Stringing Seanes —	6,, —
To Gilbert Nichols his Acc ^t for Book for Fish } Committee & recording &C — }	4,, 00
To Amos Bond his Acc ^t for Twine &C for Seane	58,, 65
To Dan ^l Bond his Acc ^t for Ropes for Seane — —	31,, 83
To Dan ^l Bond his Acc ^t for Wood dld Jonas } Learnard & for horse & Waggon & man to Boston } with the Artillery — — — — — }	14,, 68
To Oliver Jackson for Ballance due him for the } support of the poor in his care to Aug ^t 19 1815 — }	
To Benjamin Hoten for six Months House rent } to Sep ^t 1 st 1815 — — — — — }	12,, 50
To John Hunting in part for fenceing the road } through Ministerial Land &C — — — — — }	46,, 00

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Gilbert Nichols	
Dan ^l Bond	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen Sep^t 14th 1815 they appointed Francies Leathe & Samuel Davis instead of George Craft & Clinton Thayer, discharged, as Engine Men

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen on 4th day of October AD 1815—They issued the following Warrant—

Middlesex fs; To M^r Isaac Patten one of Constables for the town of Watertown— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts; to summon & notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet & assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Sixteenth day of October Ins^t at three of the Clock in the afternoon To Act on the following Articles (Viz) —

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
- 2^d To know the minds of the town, whether they will repair the barn improv'd by the Rev^d Richard R Eliot and act any thing thereon
- 3^d To know the minds of the town, whether they will choose a Collector to complete the collection of the Taxes committed to Jonathan Child to collect in the year 1813 and act any thing thereon
- 4th To hear the report of the Referees, agreed upon by the Selectmen & Edmund Fowle concerning the damage done said Fowle by a Road being laid out through said Fowle's land, & act any thing thereon
- 5th To know the minds of the town, whether they will choose Agents to defend an action of review, brought against the town by Jonas White Esq^r concerning the Rent of the fishery for the Year 1811 & Act any thing thereon
- 6th To know if the town will direct their Selectmen to petition to the Legislature of the Commonwealth to alter the Law in point of time in leasing the Fishery & finally to be disconnected from the towns of Weston and Waltham in said Fishery and Act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, on or before the time appointed to the Selectmen—

(carried up)

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Given under our hands & Seals this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & fifteen

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White		
Joseph Bright		
Gilbert Nichols		

Middlesex fs; Watertown October 16th 1815
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & Warned the male Inhabitants qualified as therein expres'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein expres'd by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to the date hereof—

Isaac Patten Constable—

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 16th day of October AD 1815 proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1st Voted & chose Tyler Bigelow Esq^r Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d Voted, to Repair the Barn ocupied by the Rev^d Richard R Eliot.
Voted to grant fifty Dollars to be laid out for that purpose, to be assfessed in the next town Afsefsment
Voted to choose a Committee to repair the said Barn
- Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l R Whitney
Isaac Patten
Caleb Lincoln
- 3^d Voted that the Afsefsors apppoint a Collector to complete the collection of the Taxes committed to Jonathan Child for the year 1813—
- 4th Voted to accept the report of the Referees respecting the damage to be done to Edmund Fowle by the Road to be made through said Fowle's land leading from the Watering place to the Cotton Factory— (Continued)

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Voted to appropriate the money that was granted at a public town meeting held on the 8th day of May last for the purpose of building a fence & road through the land of Jonas White Esq^r & Edmund Fowle & pay the same to Edmund Fowle for the damage awarded said Fowle by the referees by means of said Road's going through said Fowle's land (amounting to \$300,,—)—

- 5 Voted to choose three Agents to defend, refer, or adjust the action (as they shall see fit) of review brought against the town by Jonas White Esq^r for the rent of the fishery for the year 1811

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l R Whitney
Edmund Fowle
Adam Brown (excused
by his request
Isaac Patten

Voted to grant \$300. to cary on said suit to be afsefsd at the next town Afsefsment

6th Voted that the Selectmen petition to the legislature for an alteration in the now existing fish law, & for a disconnection in the fishery, with the towns of Weston & Waltham and that the Selectmen for the time being, be empowered to appoint two agents to lease the fishery other than the Selectmen, in the Month of February annually to lease the fishery at public auction after haveing given public notice of such sale one Week previous thereto——

Voted, that the Representatives of the town use their endeavours to have a Law pas'd at the next seshion of the General Court as nearly corresponding with the foregoing vote with such limitations and restrictions as may be thought proper to carry the views of the town into effect——

Voted, that the Selectmen give notice of the intention of the town on the above subject; to the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham & ask their concurrence & aid in the same

Voted that the Selectmen may hire the right of takeing the fish call'd Shad & Alewives in the adjoining towns for one or more years. Voted, to dissolve this meeting which was accordingly declared dissolv'd

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 27th day of November AD 1815. They Isued the following Warrant——

Middlesex, fs, To William Horn one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown—— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eleventh day of December at two of the Clock P M To Act on the following Articles (Viz)——

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
- 2^d To know the minds of the town, whether they will adopt measures to prevent the Road leading from the house of Luke Bemis to Newton being established as a public highway & act any thing thereon——
- 3^d To know the minds of the town whether they will sell to Mr Joshua Coolidge a pice of Land adjoining Sheremans pond (so call'd & act any thing thereon

4th To know if the town will direct their Treasurer to allow Moses Chenery his premium for Collecting Taxes for the year 1814—

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon on or before the time appointed for said Meeting to the Selectmen

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this 27th day of November AD 1815—

Tho ^s Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Dan ^l Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	

Middlesex fs. Watertown December 11th 1815

Pursuant to the above Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants as therein exprefs'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein mentioned by posting attested copies of the above Warrant two sundays at the public meeting house prior to the date hereof—

W^m Horn Constable

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eleventh day of December AD 1815. They proceeded as follows (Viz) —

- 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark for Moderator for said Meeting
- 2^d Voted To choose a Committe for the purpose of meeting the committee appointed by the Court of Sefsions for the purpose of viewing the road leading from the house of Luke Bemis to Newton over Bemis's Bridge (so call'd & to oppose said Court Committe's reporting in favour of said way being made a public highway —

Voted that the said committe consist of three persons

Voted & chose for said committee	} Edmund Fowle (excused)	
		} Thomas Clark

Voted to excuse Edmund Fowle & Nath^l Weld from serving on said committee at their own request—
Voted to add Two more to said committee

Voted & chose..... { Jonas White
Joseph Bright
Dan^l Bond
Gilbert Nichols

Voted that the above committee be ortherised to act as they shall see fit in the above case—

3^d Voted to choose a committee of thre persons to view a certain peice of land situated by or in Sherman's Pond (so call'd) and sell & convey the same by Deed in behalf of said town & the Inhabitants thereof; if said committee shall be of opinion that it will be for the Interest of the town

Voted & chose for said committee { Moses Coolidge
Tho^s Clark
Nath^l R Whitney

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay Moses Chenery his premium that is due him for collecting Taxes—

Voted to dissolve said Meeting which was accordingly declar

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Charles Stratton January 1st AD 1816—They appointed the following persons for Engine Men the ensuing year Viz—

Elisha W Dana	Jerom Hersey
Gilbert Nichols	Elijah Ray
Leonard Harris	Thomas Soden
Josiah White	Caleb Dana
John Stimpson Jun ^r	George Coolidge
Nath ^l R Whitney Jun ^r	Sam ^l Davis
Aaron Clap	Frances Leathe
James Robbins	Abraham Lincoln
Nath ^l Weld Jun ^r	Nath ^l Fowle
Joseph Cole	Caleb Lincoln
William Bright	Tho ^s Googins. (appointed Nov ^r 4 th 1816

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also at the above meeting the Selectmen appointed Edward Lowd for a Surveyor of Wood & Bark for the ensuing year, & was sworn to that office by

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also the Selectmen signed an Order dated Jan^y 1st AD 1816 directing the town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anex'd their several names (Viz)

To Caty Hay for support of poor in her Care from } September 4 th 1815 to Jan ^y 1 st 1816 }	\$	¢	
			37,, 00
To John Hunting for Ballance due him for make- } ing fence on Ministerial land — — }			14,, 28
To Isaac Corey for boarding two of Elisha Whit- } ney 26 Weeks to Nov ^r 13, 1815 — }			26,, 00
To Thadeus Cole his acc ^t for Clothe for the poor			14,, 43
To Jerom Hersey for setting Glafs in the Meeting } house and School house — — — — }			20,, 60
To William Penniman his acc ^t for Clothing sup- } plied Tho ^s Wellington Jun ^r from Aug ^t 11 th 1814 }			22.15
To August 11 th 1815 — — — — — }			

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To Josiah Learnard his acc ^t in full for boarding } Benjamin Learnard & Clothing supply'd him } from — — — — — }			52,, —
To Stephen Longly in full for boarding and } nursing Clothing & doctoring M ^{rs} White and } Lucy White 1 year to December } 8 th 1815 — — — — — }			107,, 28
To Gilbert Nichols his acc ^t for Cash paid S } Walker & William Vose — — — }			3.00
To Phinehas Sanderson for Shoes dld poor — —			7,, 50
Stephen his acc ^t for stringing Seines April 1815 —			3,, —
To David Hager his acc ^t in full for boarding Lucy } Hager & Clothing supplied her to Jan 1 st 1816 — }			60,, 23

To Jonas White his acc ^t for Sundrys dld M ^r Andrew White (deceased) & funeral Expences & Mourning d ^o ——————	}	
To Edmund Fowle Nath ^l R Whitney & Isaac Patten agents to carry on the law suit against Jonas White to defray the Expecies of said suits	}	190,, —
To Isaac Patten to defray the Expençe of repair- ing M ^r Eliots Barn ——————	}	50 —
To Samuel Hyde his acc ^t for boarding Jon ^a Nutting & for Clothing suppli'd him One year to Dec ^r 30 1815 ——————	}	
To Samuel Latch his Acc ^t for boarding Robert Sanderson from Feb ^y 27 th 1815 to Jan ^y 1 st 1816	}	66 —
To Sarah Adams for her support & Wood — —		20,, —
To William Sherman, United States Taxes sett to the town of Watertown ——————	}	4,, 9
To Benjamin Hoten for 6 Months Rent of house for Jonas Learnard from Sep ^t 1, 1815 to March 1 st 1816 ——————	}	12,, 50
To Mark Vose his Acc ^t in full for Supplying poor from May 6 th 1814 & all demands to date — —	}	
To Gilbert Nichols his Acc ^t for Cash p ^d for Lumber ——————	}	11,, 70
To Dan ^l Bond his Acc ^t for Sundrys — — — —		12,, 25

Signed ——————

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White		
Dan ^l Bond		
Gilbert Nichols		

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk ↵

January 30th 1816 the Selectmen granted the following Licence Viz we the Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown at a Meeting this day held for that purpose, have Licenced and do by those presence Licence Edward Lowd of said town to sell at public Vendue or out cry any goods &

Chattles whatever pursuant to a Law of this common-wealth pas'd June 16th 1795

signed Jonas White } Selectmen
 Dan^l Bond } of
 Gilbert Nichols } Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown at a Meeting held for that purpose February 19th 1816 have appointed and by these presents do appoint Levi Thaxter Esq^r & Nath^l Weld Agents to Lease the Fishery in Watertown agreeable to an Act pas'd Feb^y 3^d 1816—

Signed— Thomas Clark } Selectmen
 Jonas White } of
 Dan^l Bond } Watertown
 Gilbert Nichols }

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen February 26th 1816—They signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the following persons the following Sums of Money anexed their several names (Viz)—

To Calvin Honey for Military service in defence of the state agreeable to a Vote of the town pas'd May 8 th 1815 — — — — —	24,, 00
To Jerimiah Osburn . . . ditto	24,, 00
to John Hardy ditto	20,, 00
to Jonathan Peirce . . . ditto	20,, 00
to Phinehas Learnard . ditto	20,, 00
to Dan ^l A Tainter . . . ditto	20,, 00
to Isaac Swan ditto	24,, 00
to William Swift ditto	20,, 00
to Asa Stone ditto	20,, 00

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To Wilson Bridges.....ditto.....	\$20,, 00
to Benjamin Stevens (Ballance due).....	\$20,, 00
To Francies Whitney.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Amasa Jackson.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Charles Loring.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Leonard Whitney.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To John Sawyer.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Nath ^l White.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Jacob Easty*.....ditto.....	20,, 00
To Elijah Bellows.....ditto.....	10,, 33

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Dan ^l Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4th 1816 They issued the following Warrant Viz

Middlesex fs To William Horn one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to summon & Notify the free holders & other Inhabitants qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eighteenth day of March Instant, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon To Act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April Annually
- 3^d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Servicies—
- 4th To determine whether Swine and Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & Act any thing thereon
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & grant Money for the same & Act any thing thereon

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- 6th To Grant money to support the poor & Act any thing—
 7th To grant money to make & repair the Highways and Act any thing thereon
 8th To hear the Accounts of those persons who the Town are indebted to a grant money to pay the same & Act any thing thereon
 9th To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon
 10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor and Act any thing thereon
 11th To know the mind of the Town whether they will sell part of the common land adjoining the watering place (so call'd & Act any thing thereon
 12th To know what repairs the Town will make on their Meeting house And Act any thing thereon
 13th To know if the town will take into consideration the situation of the Engine house & Wagon and Act any thing thereon
 14th To know if the Town will grant Money for Contingent expencies And Act any thing thereon
 15th To know if the town will find Seines in future for their fishery & Act any thing thereon—
 16th To hear the Statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury

Also you are alike required to notify & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the aforesaid town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the Eighteenth day March Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for County Register and Treasurer

Hereof fail not & make return of these Warrants and your doings thereon

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To the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meeting—

Given under our hands and Seals at Watertown this fourth day of March AD 1816—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Jonas White	
Dan ^l Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs Watertown March 18th 1816

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet & Assemble as within directed & for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting Copies of the within Warrant at the public meeting house two Sunday prior to the date hereof—

signed—W^m Horn Constable

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 11th 1816 they signed an Order directing the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following sums of Money anixed their several names (Viz)

To Isaac Dana for attendance as a Witness respecting Cambridge Bridge —————	2,, 00
To Thomas Richardson for Clothing—David Barnard —————	25,, —
To Joseph Cole for repairing Town's plow — —	2,, 75
To Nath ^l Woodard his acc ^t as Sexton &C — —	46,, 89
To M ^{rs} Hay her acc ^t for boarding the poor since May 22 ^d 1816 —————	55,, 66
To Z Bradford for entertainment of fish committee —————	1,, 37
To Coolidge and Stone for boarding Solomon Hunter from Jan ^y 1 ^s 1815 To June 5 th —22 Weeks @ 9/ —————	33,, —
To Hannah Davis for boarding M ^{rs} White from Dec ^r 3 rd 1816 to March 11 th —1816 14 Weeks @ 6/ —————	14.00

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To Nath ^l R Whitney for Cash paid by him for expence in takeing depositions of persons — —	8,, 50
To Stephen Cook for 1 years house Rent for M ^{rs} Bray to March 1 st 1816 & repairing Waste bridge —————	33,, —
To Amos Livermore Ju ^r his acc ^t for setting glafs in East School house &C — — —	7,, 30

To Dan ^l Bond for wood supplied Jonas Learnard } & for Blankett dld Poor — — — }	10,, 75
To Nath ^l Bemis for Medicine & attence on the } poor to this date — — — }	7,, —
To Charles Stratton his acc ^t in full for expences } for Selectmen committees in Town employ since } April 26 th 1815 — — — }	25 —
To Charles Whitney for Edmund Fowle's order } for compensation for damage done him by the } Road laid out through his land agreeable to the } report of the referees dated Jun 6 th — — — — }	300.—
Interest on the same from Sep ^t 1 st to March 1 st	9.00

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Dan ^l Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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March
1816

At a public town meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, assembled at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the 18th day of March AD 1816— for the purpose of transacting the businefs set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator

Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols town Clerk, who was sworn to that Office by Tho^s Clark Esq^r Moderator

Voted & chose Abijah White for Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen { Thomas Clark (sworn
Daniel Bond (sworn
Gilbert Nichols (sworn
Moses Chenery (sworn
William White (sworn

Voted & chose for Afsefsors { Thomas Clark (sworn
Gilbert Nichols (sworn
Charles Whitney (sworn

Voted to choos the remainder of the Town Officers by hand
Votes—

Voted to adjourn this meeting for two hours then to meet
at this place

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 18th 1816—

Agreeable to the above adjournment the meeting was
declared open, & proceeded as follows (Viz)↪

Voted & chose for fence viewers { John Fowle sworn
Eben^r Chenery sworn
Joshua Coolidge
Moses Coolidge sworn

Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Jonas White
Amos Bond
Nath^l Woodard
Thomas Learnard

Voted & chose for Clerks of Markett { Charles Patten
John Clark

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Voted & chose for Surveyors↪ { Adam Brown (sworn
Thomas Learnard (sworn
Moses Chenery (sworn
Nath^l Harrington (sworn
Peter Clark
Luke Bemis

Voted & chose for Field Drivers↪ { Josiah Learnard sworn
James Robbins (sworn
Jeremiah Rufsell (sworn
John Fowle (sworn
Sam^l Bellows
Charles Stone
Francies Bright (excused
Nath^l Harrington
Enos Blake (sworn

Voted & chose for Hogueeves↪ { Charles Patten (sworn
Elisha Whitney (sworn
Dan^l Tower
Jerom Hersey
John Harris
W^m Vose—(sworn
Israel Whitney sworn
Jeremiah Rufsell sworn
Amasa Jackson (sworn
John McKenney sworn

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber { Isaac Dana——sworn
W^m Horn——sworn

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Isaac Dana——sworn
William Horn sworn

Voted & chose for Firewards { Nath^l Bemis
John Fowle
Amos Bond
Nath^l Weld
Luke Bemis
Adam Brown
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore

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Voted & chose for fish Committe { Josiah Coolidge
Nath^l Weld
W^m M Pomroy
Edward Lowd
Gilbert Nichols

Voted & chose for Constables { Moses Chenery (excused
Isaac Dana. sworn

Voted to excuse Moses Chenery from serveing as Constable

Voted & chose Samuel Learned for Constable in place of Moses Chenery excused & was sworn accordingly

Ar^t 3^d Voted that the Selectmen provide a Sexton & agree with him for his servicies——

Ar^t 4th Voted that Swine & neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensueing year

Ar^t 5th Voted to accept of the following Report (Viz)

We the subscribers appointed by the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown at a public Town Meeting held on the 8th day of May AD 1815, to ascertain the number of Scholars in the respective districts have attended to that service & beg leave to report——That we find that there are in the West Destrict one hundred & forty two——And in the Middle Destrict two hundred & thirty——And in the East destrict Eighty seven——All which is submitted by

Signed—— { Elisha Livermore
Peter Clark
Gilbert Nichols
Nath^l R Whitney
Adam Brown
Abijah White

as you may see on file

Voted that the West & Middle districts be divided into three districts and draw their proportion of the money accordingly—which will make one hundred and twenty four Children for each of said districts & eighty seven for the East district

Voted to choose a committee to divide the School District & set bounds to all the respective Districts in the Town and report at April meeting

Voted & chose for said committee	{	Nath ^l R Whitney Gilbert Nichols John Tucker Nath ^l Bemis Adam Brown Peter Clark Elisha Livermore
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Voted to grant twelve hundred Dollars to be divided equally between the four intended districts

Ar^t 6 Voted to postpone granting money to support the poor to the adjournment of this meeting

Ar^t 7th Voted that there laid and assessed on every rateable poll twenty five Cents & other estate in proportion to be laid out on the Highways under the same regulations as last year—

8th Voted to allow the following accounts (Viz)

Nath ^l R Whitney for services render'd the town in the action VS. Jonas White Esq ^r — — — —	}	16,, 00
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Isaac Patten for services rendered the town in the Action VS. Jonas White Esq ^r — — — — — —	}	14,, 00
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Edmund Fowle for services rendered the town in the Action Vs. Jonas White Esq ^r — — — —	}	25.00
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Voted to allow the following accounts & Grant Money to pay the same (Viz)

To Abijah White for Services as Town Treasurer	\$50,, 00
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Thomas Clark's for services render'd as an Afsensor on committees & Cash paid for poor —	}	36,, 00
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To William Horn for his services as Constable —	6,, 00
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Nathaniel Woodard for taking care of stove —	10,, 00
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Nath ^l Woodard for cash p ^d Jon ^a Wyeth for taking care of the Stove in 1814 — — }	8,, 00
Amos Bond for makeing Taxes 1815 &C — — —	20,, 00
Gilbert Nichols his acc ^t as Clerk & Afsefsor &C —	56,, 00

Landing
place

- 9th Voted to accept of the report of the Committee appointed by the town to defend the common landing place near Whitney's Distillery on Charles River on the 20th March 1815 Voted 1st That the town Clerk be required forthwith to cause the report together with the depositions anexed the same to be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for the County of Middlesex & that the Town Clerk be required to record the same upon the Town Book as soon as they can be obtain'd from the Register's Office & place the same on the town files.
- 10th Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the poor the ensuing year & conduct with them as they shall think proper—

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Ar^t 11th Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the Watering place (so call'd & see if it be expidient to sell any part of the common land adjoining the same & report at next meeting

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Nath^l R Whitney
Hubart Rufsell
James Robbins

Ar^t 12 Voted to choose a Committee to examine the meeting house, & see what repairs are nessessary & report at our next meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Livermore Jn^r
W^m Horn
Nath^l Bemis
Caleb Lincoln
Thomas Clark

13 Voted to choose a committee to take into consideration the situation of Engine house & Waggon & determine what is best to be done with the same

Voted & chose for said Committee { Gilbert Nichols
John Fowle
Adam Brown

- 14th Voted to postpone granting money for contingent Expences to April Meeting—
- 15th Voted that the town will not find Seines in future for the Fishery except what the town has now on hand
- 16 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen concerning the state of our Treasury & place the same on file which stands thus Viz

That Abijah White Treasurer is Charg'd		
the sum of — — — — —	}	6762,, 9
and is Credited the sum of — — — — —		6346,, 83

leaveing a ballance being Cash in the		
Treasury — — — — —	}	415.26

Voted that the Selectmen be & are empower'd to sink Taxes of Charles Whitney instead of Samuel Cook, which was committed to said Cook to collect in the year provided the Administrator to said Cook's Estate will discharge said Town from the premium due said Estate for Collecting part of said list

Voted that the Selectmen & Afseors are empowered to settle the list of Taxes that was committed to Jonathan Child to collect in the year 1813 as they shall think most for the Interest of the town

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Charles Stratton there to meet at six of the Clock this evening for the purpose of farming out Taxes &C—

Att: Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants aforesaid at the house of Charles Stratton agreeable to the foregoing adjournment the proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1^o Voted & chose as pound keeper Jeremiah Rufsell who was accordingly sworn to that office by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk
- 2 Voted to farm out the collection of Taxes on the same conditions as last year excepting they shall complete the Collection by the first of May following the date thereof

- 3 Voted that the Taxes shou'd be put up in one list. Which was accordingly done & struck off to Jonathan Stone for two & a half Cents on a Dollar
- 4 Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Collector for the ensuing year

The Hay Scales was then put up for the highest bidder for one year from the first of April 1816 And was struck off to Elisha W Dana for \$29,,00

Also the wharf in Cambridge was put up & struck off to Isaac Dana for 1 year from 1^s April 1816 — } 1,, 5

Voted to postpone choosing County Treasurer and County Register to the first day of April 1816 then to meet at the public meeting house at 4 O clock in the afternoon for that purpose

On Motion Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1^s day of April then to meet at four of the Clock at the public Meeting house——

Which was Accordingly declared adjourned——

Att' Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 18th 1816

The following persons appeared & was sworn to the faithful performance of their several Offices (Viz) Jeremiah Russell pound keeper——Jeremiah Rufsell James Robbins & Enos Blake as field-drivers——Charles Patten Elisha Whitney William Vose Israel Whitney Jeremiah Russell & John McKenney as Hogreeves——Isaac Dana & William Horn Surveyors of Lumber Isaac Dana & William Horn Cullers of Hoops & Staves——Isaac Dana & Samuel Learned——Constables——Charles Whitney as Afessor before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1816 March 26th Then the following persons appeared & was sworn to the faithful performance of their several Offices Viz Thomas Clark Daniel Bond William White as Selectmen and Thomas Clark as an Afsefsor——Adam Brown Surveyor of Highways——before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also Gilbert Nichols as Selectman & Afsefsor before Thomas Clark Justice of the Peace. Moses Chenery was sworn as Selectman before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1816 March 27th The Selectmen at a meeting this day held for that purpose, appointed the following persons as Weighers of Beef for the ensuing year agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth pas'd February 1816. Viz

Weighers of Beef ↪ { Thomas Googins, sworn
Elisha W Dana, sworn
Amos Livermore Jun^r

Also they appointed the following persons as Measurer of Wood Viz

Measurers of Wood ↪ { Edward Lowd (sworn
John Clark

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for }
April 1816 }

April 21st 1816. The Selectmen issued the following Warrant Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith, to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said being twenty one years of age & upwards, haveing a freehold Estate within said Commonwealth of the annual Income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds; to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for Govenor Lieu^t Govenor & Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth—

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified to vote in town Affairs to meet

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To meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) ↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To hear the Report of the Committee on the Subject of School Districts, And Act any thing thereon
- 3 To know if the town will build a new pound and Act any thing thereon

- 4th To know what method the town will take to repair their Great Bridge & Grant money for the same & Act any thing thereon
- 5 To know if the town will except the list of Jurors prepar'd by the Selectmen And Act any thing thereon
- 6th To know what method the town will take to expend the Money that is or may be Collected from the several delinquents in the Highway Taxes & Act any thing thereon
- 7 To know what method the town will take to Collect sundry Accounts & demands which the town have against Sundry persons and Act any thing thereon

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant & your doing thereon to the Selectmen, on or before the time appointed for said Meeting—

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty first day of March AD 1816

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Daniel Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	
W ^m White	

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

Middlesex fs. April 1st 1816 by virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown as therein exprest by posting up an Attested copy of the within Warrant two Sundays previous to said Meeting at the public Meeting house in said town.—

(signed)——Samuel Learned Constable

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April }
Meeting }

At a public town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators & Counsellors being duly warned and assembled at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 1st day of April AD 1816.—

The Selectmen presideing, the List of Voters revised the Votes for Governor Lieut Governor & Senators & Counsellors

were call'd for brought in & sorted & Counted and it appear'd the following persons had the number of votes anex'd their several names (Viz)

For Govenor

Hon. Samuel Dexter had One hundred & forty six votes
Hon. John Brooks had Ninety nine votes

For Lieu^t Govenor

Hon. William King had One hundred & forty six votes
Hon. William Philips had Ninety seven votes

For Senators

Samuel Hoar Esq. had One hundred & forty three votes
Timothy Fuller Esq. had One hundred & forty three votes
John Hart Esq. had One hundred forty two votes
Josiah Bartlett Esq^r had Ninety four votes
Samuel P P. Fay had Ninety seven votes
Calvin Sanger Esq^r had Ninety seven votes
Jacob Reeves Esq^r had One vote
William White had two votes
William Austin Esq^r had one vote

On Motion it was Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Charles Stratton for the purpose of completeing & sealing the returns of Votes for Govenor Lieu^t Govenor & Senators & Counsellors which was accordingly declared adjourn'd

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April }

Then the Meeting was opened by adjournment from the 18th day of March last, for the purpose of chooseing County Treasurer & Register, the votes were call'd for & brought in after counting it appeared the following persons had the following number of Votes anex'd their several Names (Viz)↪

for County Treasurer

John Keyes Esq. had One hundred & six votes
Abiel Haywood had Fifty seven votes
Sam^l Bartlett Esq^r had four votes

for Register

Sam^l Bartlett Esq^r had seventy two votes

Hon John Brooks had thirty four votes

John Keyes had three votes

Abiel Haywood had five votes

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the Town meeting in town affairs agreeable to the Warrant of the Selectmen deld March 21st 1816 was opened, & the Inhabitants qualified as the Warrant expressed being regularly warn'd proceeded as follows (Viz)

1^a Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator

2^d Voted to reconsider the Vote of the town pas'd the 18th day of March last, respecting the division of the Middle School District

Voted to accept the following report & put the same into execution—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown in Town Meeting asembled, on Monday the first day of April AD 1816 The Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of said town at a legal meeting held on the 18th day of March last AD 1816 to divide the School districts in said town & set bounds to them respectively, beg leave to report as follows (Viz).—

That all the Inhabitants of said town West of a line beginning at Charles River half way between the House belonging to Marshall Spring Esq^r now ocupied by Mark Vose & the House belonging to David Hager in south Street (so call'd), thence running Northerly to the main Street between The house belonging to the Widow Jerusha Norcrofs & the house belonging to Elijah Norcrofs, thence across said Main Street East of the house in which Levi Thaxter Esq^r now lives & owns

thence

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Thence Northerly over the hill to Whitney's lane (so call'd) east of the house belonging to Josiah Hovey, thence still northerly, west of the house belonging to M^r Bradley formerly belonging to Dan^l Barnard to Waltham line to Thomas Harrington's corner (so call'd shall constitute one district to be call'd the West District—

That all the Inhabitants east & north of a line begining at Waltham line where the line of the West district last terminated, thence running Southardly West of said Bradley's house to the Road leading to Boston by Nath^l Brights then Eastwardly on said road including all the houses on said Road till it comes to the Road leading over Meeting house hill (so call'd thence runing Southeastwardly & West of the farms of Harrison G Otis Esq^r & Michael Gay to the great Road leading to Boston thence running Southardly & East of the house of the late Joshua Hill deceas'd in a straight line to Charles River, shall constitute one district to be called the East District

That all the remaining Inhabitants of said town shall constitute one district to be call'd a double District Your Committee further report that at the Meeting held on the Eighteenth day of March last it was Voted that the old West & Middle Districts shou'd be divided into three Districts & draw their propotion of the Money Granted by the town for the use of Schools accordingly—But your committee understanding that many of the Inhabitants of the said Middle District, out of which the fourth contemplated District was principally to be formed, prefered continueing together under the Idea of a double district, and drawing the same amount of money as though they were divided into two Seperate Districts—In order to ascertain the sence of said Inhabitants notified a Meeting thereof, & it was the unanimous desire of a full meeting of the double district sett of as aforesaid, not to be divided into two districts but to continue together, & It was also the unanimous wish of said Inhabitants of said

inhabitants

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Inhabitants of said double district that the town instead of building a New Schoolhouse in a seperate place, wou'd build an addition to the old Schoolhouse by raising the same another Story—And your committee are of opinion that many great & esential advantages will be gained by adopting the arangement & division aforesaid both to the town & to the said double districts—And your Committee believe that in order to carry them into full effect it will be nefsefsary for the town to adopt the following Votes And which they accordingly recommend for the adoption of the town

- 1 Voted that the town accept the foregoing report of their committee divideing the Town into three districts to be call'd the West, East, & Double Districts, & that the town be so divided accordingly—
- 2^d Voted that an addition to the School house in the said double District be made by raising the same one story higher.

all which is submitted by

	Nath ^l R Whitney	} committee—
	Gilbert Nichols	
	John Tucker	
(signed)	Nath ^l Bemis	
	Adam Brown	
	Elisha Livermore	

Voted to accept & carry the above report into full effect—

Voted to choose a committee to ascertain the probable expence of raising the Brick Schoolhouse one Story higher & report at May Meeting next what it can be done for

Voted & chose for said committee {
 John Fowle
 Nath^l Bemis
 Nath^l R Whitney

- 3^d Voted to chose a committee to examine the Pound & see if it can be repaired if not to see what it will cost to build a new one & report at May Meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee {
 Luke Bemis
 Nath^l R Whitney
 Adam Brown

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- 4th Voted to postpone the 4th Article respecting the Great Bridge to the adjournment of this Meeting for the purpose of hearing the Statement of the Selectmen concerning what repairs are nessessary for the same
- 5th Voted to postpone the List of Jurors to our next Meeting
- 6th Voted to expend the delinquencies in Highway in the years 1814 & 1815 in repairing the Great Bridge
- 7th Voted to choos a committee to ascertain what claim are good & valid due their town from individuals & report at

the adjournment of this meeting what measures the town had better adopt to collect the same

Voted & chose for said Committee { Tyler Bigelow Esq^r
Abijah White
Nath^l R Whitney Esq^r

Voted to adjourn the meeting to our next May Meeting then to Meet at four of the Clock P.M. on said day

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Then the town Meeting was declard open by an adjournment from the 18th day of March last & proceeded as follows (Viz).

Then the following report was Read from the Trustees of the Ministerial Funds (Viz)↪

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Funds held at the office of Levi Thaxter on Friday the 10th day of June 1815 at three of the clock P. M present, Jonas White Nath^l R Whitney Levi Thaxter John Fowle & Peter Clark the said White & Thaxter did not act in their official capacities as Trustees

Voted & agreed to straighten the Line between the Ministerial Land & the land of Jonas White Esq^r

Voted & agreed with Jonas White that in future the dividing line between the Ministerial Land & the land of said White shall be as follows (Viz)——to begin at the North-west corner of the Ministerial land by the Powder house & run in a Southwardly direction in a straight line to the great County Road fifty feet South of the Northeasterly Corner

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Of the Ministerial land; and all the Ministerial land on the northerly line to be conveyed by the Trustees to the said White & all the land of the said White on the Southwardly side of said line to be conveyed to the Trustees; the northerly half of said fence to belong to the said White & to be removed on to said line by him & kept in repair, & the Southerly half of said fence to belong to the Trustees and to be moved onto the line & supported by the town said fence to be moved within one year from the ensuing Autumn; The said White also agreeing that if the Trustees

shou'd ever wish to open a Road on said line that he will give one half of the land for the same It being understood by the parties & this agreement being made on the part of said White with the expectation & on condition that the town will build a good Stone wall on both sides of the Road laid out from the great Road in front of the Cotton Factory to the corner of Russells Garden where the same passes through said Whites land when ever the town shou'd see fit to open said Road and the said White will not demand any damage of the town for his land taken for said Road—

Att^t Levi thaxter Clerk for said Trustees

Nath ^l R Whitney	} Trustees & committee appointed by the town
John Fowle	
Peter Clark	

Voted to accept of the above report & that the committee carry the same into effect accordingly

Voted, that the Report of the Committe respecting the repairing of the Meeting hous be laid on file for further consideration.—*

Voted to choose a Committee to make such repairs on the Meeting house as they shall think nessessary to secure the same for the present

Voted & chose for said committe	}	Nath ^l Bemis
		Abijah White
		Amos Livermore Jun

Voted to Grant fifty Dollars to repair the Meeting house

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Voted that the Report of the committee concerning the Engine house shou'd be filed for further consideration at our next May Meeting—

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Funds agreeable to the Act of Incorporation, present the town the following statement of their doings the last year & of the existing state of their Funds (Viz)

But one sale of land has been made dureing the last year (Viz) one Lot 100 feet square to Martin Wilder for the sum of \$300— on Interes from April 1st 1815*

**Editorial Note:— Gilbert Nichols frequently wrote words, without completing their endings; "hous", "interes".*

The income due the first day of April 1815 has been collected & paid in to the Treasurer Amounting to \$311.53

The funds of the corporation at this time in Money at interest amounts to the sum of \$2300,,50c—which is due from the following persons (Viz) —

From Isaac Patten	— — — — —	\$630.00
“ Jon ^a Wyeth	— — — — —	300.00
“ Edward Lowd	— — — — —	325.00
“ Cyrus & Joseph Rufsell	— — — — —	550.00
“ Jesse Smith Eben ^r Fuller } & Seth Dewing — — }		150.00
“ Wiswall Fuller & C ^o	— — — — —	45.50
“ Martin Wilder	— — — — —	300.00
Total	— — — — —	<u>\$2300,, 50</u>

The Interest or income arising on said sum to the first day of April 1816 & due this day is — — — — — \$138,, 3
the rent on Real Estate now due is — — — — — 167,, 25

making the amount of income the last year — \$305.28

By order of the Trustees

(Signed)

Levi Thaxter Treasurer

Voted to grant Fifty Dollars to be paid over to the committee of the singing Society, to be appropriated for the use of a Singing School for the use of the Town that is for those Inhabitants who shall go to said School, or see fit to send—

Voted that this meeting stand adjourn'd to our next May Meeting then to meet & proceed at three of the Clock, P.M.

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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The Inhabitants (agreeable to an adjournment declared at the Meeting house this afternoon April 1st 1816) Met at the house of Charles Stratton for the purpose of sealing up the Votes which was accordingly done in open Town Meeting—

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 1st }
1816 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Charles Stratton April 1st 1816 at 8' of the Clock in the evening they agreed to lease the pews that belong to the town at public Auction upon the same conditions as they were the last year, for one year from this day April 12th 1816

The Godard Pew (so call'd) was put & struck of }
to Charles Stratton for — — — — } 12,, 75

The East long Pew was put up & struck of to — }
Amos Wheeler for — — — — } 8,, 00

The West long Pew was put up & struck of to — }
Clinton Thayer for — — — — } 8,, 25

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 1st Thomas Learned Moses Chenery & Nath^l Harrington was sworn as Surveyors of Highways before Gilbert Nichols Town Clk

May 6th Josiah Learned and John Fowle was sworn as field drivers. John Fowle Moses Coolidge Ebenezer Chenery was sworn as Fence viewers——

before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 20th Luke Bemis and Peter Clark was sworn as Surveyors of Highways

before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Warrant }
for May }
1816 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the hous of Charles Stratton April 25. 1816, they issued the following Warrant (Viz)——

Middlesex fs To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown,—— Greeting

You are hereby required in the nam of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn all the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding haveing a freehold estate in said town of the anual

income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chooseing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be held at Boston the last Wednesday of May next—

Also. You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next at four of the clock, PM. to act on the following Articles, Viz

Article

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To know if the town will approve the doings of the Selectmen in sinking the Taxes sett against the names of the several persons for the year 1814 & 1815 agreeable to their report, & act any thing thereon.
- 3^d To know if the town will ortherise their Selectmen or Afsefsors for the time being, to sink the whole or of any persons Taxes that may be set to them hereafter and act any thing thereon as the town may think proper
- 4th To know if the town will direct their Selectmen to make further opposition to the Road & Bridge prayed for by Luke & Seth Bemis and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant

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With your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on, or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals at Watertown this twenty fifth day of April AD 1816

Signed—

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Daniel Bond	
Gilbert Nichols	
William White	
Moses Chenery	

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs, Watertown May 6. 1816—

Pursuant to the above Warrants I have notified the male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprest, to

meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof—

Signed— Samuel Learned Constable

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1816 May 6th }
Meeting }

At a public Town Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the town of Watertown being duly warned & regularly assembled at the public meeting house in said Watertown on Monday the 6th day of May AD 1816 the Selectmen of said town presideing, proceeded as follows (Viz) Voted to choose two Representatives

The list of Voters revised was read & the votes call'd for and was brought in sorted & counted & proclaim'd to stand as follows

(Viz) Thomas Clark Esq^r had Sixty six votes—
William White had Sixty six Votes—

& the said Thomas Clark & William White was declared to be shosen to Represent the town the ensuing year

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1816— }
Meeting }
May 6 }

At a public Town Meeting, of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, being duly warned (agreeable to the Warrant returnd this day Viz May 6th 1816—being duly Assembled at the time & place proceeded as follows (Viz).

- 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator
- 2^d Voted to accept & confirm the doings of the Selectmen in abateing & sinking the Taxes of Sundry persons set against them in the years 1814 & 1815
- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen and Afsefsors for the time being, hereafter, be, and they are hereby appointed & fully

orthorised & impowered (untill the further orders of the town) to abate the Taxes sett against the names of any persons, in whole or in part as they shall think propper, and make an annual report of their doing to the town in public town meeting——

4th Voted that the Selectmen may make further opposition to the Road & Bridge pray'd for by Luke & Seth Bemis if they shall think propper

On Motion it was Voted to dissolve the Meeting which was accordingly declared dissolv'd——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

May 6th }
March Meet- }
ing open'd }

Then March meeting was declared open agreeable to an adjournment from the 1st day of April AD 1816 and proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted to grant fourteen hundred Dollars for the support of the poor the ensuing year———\$1400.00

Voted to accept the following report concerning the repairing of the Brick School house (Viz)——

Your committee that was chosen to ascertain the probable expence of raising the Brick School house one Story higher, has attended to that service, and do recomend to the town to grant four hundred & fifty Dollars also to choose a discretee committee to carry the businefs into effect 1816 May 6th signed.

John Fowle }
Adam Brown } committee
Nath^l Bemis }

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Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols as agent for the purpose of raising the Brick School house one Story higher agreeable to the foregoing report——

Voted to grant four hundred & fifty Dollars for the purpose of enableing the aforesaid Agent to raise the said School house & pay the expence of the same — — — —\$450,, 00

Voted to grant One hundred & fifty Dollars for the purpose of staightening the line & moveing the wall between the

Ministerial land & the land of Jonas White Esq, & for contingent expences, — — — — — \$150,, 00

Voted that the time, of the several Surveyors of highways for returning their lists shou'd be lengthened out to the twentieth of June next—

On Motion it was voted to dissolve the Meeting which was accordingly declared—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

adjournment }
of April meet- }
ing open'd }

Then the town meeting was declared open by adjournment from the 1st day of April and the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs proceeded as follows. (Viz)

The following report was read (Viz)

To the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown in town meeting assembled on the six day of May AD 1816—

Your committee appointed on the 1st day of April 1816, to examine the town Pound & see if it is worth repairing, if not, to ascertain what a new pound can be built for, have attended to that service & beg leave to report as follows, That the season of the year has arived when it is absolutely nefsessary that we shou'd have a pound fit for use.— And it is not convenient to obtain materials for building a new one, as at some other season of the year We are of opinion that if five posts are procured, the raleing may answer to repair the same & the expence will not exceed twelve Dollars & the Pound will be sufficient for the present—And likewise we recommend that a committee be raised to procure Materials the next Winter to build a new one al which is submitted

Watertown May 6. 1816

Luke Bemis }
Nath^l R Whitney } committee
Adam Brown }

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Voted to choose a committee to make the nefsessary repairs to the town's pound—

Voted & chose for said committee { Luke Bemis
Nath^l R Whitney
Adam Brown }

Voted to grant twelve Dollars for the purpose of repairing the pound.——— \$12,, 00

Voted that the proposition of Charles Whitney respecting the great Bridge, remain on file for further consideration
Voted to choose a committee for the purpose of repairing the great Bridge———

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l Bemis
Adam Brown
John Fowle

Voted that the list made by the Selectmen be postponed for further consideration———at our next meeting———

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday of June next for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee respecting the back accounts, also, for the purpose of excepting the list of Jurors made by the Selectmen; then to meet at this place at 5 of the Clock in the afternoon. adjournd———

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Jurors list }
accepted }

1816 June 10th Agreeable to an Adjournment May 6th 1816 (as you may see above) the Inhabitats of the Town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote in Town Affair met at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 10th day of June AD 1816 & proceeded as follows Viz

Voted to accept the list of Jurors made by the Selectmen & that the same be placed on file———

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

as you may see on File)

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Landing }
place }

The committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown at a legal meeting thereof, on the 20th day of March AD 1815, to support and defend the common landing place situated near Whitney's Distillery on Charles River—have attended that service & beg leave to report— That said committee made a report signed Amos Bond & Order, at a public town meeting held on the 8th of May AD 1815 which was then accepted by said Inhabitants & there-

upon your committee were appointed to take the depositions of sundry persons to be preserv'd in perpetual remembrance, relative to said common landing place to be recorded—In pursuance of which last mentioned vote, Your Committee have taken according to law, the depositions of Charles Nutting, Phinehas Jennison & Samuel Benjamin haveing notified Nath^l Weld the only person whom the committee know to be interested in the property to which the said depositions relate—which depositions are hereunto anexed, and your committee are of opinion that said depositions abundantly prove & establish the rights of the Inhabitants of said town & all others to the use and improvement of the said common Landing place & pafs way commonly call'd the gap situate near the Destillery ocupied by Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r on the South side of Charles River without paying or being liable to pay any fees or compensation for the use & improvement thereof, to any person or persons whatever—Your committee recommend to the town the adoption of the following Votes (Viz) —

- 1st Voted, That the Town Clerk be required forthwith to cause the depositions aforesaid to be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for the County of Middlesex—
- 2^d Voted, that the town Clerk be required to record upon the town books the depositions aforesaid as soon as they can be obtained from the Register together with this Report & also place the same on the files belonging to the town

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- 3^d Voted, That it be recommended by the town to any Inhabitants thereof who may hereafter be call'd upon to pay any fees for the use of said landing place not to pay the same & if sued therefor that he shoud forthwith lay the same before the Selectmen for the time being—And that the said Selectmen be and are hereby required to aid & assist such persons in vesting such claim by takeing upon themselves in behalf of said town the defence of such suit

All which is submitted

signed	Tyler Bigelow Nath ^l Bemis Nath ^l R Whitney	} Committee
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Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

A true Copy

Deposition }

I Samuel Benjamin of Watertown in the County of Middlesex Yeoman being upwards of seventy eight years of age, do testify & say that I have known the landing place commonly call'd the Gap in Watertown on Charles River near the Distill house of Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r for upwards of sixty years & dureing all said time the same has been used and improv'd by the Inhabitants of said Watertown and others as a public and common landing place and pasfway to & from said River, and, that I never knew any person whatever claim any exclusive right to said landing place or set up any claim to fees or compensation for pasfing or repasing through the same or for the use thereof, excepting I have heard within two years that Nath Weld pretended to demand fees for the use of said gap, I further say that I & my Farther before me have used said gap in Carting Hay & Timber through the same but never paid any thing for the use thereof, nor, did any person ever demand any thing of me or my Farther to my knowledge

(Signed Samuel Benjamin—

A true Copy Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, Middlesex fs—

Town of Watertown this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixteen, personally appeared before us, the Subscribers two Justices in & for the said County of Middlesex, quorum unus, the aforesaid deponent, and after being carefully examined & duly cautioned to testify the whole truth & nothing but the truth made Oath that the foregoing deposition by him subscribed is true—Taken at the request of Tyler Bigelow, Nath^l Bemis & Nath^l R Whitney Esquires a committee appointed by the inhabitants of the said town of Watertown to take depositions of certain persons to be preserved in perpetual remembrance of the thing & we duly notified Nath^l Weld the only person we know to be interested in the property to which the said deposition relates, but he did not think proper to attend.—

Signed) ——— Nathan Fuller } two Justices of the
John Richardson } peace Quorum, unus
of said County

a true Copy Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

2^d deposition. I, Phinehas Jennison of Newton in the County of Middlesex, Yeoman, being upwards of seventy two years of age, do testify & say that I have known the landing place commonly call'd the gap in Watertown on Charles River near the Destillery of Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r for Sixty years & during all said time the same has been used & improv'd by the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown & others as a public & common landing place & pasway to & from said River, & that I never knew any person whatever claim any exclusive right to said Gap or landing place or sett up any claim to fees or compensation for pasing or repasing through the same, or for the use thereof—that I have myself follow'd boating on said River for a number of years & used the said gap, but never paid any thing for the use thereof nor did any person ever demand any thing of me——

Signed——Phinehas Jenison——

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts——

Middlesex fs. Town of Watertown this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & sixteen, personally appeard before us the subscribers two Justices of the peace for said County of Middlesex Quorum Unus, the aforesaid deponent, and after being carfully examined & duly cautioned to testify the whole truth & nothing but the truth made Oath that the foregoing deposition by him subscribed is true——Taken at the request of Tyler Bigelow Nath^l Bemis & Nath^l R Whitney Esquires a committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the said town of Watertown, to take the depositions of certain persons to be preserved in perpetual remembrance of the thing——.

And, we duly notified Nath^l Weld the only person we knew to be interested in the property to which the said deposition relates, but, he did not think proper to attend.

(Signed)	Nathan Fuller John Richardson	} Two Justices of the } Peace Quorum Unus } of said County
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A true Copy Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

3^d Deposition } I Charles Nutting of Watertown in the County of Middlesex Labourer, being upwards of sixty years of age

do testify and say that I have known the landing place commonly call'd the gap in Watertown on Charles River near the Destill house of Nath^l R Whitney for upwards of fifty years & dureing all said time the same has been used and improv'd by the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown, and others as a public & common landing place & pasfway to & from said River, & that I never knew any person whatever claim any exclusive right to said gap or common landing place or sett up any claim to fees, or compensation for pasfing or repasfing through the same, or for the use thereof, that I my self followed boating on said River for upwards of fifty years

and

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And used said gap but never paid any thing for the use thereof, nor did any person ever demand any thing of me

(Signed) ————— Charles Nutting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex fs, Town of Watertown this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & sixteen, personally appeared before us the subscribers two Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Middlesex Quorum Unus, the aforesaid deponent being carefully examined & duly cautioned to testify the whole truth and nothing but the truth made Oath that the foregoing deposition by him subscribed is true—Taken at the request of Tyler Bigelow Nath^l Bemis, Nath^l R Whitney Esquires, a committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the said town of Watertown to take the depositions of certain persons to be perserved in perpetual remembrance of that thing, And, we duly notified Nath^l Weld the only person we know to be interested in the property to which the said depositions relate, but he did not think proper to attend

(Signed.) Nathan Fuller } Two Justices of the
John Richardson } Peace Quorum Unus
of said County

A true Copy Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

As you may see on file)

NB.—The foregoing report and depositions stand recorded in the Registry of Deeds Office in said county of Middlesex, book 217, page 69

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 10th June 1816 they signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following sums of money annex'd their several names (Viz)

To Hannah Davis for Clothing & supplying } Sally Berry — — — — — }	6,, 47
To Catharine Hay for supporting the poor &C } from March 11 th 1816 to June 3 ^d 1816 — — }	56.79
To Jonas White for boarding John Sanger from } Nov ^r 1 st 1815 to April 1 st 1816 @ \$1,, ³ / ₄ Week — }	21,, 50
To Samuel Bellows for 113 Rails to fence the } Rev ^d R R Eliot's Garden — — — — — }	15,, 25
To Gilbert Nichols his Acc ^t for Cash p ^d M ^{rs} Bray } to supply her with Wood &C and for Cash p ^d for } recording the papers relateing to the Common } Landing place at the Registers office — — — — }	9,, 50
To Levi Thaxter Esq ^r for attending the probate } Court to settle Dan ^l Jackson's acc ^t as Guardian } to John Sanger — — — }	6,, 00
To Jacob Farrar for the support of Ben ⁿ Whitney } one year — — — — — }	20.—
To Isaac Corey for boarding Elisha Whitneys two } Children from Nov ^r 13 th 1815 to April 11 th 1816 }	20,, 50
To Charles Whitney to Cash by him at Concord } for opposing the Road pray'd for by Luke Bemis }	47.40
To Charles Whitney for Collecting the two lists of } Taxes committed to him to Collect June 30 th 1816 }	243.96
To John Harris for repairing the floor at West } School house — — — — — }	2,, 50
To Nath ^l Weld for Wood dld M ^{rs} Bray — — —	7,, 50
To Watertown Cotton Factory C ^o to sundrys for } M ^{rs} Adams — — — — — }	68.99

signed——	Tho ^s Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
	W ^m White	
	Gilbert Nichols	

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Capt Charles Stratton Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 1st day of September 1816. They approbated the following persons for Innholders & retailers the ensueing Year

Viz	Charles Stratton Samuel Bellows Ezra Farrer Thomas Young	}	Innholders			
				John Clark Sam ^l Learned Clinton Thayer Thadeus Cole Henry B Jackson	}	Retailors

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Charles Stratton on the 24th day of October 1816 They signed an order directing the Town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anex'd their several names (Viz)

To Nath ^l Goding for the support of his Farther	\$45.00
To William Peniman for clothing & support of Newton Baxter Tho ^s Wellington Jun ^r & Nathan Coolidge includeing funeral Expences One year to August 10 th 1816 — — —	} 300.29
To Benjamin Stevens his Acc ^t for Coffins & —* M ^{rs} Hervey & M ^{rs} Adam's Child — — — — —	} 12.00
To Walter Hunnewell for Medical Attendance on C Nutting & Miss Berry — — — — —	} 8.25
To Levi Thaxter for attending Court at the suit Eliza Gardner ags ^t Leonard Harris — — — — —	} 18,, 22
To Josiah Learned for boarding Ben ^a Learned from Apr 1 1815 to May 17 th 1816 Encludeing Clothing for that time — — — — —	} 89.62
To John T Apthorp Treasurer of the Common- wealth the ballance due from Jon ^a Child's List deceased for 1816 — — — — —	} 79,, 21

*Editorial Note:—illegible

To Widdow Mary Cunningham in full for the
support & funeral Expencies of her Mother }
Hannah Prentice ————— } 25,, 00

Signed Thomas Clark } Selectmen
Dan^l Bond } of
Gilbert Nichols } Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1816 Oct 24th The Selectmen issued the following Warrant (Viz)
Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the constables for
the Town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth
of Mafsachusetts, to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said
Town of Watertown duly qualified to Vote for Representa-
tives in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz)
all the Male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one
years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the
space of One year next preceding haveing a freehold Estate
within said town of the anual Income of three pounds, or
any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the
public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 4th day
of Nov^r next at one of the Clock P.M. being the first Mon-
day in said Month to give in their Votes for a Representa-
tive of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress
of the United States for the Middlesex Destrict—Also,
you are like required to notify & warn the freeholders &
other Inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to Vote
in Town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting house in
said town on Monday the 4th day of Nov^r AD 1816, at two
of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles.
Viz.—

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
- 2^d To know if the Town will pay Joseph P Bradley for the
Stove & funnell, or either of them which is placed in the
Meeting house & act any thing thereon
- 3^d To hear the report of the Agent appointed to raise & repair
the Brick Schoolhouse in the Middle Destrict, relative to
the expence attending the same & Act any thing thereon
- 4th To hear the report of the committee appointed to repair the
great Bridge relative to the expence of the same & make
any grants of Money to pay the same & Act any thing
thereon

5th To know if the town will take any Measures to defend the town against a Road pray'd for by Eben^r Prebble & others from Trapilo (so calld) to near the house of Amos Livermore lately own'd

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Own'd by Sam^l White deceased, & act any thing thereon

6th To know what measures the town will take relative to a part of the Bridge over the Creek in front of Dan^l Jacksons Store & the land adjoining & under the same & Act any thing thereon

7th To know what measures the town will take to open & complete the Road from Ministerial land to the corner of Rufsell's Garden & Act any thing thereon.—

Hereof, fail not & make return of these Warrants with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting—

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixteen

Signed—	Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
	William White	
	Gilbert Nichols	
	Moses Chenery	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs Watertown Nov^r 4th 1816. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified as therein directed by posting at the public Meeting house in said town an attested copy of the within warrant two sundays prior to said meeting

signed— Sam^l Learned Constable—

a true copy

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden on the fourth day of Nov^r AD 1816 at the public Meeting house in said town. The Selectmen being present & presideing The Votes were call'd for a Representative of the people of this commonwealth in the Middlesex destrict—And were brought in sorted & counted & declared in public town meeting to stand as follows (Viz)

{ For the Hon Timothy Fuller Forty Votes
 { For the Hon. Asahel Stearns Thirty six Votes
 { For the Hon Sam^l Dana One Vote

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to six o clock this evening for the sole purpose of sealing up the list of Votes for a Representative, then to meet at the house of Charles Stratton Innholder in said Town

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote in town affairs being duly warned, assembled at the public meeting house in said town, on Monday the 4th day of November AD 1816 procee'd as follows (Viz)

- 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r for Moderator of said Meeting
- 2^d Voted to choose a committee of five persons to ascertain what has been subscribed & to get what they can subscribed for the purpose of payin for the Stove & funnell which is now placed in the Meeting house in said Town

Voted & chose for said Committee { Jonas White
 { Eliakim Morse
 { Nath^l Bond
 { Tyler Bigelow
 { Luke Bemis

- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine & settle the Accounts brought against the town by the Agent who was chosen to repair the Brick Schoolhouse in the Middle District in said town

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4th Voted to choose a committee of three persons to examine the accounts brought against the town by the committee who was chosen to repair the great Bridge the present year & allow the same if they shou'd Judge them to be reasonable & Just

Voted & chose for said committee { Jonas White
Nath^l Bright
Nath^l Weld

Voted to grant a sum of money equal to the state Tax as made the present year & that the Afsefsors be directed to make & committ the same to the collector to collect as soon as may be for the purpose of defraying the expence of the Bridge the present year

5th Voted that the Selectmen are directed to take measures to oppose the Trapilo Road (so call'd) being made through said town

6th Voted not to accept of the Deed made by Dan^l Jackson dated the 24th of July AD 1813 purporting to convey to the town a small piece of land near said Jackson's Store in Watertown the same being made without any legal authority from the town

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to contract with said Jackson for the land in front & near said Jacksons Store & receive a Deed of the same at their discretion or execute any release of the right which the town may have by the deed aforesaid

7th Voted that the Selectmen cause the Stones to be collected for the purpose of fencing the Road through the land of Jonas White, from the Great Road in front of the cotton Factory to the Watering place.—Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Nov^r 4th 1816 Agreeable to adjournment this day the Inhabitants mett at the house of Charles Stratton for the purpose of sealing up the list of Votes for a Representative to Congress & the Selectmen in presence of the Inhabitants aforesaid in open town Meeting did seal up the list of Votes as given in this day for said Representative

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Watertown at the house of Charles Stratton Innholder in said town on the 19th day of Nov^r AD 1816, They appointed the following persons as surveyors of Wood & Bark the ensuing year

Viz { Isaac Dana } sworn Jan^r—1817—
 { George Coolidge } sworn Dec^r 7th 1816—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1816 December 2^d the Selectmen issued the following (Viz)

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables of the town of Watertown.— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn, by giveing personal Notice or leave verbal information at the dwellings of all the freeholders & other Inhabitants in said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the ninth day of December Ins^t, at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
 2^d To hear the report of Jonas White & others a committee appointed to examine & adjust the Accounts of the committee appointed to repair the Great Bridge the present year And act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time appointed for said Meeting—

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this second day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixteen.—

signed— { Thomas Clark } Selectmen
 { Dan^l Bond } of
 { Gilbert Nichols } Watertown

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Dec^r 6th 1816 pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as therein expres'd by giveing verbal Notice four days before the time appointed

in said Warrant to Meet at the public Meeting house in said town for the purpose therein expres'd

Signed. Sam^l Learned Constable

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At a public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in town affairs being duly warn'd, assembled at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Ninth day of December AD 1816—proceeded as follows (Viz)——

1st Voted, & chose Thomas Clark for Moderator for said Meeting

2^d The committee that was chosen the 4th day of Nov^r last (Viz) Jonas White Nath^l Weld & Nath^l Bright) to examine the Accounts brought against the town for the repairs of the Great Bridge the present year. Reported, verbally, that they had given Notice to the Committee that was chosen to repair said Bridge to present their Accounts for adjustment but the said Committee had refused to do the same——

Voted. to add four persons to said examining Committee

Voted, & chose to add to said Committee { John Clark
Peter Clark
Charles Whitney
Moses Coolidge

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the Bills for repairing the Great Bridge the present year; whenever they come before them Certified by the examining Committee above mentioned——

Voted, to reconsider the above Vote & the Vote pas'd the 4th Nov^r last as it respects the Bridge Accounts so far, as that the examining Committee above Mentioned shall call upon the repairing Committee to present their own private accounts for their own services in repairing the Bridge to the said examining Committee for them to allow in whole or part as they shall Judge reasonable & Just——And, all other Accounts for work & Materials on said Bridge shall be presented to the Selectmen & they shall draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the same if they shall come certified by said repairing Committee——Voted to dissolve this Meeting—which was accordingly declared dissolv'd——

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Cap^t Charles Stratton January 6th 1817. They signed an order directing the Town Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums of Money anixed their several names (Viz) —

To William Peniman for the support of John Remington one year to Oct ^r 4 th 1816 — — — —	} \$59.91
To Charles Guild for Lumber for Bridge — —	18.72
To S & D Learned for Lead for ditto — — —	2.00
To Henry Craft for Stones Labour &C for d ^o —	88.90
To Benjamin Jenison for Labour at ditto — —	29.00
To Israel Whitney for Teaming &C for d ^o — —	29.25
To Enos Blake for Timber &C for ditto — — —	2.82
To Thadeus Cole for Lead & Sundry for d ^o — —	13.88
To Nath ^l R Whitney for Carting Lumber for d ^o	10.50
To Jacob Easty* for Labour on ditto — — — —	14.25
To Joel Smith for Lumber for d ^o — — — —	60.25
To Chester Marcy for Labour for ditto — — —	8.00
To Darius Marcy for ditto on d ^o — — — —	8.00
To Josiah Mason & Son for Lumber for ditto —	266.59
To Nath ^l Harrington for Carting Stones for d ^o	34.50
To Farwell Eager for Labour on ditto — — — —	36.83
To Jackson & Lincoln for Lumber for ditto — —	45.25
To Willett & Bullard for Lumber for d ^o — — —	33.33
To Amasa Jackson d ^o for ditto — — — —	2,, 75
To Martin Wilder for Iron Work for ditto — —	21,, 41
To Caleb Lincoln for Labour &C for ditto — —	271. 2
To Elijah Ray for Labour on ditto — — — —	1,, 00
To Zebediah Bradford for boarding workman and Labour at ditto — — — —	} 27.60
To W ^m Bradford Acc ^t for Nails for ditto — — —	4,, 49
To James Robbins for Carting Gravell for d ^o —	16,, 33
To Sam ^l Bird for smith work for d ^o — — — —	14,, 53
To Ezra Farrer for Labour on ditto — — — —	4,, 50
To Edward Lowd for repairing old Bridge — —	5,, 50
To Francis Wyman for Iron for Bridge — — —	,, 17

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To Jerom Hersey for setting Glass &C — — —	\$4,, 70
To Nath ^l R Whitney for servicies rendered in the Action Town Vs. White — — —	} 16.00

*Editorial Note:—possibly Early

To Nath ^l R Whitney for Labour & team in removing Wall on the Ministerial Land — — —	30.61
To John Fowle for Labour & team for removing stones on Ministerial Land —	28.11
To Isaac Patten for services render'd in Action Town Vs. White — — — —	14.00
To Town of Cambridge for boarding Je ^r Meacham & Andrew White in Goal* — — —	13.51
To Enos Blake his Acc ^t for Lumber & repairs on West Schoolhouse — —	8.63
John Tucker for repairing horse Harnes & for cash p ^d Isaac Dana for repairing Brick Schoolhouse — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4.00
To Nath ^l Woodard for takeing care of the Stove & building fires in the same through the Winter 1815 & 1816 — — —	10.00
To Adam Brown for building 12 Rods of Wall in the high Way near the West Schoolhouse — —	7.00
To Caty Hay for boarding Nath ^l Harris from Jun 3 1816 to Jan ^y 14 th 1817 & in full for takeing care of the poor house &C to the same date — —	32.00
To Sam ^l Latch for boarding Robert Saunders from Jan ^y 1 st 1816 To Jan ^y 1 st 1817 & for boarding Tho ^s Wellington from May 29 th 1816 to Jan ^y 1 st 1817 & for boarding Benjamin Learned from Nov ^r 20 th to Jan ^y 1 st 1817 — — — — — — — — —	121.92
To Edmund Fowle in full for the ballance due him for defraying the Expencies of the Law Suit Town Vs. Jonas White — —	70.99
To Gilbert Nichols in full for Materials Labour & services of sundry persons employed by him for building a second Story on the Middle District Schoolhouse includeing Stove Chair &C for same	749.27
To John Clark &C for sundry Articles &C dld the Poor from April 6 th 1816 To July 18 th 1816 — —	27.98

*Editorial Note:—probably meant Gaol

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To Benjamin Stevens his acc ^t for a Coffin for John Cook — — — — — }	4,, 00
To Nath ^l R Whitney in full for repairing and Material for the same — — — — — }	10.69
To David Hager for boarding Lucy Hager from Jan ^y 1 st 1816 to Jun 27 1816 & for clothing sup- ply'd her to the same time — — — — — }	46.43
To David Hager for carting Rails & setting fence at M ^r Eliots on his Garden — — — — — }	3.75

Signed Tho^s Clark } Selectmen
 Dan^l Bond } of
 Gilbert Nichols } Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held on the 10th day of March AD 1817 They signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following sums of Money annexed their several names (Viz)

To Caleb Lincoln his Acc ^t for Journey to Boston to pick Lumber for Bridge 1815 — — — — — }	2,, 00
To Gilbert Nichols his Acc ^t for Sundrys supplied George Bone & James Clark — — — — — (state poor) — — — — — }	7,, 66
To Sam ^l Hyde for support of Jn ^o Nutting — — — — — }	86,, 60
To Jo ^s Bird for repairing Town Plow — — — — — }	3,, 00
To Martin Wilder's Acc ^t for repairing stove for Middle Schoolhouse — — — — — }	1,, 50
To Leonard Harris his Acc ^t for repairing Hooks and ladders for Engine — — — — — }	16,, 51
To town of East Sudbury for support Elisha Whitney's 2 Children from April 11 th 1816 To July 11 th — — — — — }	13,, 00
To Nath ^l Woodard his Acc ^t for attending Funeral of John Cook — — — — — }	3,, 50
To Ezra Farrar for entertaining fish Agents when leasing the Fishery — — — — — }	3,, 00
To Town of East Sudbury for supporting Elisha Whitney's Children from July 11 th 1816 To J ^y 11 th 1817 — — — — — }	26,, 00

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To Doct ^r Nath ^l Bemis for Medecine and Attend- ence on the poor to date — — — — —	} \$16,, 50
To Thayer & Minot for Sundry's dld George Hervey George Bone, W ^m White 2 ^d & M ^{rs} Clark	} 34.74
To Elisha Whitney his Acc ^t for Mason Work at West Schoolhouse — — — — —	} 6,, 00
To Dan ^l Bond for Sundrys supply'd the poor & Wood for Meeting house — — — — —	} 50,, 61
To Abijah White for Sundry's supply'd Moses Warren — — — — —	} 12,, 98
To Stephen Cook in full for one years Rent to March 1 st 1817 — — — — —	} 25,, 00
To Jonas White for Journey to Westminster —	7,, 00
To Nath ^l Woodard for his Acc ^t for atten'g funeral of Israel Cook & cleaning house &C — — — — —	} 15,, 00
To John Harris his Acc ^t for Bridge & poor house	11,, 13
To Caty Hay for takeing care of the poor house & boarding the poor in her care to March 17 th 1817 — — — — —	} 21,, 00
To Josiah Learned for boarding & clothing Benja- min Learned from June 21 st 1816 to Nov ^r 18 th 1816 — — — — —	} 40.00
To Josiah Learnd for attending Court on fish cause — — — — —	} 4,, 73
To Charles Stratton for entertainment for Select- men Afsefsors Road committee farming Taxes renting towns property from March 1816 To March 15 th 1817 — — — — —	} 43.23
To William Peniman in part pay for the support of the Poor from Aug ^t 10 1816 to August 10 th 1817	} 160.00

Signed ——— Thomas Clark } Selectmen
Dan^l Bond } of
Gilbert Nichols } Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1817 March 3^d The Selectmen issued the following Warrant

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the seventeenth day of March Ins^t at ten of the clock in the forenoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz)←

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.—
- 2^d To choose all town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually
- 3^d To choose a sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his services—
- 4th To determine whether swine & neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & Act any thing thereon
- 5th To agree what School shall be kept the ensuing year & grant money for the same & Act any thing thereon
- 6th To grant Money to open, make, & repair the Highway & Act any thing thereon
- 7th To hear the Accounts of those persons who the town are indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same & Act any thing thereon
- 8th To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon
- 9th To know what method the town will take to suport their poor & grant money for the same and Act any thing thereon
- 10th To know the minds of the town whether they will build a new engine house & make the nefsary repairs to the Engine & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon

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- 11th To hear the proposals of the committee appointed by the subscribers of the new Engine & Act any thing thereon—
- 12th To know if the Town will grant money for contingent expencies and act any thing thereon
- 13th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury & Act any thing thereon
- 14 To know if the town will take any different Measure to collect their Taxes in future and Act any thing thereon

15th To know what method the town will take to inclose their burying ground & Act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting—

Given under our hands & seals this third day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & seventeen

Signed	Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
	Dan ^l Bond	
	Gilbert Nichols	

Attst Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown March 17th 1817

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as above directed for the purposes therein mentioned by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof—Signed Samuel Learned Constable

A true copy

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk.

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March 17th }
1817 }

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the freeholders & other inhabitants asembled March 17th 1817 & proceeded as follows Viz.

- 1st Voted & Chose Moses Coolidge Esq^r for Moderator
 - 2^d Voted & Chose Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk & was sworn into said office by Moses Coolidge Esq^r Moderator—
- Voted & chose Abijah White Treasurer (excused)

Voted & chose for Selectmen—	}	Nath ^l R Whitney
		Luke Bemis
		Amos Livermore Jun ^r
		Marshall B. Spring
		Jonathan Stone

Voted & chose
for
Assessors— { Nath^l R Whitney
Seth Bemis
Elisha Livermore

Voted to adjourn the meeting to 3 O'clock this afternoon—

Agreeable to the above adjournment the inhabitants being assembled the meeting was declared open & proceeded as follows—Viz

Voted & chose for
Constables— { Richard Sanger
Elisha Livermore

Voted to excuse Elisha Livermore from serving as Constable & Samuel Learned was chosen in his stead

Voted & chose for
Fence Viewers— { Adam Brown
Samuel Learned
Elisha Livermore
Nath^l Bright

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Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Thomas Learned
Martin Wilder
Moses Coolidge
Eliakim Morse

Voted & chose for Clerks of Market { Charles Patten
Thaddeus Cole

Voted & chose for
Surveyors of Highways { Enos Blake
Seth Bemis
Thomas Learned
Moses Chenery
John H Clark
Charles Whitney (Excused)
Francis Bright

Voted & chose for
Field Drivers— { Francis Brown
John Stimpson Jun^r
Enos Blake
Will^m M. Pomroy
Eliakim Morse
Christopher Grant Jun^r

Voted & chose for
Hog-reeves—

- { Samuel Learned
- { Marshall B. Spring
- { Henry B. Jackson
- { Daniel Tower
- { Francis Brown
- { Marshall S. Fowle
- { Nath^l Weld Jun^r
- { Sam^l Somes
- { William Vose
- { Edward Lowd 2^d
- { Samuel Barnard
- { Adams Goodnow
- { Leonard Fuller
- { John H. Clark
- { Lewis Upham

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Voted & chose for
Surveyors of Lumber

- { Enos Blake
- { Caleb Lincoln
- { Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Cullers
of Hoops & Staves—

- { Isaac Dana
- { Will^m Horn

Voted & chose for
Firewards—

- { Nathaniel Bemis
- { John Fowle (excused)
- { Amos Bond (excused)
- { Nathaniel Weld (excused)
- { Luke Bemis
- { Adam Brown
- { Moses Coolidge
- { Elisha Livermore
- { John Clark
- { Eliakim Morse
- { John Hunting

The thanks of the town was voted to John Fowle, Amos Bond & Nath^l Weld for their faithful services as Firewards—

Voted & chose for
Fish Committee—

- { Josiah Coolidge
- { Nath^l Weld (excused)
- { Will^m M. Pomroy
- { Edward Lowd
- { Gilbert Nichols
- { Daniel Bond

- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen provide a Sexton & agree with him for his services——
- 4th Voted that neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year——
- 5th Voted to postpone the grant of all monies for Schools & other purposes to the adjournment of this meeting

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And in the mean time to refer the same to the following Committee, who are also to make an estimate of what grants are necessary the ensuing year and report at the adjournment of this meeting——

Voted & chose for said Committee	}	Tyler Bigelow Nath ^l Bemis Abijah White Luke Bemis Jonas White Elisha Livermore Thomas Clark
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6th Voted to refer this article (relative to repairing the Highways) to the foregoing Committee——

7th Voted that the accounts of those persons to whom the town is indebted be postponed to April meeting & in the mean time the article be refered to the foregoing Committee——

Voted to reconsider the last vote so far as to allow the following accounts & grant Money to pay the same viz.

Gilbert Nichols for services as Afsefsor, Town Clerk &c. (the year past -----)	}	\$63,, —
Abijah White for services as Treasurer (the year past -----)	}	50,, —
Charles Whitney for services as Afsefsor (the year past -----)	}	9,, —
Samuel Learned for services as Constable &c. —		13,, —

8th Voted to refer this article (relative to the report of Committees) to the foregoing Committee——

9th Voted to refer this article (relative to granting money for the poor) to the foregoing Committee——

10th Voted that the Director of the Engine be authorized to have the old Engine put in complete repair——

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11th Voted to refer this article (relative to the Subscribers of the new Engine) to the foregoing Committee & to make report at April meeting—

12th Voted to refer this article (relative to granting Money for contingent expences) to the foregoing Committee

13th Voted to accept the Treasurers account as reported by the Selectmen & to be placed on the files of the town the result of which is—

Abijah White as Treasurer is charg'd the	}	8987,, 57
sum of — — — — —		
& is credited—the sum of — — — — —		<u>8933,, 45</u>

leaving a balance in the Treasury as will	}	\$54,, 12
appear on file—the sum of — — — — —		

Voted that the thanks of the town be presented to Abijah White for his faithful & impartial services as Treasurer—

Voted & chose Tyler Bigelow Treasurer (in room of Abijah White who declined serving)—

15th A Committee was chosen to ascertain what repairs are necessary for the Burying ground

Voted & chose for said Committee	}	Nath ^l R Whitney
		Charles Whitney
		Adam Brown

Voted to postpone the choice of Collectors to the adjournment of this meeting Art. 14th

Voted & chose Thaddeus Cole Constable to serve in the room of Richard Sanger—

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next then to meet at this place at 3 O'clock P.M.—

Attest Nath^l R. Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens	}
Meeting	
March 17 th	
1817	

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton innholder in said town on the evening of March 17th 1817—

The Hay Scales being put up to the highest bidder for one year from the first day of April 1817—
 were Struck off to John Stimpson Jun^r for — — \$36,, 50

Also the Wharf in Cambridge was put up & sold }
 to Daniel Sanger for — — — — — } \$1,, —

Appointed for Measurers of Wood

Thaddeus Cole
 Edward Lowd

Samuel Learned was appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Oaths }

The following persons appeared & took the Oaths of their respective offices, viz.—

Tyler Bigelow as Treasurer, Nath^l R Whitney, Luke Bemis, Amos Livermore Jun^r Marshall B. Spring, & Jonathan Stone as Selectmen, Samuel Learned & Thaddeus Cole as Constables, Adam Brown, Samuel Learned, & Nath^l Bright as Fence viewers, Enos Blake & John H. Clark as Surveyors of Highways, Fran^s Brown John Stimpson Jun^r & Eliakim Morse as Feild Drivers, Samuel Learned, Marshall B. Spring, Henry B. Jackson Francis Brown, Marshall S Fowle & John H. Clark as Hogreeves, Enos Blake & Isaac Dana as Surveyors of Lumber, Isaac Dana as Culler of Hoops & Staves, Thaddeus Cole as Measurer of Wood & Samuel Learned as Sealer of Weights & Measures

before Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

March 21st 1817 Edward Lowd appeared & took the Oath as Measurer of Wood before Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

March 24th 1817 Nath^l R Whitney & Elisha Livermore appeared & took the Oaths as Afsefsors, Nath^l Weld Jun^r as Hogreeve, & Caleb Lincoln as Surveyor of Lumber—
 before

Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens
Meeting
March 24th
1817

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton innholder in said town March 24th 1817 the businefs proceeded as follows viz.

They agreed with Josiah Bright to keep David Barnard for the term of one year from the first day of April next & said Bright to furnish him with suitable Clothing during that time which said Bright is to receive Twenty five dollars therefor.——

Isaac Dana was appointed Surveyor of Wood & Bark for the year ensuing & was sworn into said office
by Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Attest. Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

At the above meeting the Selectmen ifsued the following warrant

Warrant
for April
Meeting

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown—— Greeting.

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith, to warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age, and upwards, having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——

Also you are alike required, to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate in said town of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting-house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at three

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Of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer

Also you are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting-house, in said town on said seventh day of April next at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
- 2^d To know if the town will paint & repair the Meeting-house & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To know if the town will take any further measures to defend the road petitioned for by Ebenezer Preble Esq^r & others & act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings—

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & seventeen

Nath ^l R Whitney	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Luke Bemis		
Jon ^a Stone		
Amos Livermore Jun ^r		
Marshall B. Spring		

Middlesex fs. April 7th 1817 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the times and places, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting at the public meeting-house in said town an attested copy of the within two Sundays prior to said meetings Signed

Samuel Learned Constable

March 28th 1817 Seth Bemis appeared & took the oath of Afsefsor

before Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

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April
Meeting }
for Gov^r &c }

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors assembled April 7th 1817 & gave in their votes as follows, viz.

For Governor

His Exe^y John Brooks One hundred & thirteen votes
Gen^l Henry Dearborn One hundred & fifteen votes

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. William Phillips One hundred & Eleven votes
Hon. William King One hundred & fifteen votes
John Clark—One vote—

For Senators & Counsellors .

Hon. Asahel Stearns One hundred & ten votes
Joseph Locke Esq^r One hundred & ten votes
Sam^l P. P. Fay Esq^r One hundred & ten votes
Hon Joseph B. Varnum One hundred & nineteen
Hon. Samuel Dana One hundred & nineteen
Hon. John Hart One hundred & nineteen

It was voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of Charles Stratton at 6 Oclock this evening for the purpose of sealing up the votes for Governor, Lieu^t Governor, Senators & Counsellors—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Meeting }
for }
County }
Treasurer }

Agreeable to the Warrant notifying the inhabitants to give in their votes for a County Treasurer the meeting was declared open; they proceeded as follows—

- 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator
- 2^d Votes for County Treasurer being given in, were as follows, viz.

For John Keyes Esq^r Ninety six votes
Abiel Heywood Esq^r Eighty two votes

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Also, Agreeable to the Warrant notifying the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble for the purposes set forth in the warrant being assembled they proceeded as follows—viz.↵

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- 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator
 2^d Voted to postpone the article for painting & repairing the Meeting house to May meeting day—
 3^d Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to defend the road petitioned for by Ebenezer Preble & others—

Voted that said Committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars for expences in defending the same

The Meeting was then adjourned to May meeting day then to meet at this place at 4 Oclock in the afternoon—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Adjournment
 of March
 Meeting
 1817

The adjournment of March meeting was then declared open↵

Moses Coolidge Esq^r presiding as Moderator the following votes pafsed, viz.

Voted & chose for Overseers of the poor↵

{	Jonas White
	Peter Clark
	Levi Thaxter

Voted & chose for Pound keeper↵

{	William Rufsell
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The report of the Committee who were chosen to make an estimate of what grants are necessary the ensuing year was read, & refered to the next meeting except the sum reported for Highways which is the same as last year—

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next at 2 Oclock in the afternoon then to meet at this place↵

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

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At an adjourned meeting of the qualified voters for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, & Counsellors held at the house of Charles Stratton the votes were accordingly sealed up—April 7th 1817

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
Meeting }
April 7th }
1817 }

A meeting of the Selectmen being held at the house of Charles Stratton April 7th 1817, the Pews belonging to the town were put up at Auction to lease from the 12th of April Ins^t for one year to the highest bidder & were struck of viz.

The Goddard Pew (so called) to Amos Wheeler }
for ----- } \$16,, 50

The East long Pew " " to Constantine V. }
Swan for ----- } 9,, —

The West long Pew " " to Cha^s Stratton }
for ----- } 8,, 50

The following persons were appointed weighers of Beef for the ensuing year agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth pafsed Feb^r 1816 viz.

Weighers of Beef { Thomas Gookin
Amos Livermore Jun^r
James Robbins

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

1817 }
Apr^l 7th }

Thomas Gookin & James Robbins were sworn into the Offices of Weighers of Beef & Lewis Upham sworn to the office of Hogreeve

by Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Adjournment
of March
Meeting }

At an adjournment of March meeting from April 7th 1817 the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs assembled at the public meeting house April 14th 1817 & proceeded as follows—

Moses Coolidge Esq^r presiding as moderator

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The Committee for estimating grants made their report (as on file) & the town proceeded to act on the same in connection with the warrant by articles as follows, viz.

Art. 5th Voted that the sum of twelve hundred dollars be raised for the support of Schools the ensuing year instead of eleven hundred dollars as reported by said Committee & that the same be divided among the districts in the same proportions as last year—

Art. 6th In addition to the proceedings of the last Meeting upon this article, the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars was voted to be raised for the purchase of Stones & Materials for making the new road through land of Jonas White & Edmund Fowle—

Art. 7th Voted also to allow the following accounts & grant money to pay the same—

1st Voted to grant the sum of two hundred & twenty dollars, the same being necessary to pay outstanding debts of the town agreeable to the report of said Committee—

2^d Thomas Clark for sundry services rendered the town ————— } \$64,, 16

Moses Chenery for services in defending the road petitioned for by Luke & Seth Bemis ——— } 6,, —

Daniel Bond for the same ————— } 4,, —

Voted to refer the account of Amasa Jackson to the Fish agents for the time being ————— }

Art. 8th The Committee for ascertaining what repairs are necessary to make to the burying ground made their report, which was accepted & is as follows.—

To the Inhabitants of Watertown in Town meeting assembled—

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the inhabitants of the town of Watertown, at a public

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Town meeting held on the seventeenth of March AD 1817 to ascertain what repairs are necessary to make at the Burying-ground, have attended that service & beg leave to report, that in our opinion it will be expedient to enclose the same, as follows, viz. Beginning at the Southwardly end of the present fence, leading from the Town's pound, & running Southwardly a straight line to the Northwestwardly corner of the Porch of the Meeting house, and the owners of Stable, lots & Stables on said range, shall have a right to build & remove their Stables in front of their several lots on said line which will be sufficient for nine lots, of twelve feet wide, & not exceed eighteen feet deep, on which there are five Stables now standing, so as to leave twenty one feet from said Northwestwardly corner of the Porch for a fence (on which no Stable shall be built); thence beginning at the Northwardly corner of the East porch of said meeting house, & running Eastwardly twenty one feet to be fenced, ten feet of which is to be the Gate, & have no Stable built thereon, thence continuing Eastwardly a straight line ninety six feet, on which there will be eight Stable lots, each of twelve feet wide & eighteen feet deep, and the owners of the several lots on said range shall have a right to build Stables in front of their several lots, on said line of the dimensions aforesaid, thence turning a little Northwardly & running a straight line to land of the Widow Lois Robbins's dower, twenty feet South from the Brick wall adjoining the range of Tombs; on the line last mentioned, there may be seven lots of twelve feet wide, & not to exceed eighteen feet deep so as to leave a space of two feet between the Brick wall & said lots; and as the seven last mentioned lots were never laid out as such; we recommend to the town the sale of them for the accommodation of the Inhabitants

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To build Stables thereon, & the proceeds arising therefrom, be applied in future, to keep the Burying ground fence in repair, & that a Committee be appointed to carry the same into effect——

All which is submitted by Nath^l R Whitney
 Charles Whitney
 Adam Brown

Watertown April 7th 1817

Voted that a Committee be chosen to carry the same into effect, & the same Committee were chosen for that purpose

The Agents for prosecuting the action against Jonas White for the rent of the Fishery in 1811 made their report which was ordered to be placed on file

The Committee who were chosen to repair the great Bridge made their report (as on file) Whereupon the town voted to pay the accounts of said Committee viz.

Adam Brown for services rendered & Materials supplied for said Bridge	-----	} 93,, 45
Nath ^l Bemis for the same	-----	57,, 53
John Fowle for the same	-----	118,, 54

Art. 9th Voted to grant the sum of fourteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor the ensuing year

Voted that the Selectmen together with the overseers of the poor shall determine in what manner the poor shall be supported the ensuing year

Art. 10th Voted to build a new Engine house or houses, & to grant the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars for that purpose & that the same shall be built in such place & manner as the town shall direct

Also the sum of seventy five dollars was granted to repair the old engine

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Voted, that the Committee who are hereafter to be chosen to repair the meeting house, shall be the Committee to build the Engine house, or houses

Voted that a Committee be chosen to examine & report at the next meeting, the most suitable place or places on which to build the Engine house or houses

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l Bemis
 Abijah White
 Gilbert Nichols

Art. 11th Voted that the town will accept of the new Engine according to the proposals of the Committee of the Subscribers therefor—which are as follows viz.

We the Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the proprietors of the new Engine called the Relief are authoriz'd by said proprietors to present to the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown for their use & benefit, said Engine together with the Buckets & apparatus belonging to the same in good order, on condition that the said Inhabitants shall as soon as may be provide a suitable house & keep the Engine &c. in complete repair, & appoint, and constantly keep a suitable number of Men to take care of & Man the same——

Watertown March 17th 1817

Isaac Patten	}	Committee in behalf
Gilbert Nichols		of the proprietors of
Nath ^l Bemis Jun ^r		the new Engine call'd the Relief

Art. 12th Voted to grant the sum of three hundred dollars for contingent expences——

Art. 14th Voted to farm out the Taxes in the usual way

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Art. 15th Voted to grant fifty dollars for the repairs of the burying ground & for making & setting a new gate at the lower burying ground, to be laid out under the direction of the Committee who were chosen to ascertain what repairs were necessary——

Voted That the Stables which, (according to the report of the Committee for ascertaining the burying ground repairs) are to be removed, shall be done at the expence of the town in case the owners thereof neglect or refuse to remove them——

Voted to grant the sum of two hundred dollars to defray the expences already incurred & which may hereafter arise in defending the town against the road prayed for by Ebenezer Preble & others——

The Town unanimously passed the following vote, which is hereafter to be considered a standing rule & order of the town never to be neglected. viz.

Voted, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Selectmen for the time being, annually hereafter, at the annual town meeting in March & previous to any grant of money whatever, to make an estimate of all & every grant of money, which may in their opinion be necessary, for the town to make for the expenditures for the year then next ensuing—& lay the same before the town for their consideration

Francis Bright was excused from serving as Surveyor of Highways

Voted & chose in his stead Israel Whitney

Then Voted—To adjourn this meeting to the house of Charles Stratton at half past eight O'clock this evening for the sole purpose of farming out the taxes & choosing Collectors—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the foregoing adjournment the inhabitants being assembled proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted, To farm out the collection of taxes for the ensuing year on the same conditions as last year, the lowest bidder to be the Collector & being put up were struck off to—

Charles Whitney for two cents on a dollar

Voted & chose Charles Whitney Collector for the ensuing year—

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Apr^l 14th 1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton April 14th 1817 Richard Sanger was appointed Sexton for the year ensuing & to be paid the same for his services as the Sexton received the last year

(except for making & taking care of Fires in the Stove, which is to be twenty five Cents for each day—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
Meeting }
Apr^l 18th 1817 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton April 18th 1817—The following accounts were allow'd & signed an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same—

To Nath^l R Whitney for Cash p^d expences of }
witnesses at the Court of Sefsions at Concord to }
oppose the road petitioned for by Ebenezer }
Preble & others ————— } \$7,, 12

To Nath^l Bemis Jun^r for Medical attendance on }
the Widow Harvey in her last sickness ——— } 2,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Charles Stratton April 21st 1817—They ifsued the following Warrant—

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables of the town of Watertown———— Greeting—

Warrant }
for }
May Meeting }

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male inhabitants, of said town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding, having a freehold estate within said town, of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of May next at two Oclock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened & held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next—

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
 2^d To know if the town will rescind their vote passed at the last May meeting whereby their sanction was given to whatsoever the Assessors & Selectmen might thereafter do in abating the taxes of individuals & act any thing thereon—
 3^d To know if the town will take any measures to provide a supply for the desk during the Rev^d Rich^d R. Eliots

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- Weak state of health & act any thing thereon—
 4th To know if the town will grant Jacob Farrar any further compensation for the support of Benjamin Whitney & act any thing thereon—

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings—

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty first day of April AD, One thousand eight hundred & seventeen

Nath ^l R Whitney	} Selectmen for Watertown
Luke Bemis	
Jon ^a Stone	
Amos Livermore J ^r	
Marshall B Spring	

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. May 5th 1817 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the times and places and for the purposes within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of the within at the public meeting-house two Sundays prior to said Meetings

Samuel Learned Constable

May }
Meeting }
1817 }

Pursuant to foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in the choice of Representative assembled May 5th 1817. The meeting being opened It was voted to send one Representative to General Court.
The votes brought in were as follows.

For Thomas Clark Esq^r Eighty three votes
Marshall B. Spring Esq^r Eighty votes
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r Seven votes

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Nath ^l R Whitney Esq ^r	Two votes
Adam Brown	One vote
Will ^m White	One
Jonas White Jun ^r	One
Abijah White	One

There being no choice it was voted, to reconsider the former vote & not send any Representative—
Voted that this meeting be dissolved—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jun^r Town Clerk

The May meeting was opened & agreeable to the Warrant proceeded as follows—

Art. 1st Voted & chose Moses Coolidge Esq^r Moderator

Art. 2^d Voted to dismiss this article (see Warrant)—

Art. 3^d Voted that the sum of Two hundred dollars be a^sse^sed in addition to the Ministers tax for the supply of the Pulpit during M^r Eliots ill state of health & to be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen provided it be needed—

4th Voted that the article relative to Jacob Farrar be dismissed.

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

Adjournment }
of April }
Meeting }

An adjournment of April meeting was opened.
Thomas Clark Esq^r presided as Moderator.

The 3^d Article was acted on as follows.—
 Voted, To grant Five hundred dollars to Paint & repair the Meeting house—
 Voted to have a Committee to carry the same into effect

Voted & chose for
 said Committee { Jonas White
 { Nath^l Weld
 { Nath^l Bright

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The following report was read & ordered to be placed on file which is as follows—

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund agreeable to the provisions of the act of incorporation present to the town the following statement of their doings the last year and the existing state of their Funds

Since the last annual Statement, the Trustees have made sale of one lot of land containing about three quarters of an acre to Leonard Harris for the sum of Four hundred & fifty dollars which has been on interest since April 1st 1816

The income due the first of April 1816 has been collected amounting to the Sum of \$305,,28—& paid into the Treasury of the Town—

The funds of the Corporation at this time is in Money at interest, and amounts to the sum of \$2750,,50 and is in the hands of the following persons viz.—

Isaac Patten	— — — — —	450,,	—
John Fowle & Nath ^l R Whitney	— — — — —	225,,	50
Jefse Smith	— — — — —	150,,	—
Martin Wilder	— — — — —	300,,	—
Jon ^a Wyeth (secured by Mortgage)	— — — — —	300,,	—
Edward Lowd (d ^o —————)	— — — — —	325,,	—
Cyrus & Joseph Rufsell (d ^o ———)	— — — — —	550,,	—
Leonard Harris (d ^o —————)	— — — — —	450,,	—
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		\$2750,,	50

The interest or income arising from said sum to the 1st of April 1817 amounts to the sum of \$165,,03 and the rent of the real estate the last year to the sum of \$166,,25 from which is to be deducted the sum of five dollars on account of lands sold to Leonard Harris & one dollar & fifty cents for the record of two deeds which leaves a net amount of

income for the last year of \$324,,78 a part of which sum \$44,, has already been received & paid to the Treasurer of the town—

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The Trustees further represent that as the Sales of House lots at this time are dull & very uncertain they have considered it of importance to preserve their lands in as good state as possible for cultivation, but which they beleived could not be easily effected, by letting them in the usual way from year to year—

They have therefore thought best, and have accordingly leased the whole of the real estate for the term of six years for the sum of \$153,,00 a year to be improved, according to the rules of good husbandry and reserving the right of selling any part of the same as opportunity may offer— All which is respectfully submitted. by order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Treasurer—

The Committee chosen for ascertaining the most suitable place or places on which to build the Engine house or houses made the following report—

To the inhabitants of Watertown in town meeting afsembled—

Gentlemen, your Committee raised for the purpose of afcertaining the most suitable place on which to build an Engine house or houses have attended that service and beg leave to report, that in their opinion it will be most for the safety of the town that there be two Engine houses erected—one on the Mill creek between the Grist Mill and the Hay Scales, and the other as near Strattons Tavern as a place can be procured—All which is respectfully Submitted by

Nath^l Bemis } Committee
Gilbert Nichols }

Voted to accept the foregoing report so far as to build it over the Mill Creek between the Grist mill & Hay Scales provided it can be done with as little expence, as on the spot propos'd near James Robbins's Barn—

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Voted that the Committee for building the Engine house be directed to remove the old Engine house near to Strattons Tavern if a Spot can be reasonably obtained therefor——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
meeting }
May 5th 1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fesenden May 5th 1817——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Phinehas Sanderson his acc^t for Shoes for }
S. Berry & T. Wellington ————— } 3,, 91

To Nath^l Woodward his acc^t for care of }
Meeting house, making Fires &c. for 1816 — } 38,, 62

To John Fowle his acc^t for services on the }
Great Bridge in 1816 ————— } 42,, 87

To Nath^l R Whitney his acc^t for supplies }
furnished M^{rs} Clark, John Welch & George Bourn }
from March 22^d to April 7th 1817 ————— } 8,, 48

To Caty Hay for Boarding Nath^l Harris & }
Frederick Remington from March 17th to May 1st } 15,, 31

To the Widow of the late John Cook for ex- }
pences of journey to Rhode Island ————— } 7,, —

To Caleb Dana for rent of Room to M^{rs} }
Clark ————— } 2,, 50

To Samuel Learned for Cash paid Nine Wit- }
nesses their fees for Attending Court 1817 in }
opposition to road prayed for by E. Preble & }
others & also for his fees for summoning them — } 18,, 49

To Benjamin Holten his acc^t for house rent }
for Jonas Learned from March 1st 1816 to March }
1st 1817 ————— } 25,, —

To Samuel Leatch for Boarding Robert
 Saunders from Jan^y 1st to May 1st 1817, for
 boarding Thomas Wellington from Jan^y 1st to
 May 1st 1817 & for boarding Benjamin Learned
 from Jan^y 1st to May 1st 1817 & for boarding John
 Sanger 3 Weeks & 4 days to May 1st 1817 — — } 72,, —

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The following persons were appointed Engine Men for the year ensuing to the new Engine called the Relief viz

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Nath ^l Weld J ^r | Thomas Soden |
| Gilbert Nichols | Caleb Dana |
| Nath ^l R Whitney J ^r | Coolidge P. Wood |
| James Robbins | Cha ^s H. Chandler |
| Leonard Harris | George Minot |
| Joseph Cole | John M. Harris |
| Elijah Ray | Joshua Ayres |
| Jerom Hearsy | James Hearsy |

Also The following persons were appointed to the old Engine called Engine N^o 1—viz.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Elisha W. Dana | Eliphalet Weston |
| Josiah White | Nath ^l Bond 2 ^d |
| John Stimpson J ^r | Reuben Eaton |
| Will ^m Bright | Isaac Sargeant |
| George Coolidge | John Hoar |
| Francis Leathe | Otis Curtis |
| Sam ^l B. Davis | John Harris |
| Thomas Gookin | Samuel Walker |
| Abr ^m Lincoln | Alexander Stewart |
| Caleb Lincoln | Henry Taylor |
| Charles Bent | |

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 June 2^d }
 1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fesenden June 2^d 1817—

The following acc^{ts} were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Hannah Davis for boarding & taking
 care of the Widow Mary White from March 11th
 1816 to April 7th 1817 — — — — — } 55,, 70

To John Clark for supplies to sundry paupers }
 from Sep^t 21st 1816 to March 17th 1817 — — — } 64,, 84

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To Stephen Longley for boarding Widow }
 Sarah White & nursing her from Dec^r 8th 1815 to }
 March 12th 1817 Also taking care of Lucy White }
 one year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — } 116,, 83

To Jon^a Stone in full for his premium for }
 collecting the taxes for the year 1816 at 2½ pr. }
 Cent — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — } 155,, 86

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

June 4th 1817 Moses Chenery, Thomas Learned & Israel
 Whitney took the oaths as Surveyors of Highways
 before Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 July 7th }
 1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the
 house of Inman Felsenden July 7th 1817.

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn
 on the Treasurer to pay the same—viz.

To Sam^l Gilman for supplying the Pulpit }
 one day — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — } 10,, —

To James Read for his Horse & Chaise to }
 convey the Rev^d J. S. Popkin to Watertown to }
 Supply the Pulpit July 6th (said Popkin charging }
 nothing more for his services — — — — — — — — — — } 1,, 50

To Rev^d Henry Ware for supplying the }
 Pulpit one day — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — } 10,, —

To George Stearns for 60 Rails to fence the }
 road on the Ministerial land — — — — — — — — — — } 7,, 50

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r—Town Clerk

August 1st 1817 Charles Whitney took the oath of Collector
before Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }
Sept. 1st }
1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fesenden Sep^t 1st 1817—

The following persons were approbated as suitable persons for Innholders & Retailers—

Charles Stratton }
Samuel Bellows }
Inman Fesenden } Innholders
Thomas Young }
Jeremiah Fowle }

John Clark }
Samuel Learned } Retailers
Daniel Jackson }
Sullivan Thayer }

The following persons were appointed Engine men for the year ensuing to the Engine called the Relief viz.—

Isaac Rufsell
Benjamin Hoyt

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

Selectmens }
Meeting }
Oct. 6th }
1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house, of Inman Fesenden Oct. 6th 1817—

The following accounts & an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same—viz.

To Abijah White for Cash paid for recording }
David Hagers deed to the Town — — — — } .. 75

To Clinton Thayer for goods supplied M^{rs} }
Clark from March 27th to April 4th 1817 — — — } 5,, 06

To Artemas Ward for journey to Concord &
 assistance in opposing the road petitioned for by
 E. Preble & others ————— } 30,, —

To Nath^l R Whitney for expences for agents
 & Witnesses at Concord Sep^t term in opposing
 said road ————— } 9,, 54

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To Amos Livermore J^r for Cash paid Newell
 Bent for 5960 feet Plank for the Bemis Bridge — } 56,, 40

To Isaac Patten for 30 Posts to fence the
 Ministerial Garden ————— } 6,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens
 Meeting }
 Oct 20th }
 1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Inman
 Fessenden Oct 20th 1817—

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn
 on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

To Benjamin Stevens for making cartridges
 for Cap^t Elisha Whitney s Company ————— } 1,, 50

To George Coolidge for painting 8 guide
 boards ————— } 6,, 50

To Nath^l R Whitney for Sundry Services on
 Trapilo road & erecting guide Boards &c. — } 16,, 61

To John Keyes County Treasurer for County
 Tax 1817 ————— } 504,, 93

To Tyler Bigelow for services twice before
 the Courts Committee & two Courts at Concord
 in opposition to Trapilo road ————— } 45,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Nov. 3^d }
 1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Felsenden Nov^r 3^d 1817—

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Levi Thaxter Esq ^r for expences paid S. } Hoar Esq ^r for the support of J. F. Meacham in } Concord Goal from March 11 th to Apr ^l 10 th 1816 } 10,, 64
To Cap ^t Dan ^l Bond for Cash p ^d W. C. Factory } for Shirting dld. M ^{rs} Hay for the poor Feb ^y 8 th } 1816 ----- } 2,, 78

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Dec^r 1st }
 1817 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Felsenden Dec^r 1st 1817—

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Charles Patten for Medicines dld. Cyrus } Wilson from Sep ^t 11 th to Dec ^r 30 th 1816 ----- } 3,, 35
To Jacob Reeves Esq ^r for attendance 3 days } as a Witnefs for the town in opposing Trapilo } road ----- } 6,, —
To Benj ⁿ Hartwell for Medicine, & attend- } ance on Widow Sarah White from March 2 ^d to } March 18 th 1817 ----- } 5,, 50
To Levi Thaxter Esq ^r for services before the } Committee for laying out Trapilo road ----- } 15,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Jan^y 5th }
 1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Fefsenden Jan^y 5th 1818—

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Leonard Harris for repairing the old Engine -----	75,, —
To James Robbins in full for Goods del ^d by order of W ^m White Esq ^r for John Cooks Funeral — —	3,, 95
To Thomas Heard for support of Elisha Whitneys children from Jan ^y 11 th 1817 to Apr ^l 7 th 1817 12 ¹ / ₃ Weeks @ \$1,, $\frac{2}{3}$ Week -----	12,, 33
To Isaac Dana in full for labor on the great bridge in Sep ^t & Oct. 1817 -----	2,, 50
To Ezek ^l Whitney in full of acc ^t for preparing & setting guide posts & making guide Boards — —	10,, —

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To Samuel Bird in full for Blacksmith work for 1817 -----	14,, 16
To Tyler Bigelow balance between the amount charged him for outstanding taxes of Jonathan Child deceased being \$185,,72 & the amount rec ^d of Levi Thaxter as collected of said Child, s bondsmen being \$179,,28—viz. -----	6,, 44
To Charles Whitney in full of balance of County Tax for 1816 paid by him to County Treasurer including interest -----	525,, 50
To the town of Boston for the support of M ^{rs} Warren & Martha Dodge from March 1 st 1815 to March 1817 -----	99,, 40
To David Hager in full for boarding & removing the Widow of John Cook -----	21,, —
To Thaddeus Cole for sundries for the funeral palls -----	4,, 55

To Moses Coolidge in full for a Plough for the }
road ----- } 14,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
Meeting }
Jan^y 30th }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Inman Felsenden Jan^y 30th 1818

They appointed the following persons, agents for leasing the Fishery the ensuing year—

viz. -----Moses Coolidge }
Thaddeus Cole ----- } Agents

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }
Feb^y 2^d }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of M^{rs} Stratton Feb^y 2^d 1818—

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To William Penniman in full of the balance of }
his acc^t for support & supplies to the poor to April }
7th 1817 ----- } 70,, 87

To Luke Bemis for balance of his acc^t for labor & }
materials on Bemis, s Bridge ----- } 11,, —

To Nath^l R Whitney for Carting Timber &c. for }
Creek Bridge ----- } 14,, 17

To Nath^l Woodward for setting up Stove &c. — 3,, —

To Will^m Bradford for Nails &c. — — — — — 5,, 06

To Jerom Hearsy for setting Glafs in meeting }
house & School houses, Oil &c. — — — — — } 14,, 19

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Feb^y 17th }
 1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of M^{rs} Stratton Feb^y 17th 1818—

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Zacheus Pond in full repairing Plough & Stove 2,, 85

To Thomas Clark for use of Plough & service, on }
 Trapilo road ————— } 6,, 50

Also, The following Warrant was issued—
 viz.

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown—Greeting.—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other

inhabitants

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Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public meeting-house in said town on Monday the second day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles—viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To choose all town officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually—
- 3^d To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his services—
- 4th To determine whether Swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon—
- 5th To agree what schools shall be kept the ensuing year & grant money for the same, & act any thing thereon—
- 6th To grant money to open, make, & repair the highways & act any thing thereon—
- 7th To hear the accounts of those persons to whom the town is indebted & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—

- 8th To hear the report of the Committee for making estimates for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon——
- 9th To hear the report of any Committee & act any thing thereon——
- 10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon——
- 11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury & act any thing thereon——

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- 12th To hear in what manner the town will collect their taxes the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
- 13th To know if the town will take any order relative to the law for preventing the destruction of certain Birds & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Nath ^l R Whitney	} Selectmen for Watertown
Luke Bemis	
Jonathan Stone	
Amos Livermore J ^r	
Marshall B. Spring	

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

—————
Middlesex fs. Watertown March 2^d 1818

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as above directed for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting attested copies of the above Warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof

(Signed) Samuel Learned Constable

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk
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 Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Feb'y 25th }
 1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of Mrs Stratton Feb'y 25th 1818—

The following accounts were allowed & an Order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.

To Daniel Sanger for Mason work at Burying } yard fence —————	3,, 50
To Caleb Lincoln for work at Creek bridge & } Burying place —————	22,, 50
To David Hager for work at Creek bridge — —	5,, —
To Israel Whitney for work at Meeting-house & } Creek bridge —————	7,, 17
To Thaddeus Cole for Nails & Cash paid I. } Fefsenden expences in Sale of Fishery 1818 — —	5,, 66
To Amos Livermore J ^r for repairs on East School } house & attending Court in opposing Trapilo road	8,, 22
To Richard Sanger for Wood supplied the meet- } ing house —————	2,, 78
To Charles Whitney for Work & Materials & } bills paid for repairing fence at Burying ground & } Creek bridge —————	43,, 85
To Edward Lowd for repairing Bridges — — —	4,, —
To Jon ^a Stone for services rendered in opposing } Trapilo road —————	6,, —
To Charles Whitney for Materials, viz. Board, & } Paint for burying ground fence — — — — —	31,, 51
To Inman Fefsenden for entertainment of Select- } men, Committees &c. for 1817 — — — — —	25,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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March }
Meeting }
1818 }

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen of Watertown Feb^y 17th 1818, the freeholders & other inhabitants assembled March 2^d 1818 and proceeded to act on the following articles—viz.

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator—

2^d Voted & chose Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—
(who was sworn into said office by Thom^s Clark Esq^r

Voted & chose Abijah White Treasurer—

The meeting was then adjourned to meet at this place at three oclock this afternoon—

By adjournment the meeting was opened, in the afternoon, when the votes for five Selectmen were called for & being sorted & counted, the Moderator made declaration that there was not a choice—

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday next at One oclock P.M. then to meet at this place—

Agreeably to the adjournment from March 2^d the freeholders & other inhabitants assembled, Thomas Clark Esq^r presideing as Moderator, the following votes pafsed, March 5th 1818

viz.

Voted & chose for Selectmen

- { Levi Thaxter
- { Charles Whitney
- { Peter Clark
- { Daniel Bond
- { Moses Chenery

Voted & chose for Afsefsors—

- { Thomas Clark
- { Abijah White
- { Elisha Livermore
- { Nath^l Bright
- { Gilbert Nichols

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Voted & chose for Constables—

- { Nathaniel Bright
- { Abraham Sanger

Voted & chose for Fence Viewers—

- { Jeremiah Fowle
- { William Stone
- { Daniel Sanger
- { Francis Brown

Voted & chose for Tythingmen	{ James Dean George Coolidge Thomas Learned Elisha W. Dana
Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market—	{ Thaddeus Cole Charles Patten
Voted & chose for Feild drivers—	{ Francis Brown John Stimpson Jr Enos Blake W ^m M. Pomroy Christopher Grant Jr Joseph Bird John H. Clark
Voted & chose for Hogreeves	{ Sullivan Thayer Josiah White George Minott Phinehas Learned Will ^m Alden Stillman Corey Asa Davis Jonathan Whitney Jr Benjamin Hoyt Collins Thayer Phinehas Harrington

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Hogreeves (continued)—	{ Miles Sprague, Jr Isaac Ruffell Caleb Lincoln Fran ^s Leathe Elisha Stratton Charles Patten Henry Taylor
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Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 16th of March instant then to meet at this place at one oclock in the afternoon—

Pursuant to the adjournment from March 5th the inhabitants asembled & proceeded as follows. March 16th 1818—

viz.

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways—	{ Enos Blake Luke Bemis Thomas Learned Moses Chenery Nath ^l R Whitney Nath ^l Bright
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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber { Enos Blake
Caleb Lincoln
Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Isaac Dana
Will^m Horn

Voted & chose for Firewards { Nathaniel Bemis
Luke Bemis
Adam Brown
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore
John Clark
Eliakim Morse
John Hunting

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Voted & chose for Fish Committee { Mark Vose
Nath^l Stone
Moses Coolidge
Josiah Learned
Abraham Sanger
Will^m M. Pomroy

Voted & chose for Pound keeper Jeremiah Rufsell

Voted & chose for Feild drivers in addition to those already chosen { Josiah Learned
William Stone

Nath^l Bright was excused from serving as an Afsefsor

Nath^l Bright was also excused from serving as Constable & Samuel Learned was chosen in his stead—

Jeremiah Fowle was excused from serving as Fence veiwer

Elisha Livermore was excused from serving as an Afsefsor

Voted to annul the former vote of choosing five Afsefsors & to have but three, who are already chosen—

Abraham Sanger was excused from serving as Constable & Thaddeus Cole was chosen in his stead—

3^d Voted to refer the choice of a Sexton to the Selectmen & they to agree with him for his services—

4th Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year—

The Committee (under Article 8th) for making estimates made a report which is on file—whereupon the following votes passed—viz.

- 5th Voted to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the suport of Schools the ensuing year, to be expended in the same proportions as last year——

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- 6th Voted to grant the same sum for Highways as last year, which is twenty five Cents on every rateable poll & all other estates in proportion——

Voted that the Afsefsors forthwith make the Highway Tax on the old Valuation, adding such polls as are now liable to be taxed not now on the Valuation & to deliver the same to the Surveyors——

Voted to grant four hundred & twenty five dollars for the purpose of making the road & setting the fence through the Ministerial land & land of Jonas White & Edmund Fowle——

Voted & chose a Committee
to carry the same into effect. viz. { Charles Whitney
Nath^l R Whitney
Moses Coolidge

- 7th Voted to allow the following accounts viz.

To Nath ^l R Whitney J ^r for services as Town Clerk	25,, —
To Nath ^l R Whitney for his services as Afsefsor	— 45,, —
To Elisha Livermore for the same	— — — — — 13,, 50
To Seth Bemis——for——same	— — — — — 12,, —
To Tyler Bigelow as Treasurer	— — — — — 50,, —

Voted to allow the following account & grant money to pay the same. viz.

To Thomas Learned for services on the Highways 13,, 75

Joshua Coolidges acc^t was refered to the Overseers of the poor——

Samuel Learneds acc^t was refered to the Selectmen——

Art. 8th see previous to Article 5th

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9th The Committee who were appointed to repair the meeting house & build Engine houses made a report which will appear on file; & also petitioned the town to direct their Treasurer to pay the Committee the grants of the town for that purpose—whereupon the town voted to accept the same—also,

Voted & chose a Committee to examine the accounts of said Committee & report to the town. viz.

Nath ^l R Whitney	}	Committee
Nath ^l Bemis		
Tyler Bigelow		

Voted to accept the Treasurers account as reported by the Selectmen & to be placed on the files of the town which is as follows. viz.

Tyler Bigelow as Treasurer is charged the sum of	9035,, 85
and is credited the sum of — — — — —	8964,, 59
leaving a balance in the Treasury as will appear	\$71,, 26

10th Voted & chose a Committee to devise the best method of supporting the poor the ensuing year & report at April meeting—viz.

Moses Coolidge	}	Committee
Luke Bemis		
Thomas Clark		
John Fowle		
Nath ^l R Whitney		
Nath ^l Bemis		
Amos Livermore J ^r		
Levi Thaxter		
Tyler Bigelow		

Voted to postpone the grant of money for the support of the poor 'till the report of the foregoing Committee—

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Voted & chose a Committee to examine the accounts of the Overseers of the poor & report to the town—

viz.

Nath ^l Bemis	}	Committee
Thomas Clark		
Nath ^l R Whitney		

11th See under Article 9th

12th Voted to farm out the taxes in the usual way & to postpone the choice of Collector 'till that time—

13th Voted to dismisfs the Article—

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the house of M^{rs} Stratton at seven oclock this evening for the sole purpose of farming out the taxes & choosing Collector—

The meeting being opened by adjournment at M^{rs} Strattons March 16th 1818—It was voted to farm out the taxes on the same conditions as last year, the lowest bidder to be the Collector & being put up, were bought by Samuel Learned for 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ cents on a dollar—

Voted & chose Samuel Learned Collector—

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the sixth day of April next, then to meet at the public meeting house at four oclock in the afternoon—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Oaths }

The following persons were sworn to their respective offices March 9th 1818. viz.

Levi Thaxter, Charles Whitney, Peter Clark, Dan^l Bond & Moses Chenery as Selectmen, Abijah White as Town Treasurer & Afsefsor—Enos Blake, Daniel Sanger, & Francis Brown as Feild drivers—Francis Brown as Fence Viewer—Caleb Lincoln, Jon^a Whitney J^r, Sullivan Thayer, Francis Leathe, Josiah White & Elisha Stratton as Hogreeves,

by Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Thomas Clark & Gilbert Nichols took the Oath of Afsefsors March 11th 1818

before Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

March 11th 1818

Sam^l Learned was sworn to the office of Constable by N R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Oaths }

March 16th 1818, Josiah Learned, Joseph Bird, Will^m M Pomroy & William Stone were sworn as Feild drivers & William Stone as Fence Viewer—before

Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

Selectmens }
Meeting }
March 16th }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the house of M^{rs} Stratton March 16th 1818—

Samuel Learned was appointed Auctioneer for the year ensuing—

Isaac Dana, Thaddeus Cole & George Minott were appointed Measurers of Wood for the year ensuing—

Thomas Gookin, Amos Livermore J^r & James Robbins were appointed weighers of Beef for the year ensuing—

The Pews belonging to the town were put up at Auction to lease from the 12th day of April next for one year to the highest bidder—& were leased as follows—viz.

The Goddard Pew (so called)	}	£13,, —
to William Ellis for — — — — —		
East long Pew to Constantine V Swan for —		7,, —
West long Pew to Elisha Stratton for — —		7,, —
The Hay Scales were put up from the 1 st day	}	34,, 25
of April next for one year & were leased to,		
George Coolidge for — — — — —		
The Wharf in Cambridge was leased to	}	3,, 50
Charles Stone for one year from the 1 st day		
of April next for — — — — —		

Also the following Warrant was issued—viz.—

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown—Greeting.

Warrant
for
Apr^l Meeting }
1818

You are hereby forthwith required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age and upward, having a freehold estate within the

Commonwealth

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Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth—

Also You are alike required to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age and upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate in said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer—

Also, You are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on said sixth day of April next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles—viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To know if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen to alter the road leading from the West School house, to Charles river & act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To know if the town will take any measures to repair Bemis, s Bridge (so called) & act any thing thereon—

4th To know if the town will authorize the several Surveyors of highways, to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of

such

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Such delinquent highway taxes as has been collected from their districts & paid into the Treasury the last year, to be expended by them on the highways & act any thing thereon——

- 5th To know if the town will take any measures to supply the desk during the weak state of health of the Rev^d M^r Eliot & act any thing thereon——
- 6th To know if the town will accept of the Stove & Funnel in the Meeting house & pay the balance now due for the same & act any thing thereon——
- 7th To know if the town will take any measures to prevent Teams &c. passing across the Common in front of the Meeting house & act any thing thereon——
- 8th To know if the town will take any measures to widen the Treadaway Bridge (so called) & act any thing thereon——
- 9th To know if the town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen——
- 10th To know if the town will choose a Committee to consider the best & most economical method of supporting their poor & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meetings——Given under our hands & seals this sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Charles Whitney		
Peter Clark		
Daniel Bond		
Moses Chenery——		

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk——

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Middlesex fs. April 6th 1818 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as within directed & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting

attested copies of the within warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to the date hereof—

Samuel Learned Constable—

Oaths }

The following persons were sworn to their respective offices March 16th 1818 viz. Isaac Dana as Culler of Hoops & Staves, Surveyor of Lumber & Measurer of Wood—
Thaddeus Cole as Constable & Measurer of Wood—

by Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

March 26th 1818 Thomas Learned was sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways & Apr^l 3^d 1818 George Minot was sworn to the offices of Measurer of Wood & Hogreeve—

by Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

April
Meeting }
1818 }

Pursuant to the Warrant ifsued March 16th 1818 notifying the inhabitants qualified to vote for Governor, Leiu^t Governor & Senators & Counsellors—They assembled April 6th 1818 when the votes being brought in sorted & counted were as follows viz.

For Governor—

His Exec^y John Brooks had Seventy four votes
Hon. Benjamin W. Crowninshield had Sixty eight votes

for L^t Governor

Hon. Will^m Phillips had Seventy four votes
Hon. Thomas Kittredge had Sixty eight votes
Moses Coolidge Esq^r had One vote—

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for Senators—

Calvin Sanger had Seventy three votes
Joseph Locke had Seventy three votes
Sam^l P. P. Fay had Seventy three votes
Joseph B. Varnum had Sixty six votes
John Hart had Sixty six votes
Leonard M. Parker had Sixty seven votes

Samuel Dana had One vote
William Austin had One vote

Voted to adjourn this meeting to M^{rs} Strattons at six O'clock this evening for the purpose of sealing up the votes for Governor, Leiu^t Governor &c.—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

Meeting }
for County }
Treasurer }
Apr^l 6th }
1818 }

Agreeably to the Warrant notifying the inhabitants qualified to vote for County Treasurer to meet at 3 o'clock being assembled proceeded as follows—viz.

Art^l 1st Voted & chose Tyler Bigelow Esq^r Moderator
2^d Votes for County Treasurer being brought in, sorted & counted were for John Keyes forty seven votes
Abiel Heywood fifty six votes

Then voted to difsolve this meeting

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Meeting }
for Town Affairs }
Apr^l 6th 1818 }

The meeting was then opened at four O'clock for the purposes set forth in the warrant, when the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs being assembled, they proceeded to act on the following articles—viz.

Art. 1st Voted & chose Tyler Bigelow Esq^r Moderator
2^d Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen for altering the road from the West School house to Charles river & in future to have it a town road—

Voted to grant one hundred & twenty five dollars for the purpose of making said road & fences—

Voted & chose a Committee to carry the same into effect—viz.

Charles Whitney }
Adam Brown } Committee
Enos Blake }

- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to make the necessary repairs to Bemis, s Bridge (so called) & also to ascertain who were the persons that destroyed the Timber &c. belonging to the town & if possible to obtain a compensation therefor——
- Voted to grant one hundred & fifty dollars for the repairs of said Bridge——
- 4th Voted to dismiss this article relative to Highway taxes——
- 5th Voted to dismiss this article relative to the supply of the Desk
- 6th Voted to dismiss this article relative to the Stove & Funnel in the Meeting house——
- 7th Voted & chose a Committee to take into consideration this Article (relative to measures for preventing Teams &c. passing across the Common in front of the meeting house & report to the town——

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- Voted & chose for said Committee——
- | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|
| | { | Charles Whitney |
| | | Adam Brown |
| | } | Thomas Clark |
- 8th relative to Treadaway Bridge (so called)
Voted to refer this article to the following Committee & report to the town
- Voted & chose for said Committee——
- | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| | { | Thomas Clark |
| | | Nath ^l Bright |
| | } | Moses Coolidge |
- 9th Voted, That this article (relative to the acceptance of the Juror list) be postponed to the adjournment of this meeting——
- 10th Voted to dismiss the article——

Then voted to adjourn this meeting to M^{rs} Strattons at 7 Oclock this evening——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk——

the adjournment of March meeting was then opened
Thomas Clark Esq^r presiding as Moderator
the following articles were acted on, viz.

Under Article 7th Voted to allow the following account & grant money to pay the same——

To the estate of Charles Stratton deceased }
for entertainment of the Selectmen — — — — } 33,, 61

Under

Art. 9th The Committee who were chosen to examine the accounts of the Committee appointed to repair the meeting house & build Engine houses, made a report which is on file——

Whereupon the town voted to direct their Treasurer to pay the balance of said account——

The trustees of the Ministerial funds made the following report——

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The trustees of the Watertown Ministerial fund agreeably to the provisions of the act of Incorporation—— present to the town the following statement of their doings the last year, and of the existing state of their funds——

Since the last annual Statement no opportunity has offered for the sale of their lands, and of course there is nothing of their doings to communicate——

The Amount of their funds, remain the same as the last year viz. \$2750,,50 which is on interest with sufficient security and in the hands of the following persons—viz.——

Isaac Patten	— — — —	\$450,, 00
Jon ^a Wyeth	— — — —	300,, —
Leonard Harris	— — — —	450,, —
Edw ^d Lowd	— — — —	325,, —
Martin Wilder	— — — —	300,, —
Jefse Smith	— — — —	150,, —
John Fowle &	}	225,, 50
Nath ^l R Whitney		
Cyrus & Jos. Rufsell	— — —	550,, —
		\$2750,, 50

The interest or income arising from said sum to the first of April 1818 Amounts to \$165,,03 and rents of the real estate the last year to \$153,,00 making in all \$318,,03 to be paid over to the Treasurer agreeably to the directions of the town——All which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Trustees——
Levi Thaxter Treasurer——

Voted that the account of Overseers of the poor be accepted as reported, & the balance in their hands ordered to be forthwith paid into the Treasury—which will appear on file—

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Under Article 10th

The Committee who were appointed to devise the best method of supporting the poor made a report which was ordered to placed on file—

Voted to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the support of the poor the ensuing year—

Voted to grant two hundred dollars for contingent expences the ensuing year—

Voted (in reference to Article 6th) to grant twenty dollars to be laid on the road under the rocks (so called) under the direction of John H. Clark—

Voted that this meeting be difsolved—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

Adjourned }
 April }
 Meetings }
 Apr^l 6th }
 1818 }

At the adjournment of April Meeting held at M^{rs} Strattons the votes for Governor L^t Governor &c. were sealed up—

The meeting was then difsolved—

Also the adjournment of the remaining part of the Warrant was held at M^{rs} Strattons at seven oclock in the evening when the town voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared this day by the Selectmen—

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Apr^l 6th }
 1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at M^{rs} Strattons April 6th 1818 They agreed with Josiah Bright to take David Barnard for one year from the 1st day of April 1818

& the town to pay him therefor, the sum of twenty dollars & said Bright to provide him suitable clothing during that time_____

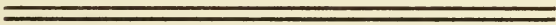
Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Nath^l R Whitney & Moses Chenery were sworn to the offices of Surveyors of Highways & John H. Clark as Feild driver April 6th 1818 by

Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk_____

April 13th 1818 Luke Bemis was sworn to the office of Surveyor of Highways before Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk_____



Selectmens }
Meeting }
April 20th }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of M^{rs} Stratton April 20th 1818

They appointed Benjamin Stevens Sexton for the year ensuing from the 1st day of May 1818 & to pay him for his services as follows. viz. ↵

For taking care of the meeting house & ringing the Bell thirty dollars._____

For making Fire in the Stove & taking care of the same twenty five cents for each day_____

For attending a Funeral with the Hearse, tolling the Bell & digging the Grave for an adult (in the summer season) three dollars & fifty cents_____if in Winter four dollars & for children in the same proportion_____

Also a reasonable compensation for any other services_____

Benjamin F. Farrar & Hezekiah Bacon were appointed Engine men for the Engine called the Releif_____

Agreed with Daniel Jackson to take Fred^k Remington for one year from May 1st 1818 for thirty dollars, said

Jackson to provide him sufficient board & clothing during that time——

Agreed to Let Samuel Letch the poor house, at forty dollars for the year ensuing from April 15th 1818—to board George Bourn & Wife for \$1,,50 P week & Robert Saunders & Benjamin Learned at \$1,,33 P week from May 1st 1818—

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The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. viz.

To the town of East Sudbury for the support of an illegitimate child of Elisha Whitney's wife —————	} 22,, 42
To Mr———Tracy for supplying the desk three Sundays & Fast day —————	} 40,, —
To Jacob Farrar for the support of Benjamin Whitney one year —————	} 20,, —
To Rev ^d Noah Worcester for supplying the desk eleven Sundays —————	} 110,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk——

Warrant
for
May
Meeting
1818

Also the following Warrant was issued. viz.

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables of the town of Watertown——Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold estate within said town, of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the eleventh day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing

one or more Representatives, to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened, & held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next——

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified

by

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By law to vote in town affairs to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the eleventh day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles——viz—

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
- 2^d To know if the town will choose a Committee to enquire if there are any privileges that can be purchased advantageous to the Fishery, & give them power to purchase the same if they shall think best & act any thing thereon——
- 3^d To know if the town will appoint a Committee of three persons to meet similar Committees from the towns of Newton & Brighton to arrange, concert and adopt measures for the support of the poor of the respective towns in common——Also to see what instructions & powers shall be given to said Committee & act any thing thereon——
- 4th To know if the town will purchase a Stove or Stoves for the meeting house & accept of the Funnel & act any thing thereon——
- 5th To know if the town will direct what number of men shall be appointed to manage the Engines & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings——Given under our hands & seals this twentieth day of April AD one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Charles Whitney		
Peter Clark		
Daniel Bond		
Moses Chenery		

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Apr^l 30th }
 1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of M^r Stratton April 30th 1818—

They agreed with Mark Vose for the support of John Remington for one year from the 30th day of April 1818 for the sum of sixty dollars, said Vose to save the town harmless from all other expence on his account—

The following persons were approved as Innholders in this town for the remainder of the year. viz.

Luke Robinson
 Amasa Davies—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Return }
 of }
 Warrant }

The following return was made on the warrant issued Apr^l 20th 1818—Viz. ↪

Middlesex fs. Watertown May 11th 1818—

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet as above directed for the purposes therein mentioned by posting attested copies of the above warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof—

Signed Samuel Learned Constable—

May }
 Meeting }
 1818 }

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote for Representatives assembled May 11th 1818 when the votes for one Representative being called, for were as follows. viz. ↪

For Levi Thaxter Esq^r Eighty three votes
Marshall B. Spring Esq^r thirty nine votes
Nath^l R Whitney Esq^r one vote—

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For Charles Stone one vote
Isaac Barnard one vote
Elijah Norcrofs—one vote
Luther Barrett one vote
John Clark—one vote

Levi Thaxter Esq^r was accordingly declared chosen—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

May }
Meeting }
for town }
affairs }

Agreeably to the Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs being asembled May 11th 1818— proceeded to act on the following articles. viz.

- 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator—
- 2^d Voted to choose a Committee to take into consideration what priveleges can be purchased advantageous to the Fishery & report the same—to the town

Voted & chose for
said Committee viz. { Tyler Bigelow
Gilbert Nichols
Thomas Clark—

- 3^d Voted to dismifs this article (relative to the support of the poor—
- 4th Voted to purchase a Stove or Stoves for the meeting house—

Voted & chose a Committee to purchase the same

viz. Jonas White }
Adam Brown } Committee
Charles Whitney }

Voted that the Committee be instructed to purchase two Stoves & to draw money from the Treasury therefor—

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5th Voted that hereafter the Selectmen be instructed not to appoint more than twenty six men to both Engines & to be divided at their discretion——

The Committee appointed to take into consideration what measures are necessary to prevent Teams &c. passing across the Common, made a report which will appear on file——Whereupon the town voted to accept it, & ordered the same Committee to carry it into effect, & present their account to the Selectmen for payment——

Voted to dissolve this meeting——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Warrant
for
Meeting
June 4th
1818

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M^{rs} Stratton May 23^d 1818——the following Warrant was issued viz.

Middlesex fs, To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown——Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Thursday the fourth day of June next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles——viz.↵

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2^d To know if the town will appoint a Committee to prosecute any persons who may have violated the laws respecting the right of taking the Fish called Shad & Alewives

within

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Within the limits of Watertown & authorize them to settle & adjust the same at their discretion & act any thing thereon——

- 3^d To know if the town will appoint a Committee to call on the agents who sold the right of taking said Fish the present year & enquire how far they pledged the faith of the town in regard to taking the same between the Dams, & to authorize them to take such measures as they shall think best relative thereto & act any thing thereon——
- 4th To know if the town will give any instructions to the standing Fish Committee relative to any violations of the law pafsed Feb^{ry} 28th 1814 entitled an act to prevent the destruction of said Fish in Charles river & act any thing thereon——
- 5th To know if the town will grant monies for the purpose of carrying on any prosecutions relative to the Fishery & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals this twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen for Watertown
Charles Whitney		
Peter Clark		
Daniel Bond		
Moses Chenery		

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Oaths

May 25th 1818 Mark Vose, Moses Coolidge & Josiah Learned were sworn to the office of Fish Committee

By Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }
June 1st }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of M^{rs} Stratton June 1st 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—
viz.

To Richard Sanger for his services as Sexton } for the year 1817 ending May 1 st 1818 — — — — — }	35,, 50
To Joseph Bright for boarding Jn ^o Sanger } for one year from the 1 st of April 1816 — — — — — }	21,, 25
To Dexter Clafin for Paper delivered Edw ^d } Lowl for Cartridges — — — — — }	1,, 05
Error— }	
{ To Thomas Heard for sundry supplies for the } support of Elisha Whitneys Wife & Chchildren } from Dec ^r 1 st 1817 to May 1 st 1818 being 21 ½ } Weeks ————— @ \$1,, — — — — — }	21,, 50
To Sam ^l Letch his acc ^t for boarding John } Remington, Rob ^t Saunders, Benjamin Learned & } George Bourn & Wife from March 2 ^d to May 1 st } 1818 ————— }	53,, 31
To Samuel Gilman for supplying the desk } one day ————— }	10,, —
To Nath ^l Goding his order for the support of } his Father one year ending May 9 th 1818 — — — }	45,, —
To Jacob Farrar in addition to what was } allowed him last year for the support of Benjamin } Whitney ————— }	20,, —
Mark Vose was approbated as an Innholder for the remainder of the year—	

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Return }
of }
Warrant }

The following return was made on the warrant ifsued May 23^d 1818—viz.

Middlesex fs. Watertown June 4th 1818 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town as within

directed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting at the public meeting house in said town an attested copy of the within two Sundays prior to said meeting——

Samuel Learned Constable——

Meeting }
June 4th }
1818 }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs assembled June 4th 1818 & proceeded to act on the following articles——viz.

Art. 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator

2^d & 3^d Articles being taken under consideration the town Voted, to refer the same to the Selectmen, for an equitable adjustment with all persons who had violated the same, & also to take into consideration any & all violations of the Fishery within the limits of Watertown as far back as the first of the year 1815——

4th No order was taken thereon——

5th Voted to grant the sum of one hundred dollars to be used by the Fish Committee for carrying on the law suit now commenced by them against Abijah Ruggles in conformity with the act passed Feb^y. 1814 “entitled an act to prevent the destruction of Fish (called Shad & Alewives) in Charles river” & to draw on the Treasurer for the same as may be wanted for that purpose——

Then voted to disolve this meeting

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }
July 6th }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Mrs Stratton July 6th 1818——

The following accounts were allowed, & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

To Joseph Bird for new plough & repairing old Plough —————	} 14,, 08
To Josiah Mason & son for plank & Timber for Creek Bridge —————	} 80,, 79
To Mary Whitney for boarding Widow Mary White from the 2 ^d day of March to July 6 th 1818 making 18 Weeks— @ \$1,, 3 Week ———	} 18,, —
To Moses Coolidge for monies paid M ^r W ^m Popkin & Rev ^d M ^r Jenks for supplying the desk two days —————	} 8,, 50
To Amasa Jackson for work at the Bridge —	9,, 87
To Stephen Cook for house rent for M ^{rs} Bray from March 1 st 1817 to March 1 st 1818 ———	} 25,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Oath }—

July 8th 1818 Samuel Learned was sworn to the office of
Collector by

Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }
Sep^t 7th }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at house of M^{rs}
Stratton Sep^t 7th 1818—

The following persons were approved as Innholders &
Retailers—viz.

Samuel Bellows	} Innholders
Amasa Davies	
Jeremiah Fowle	
Mark Vose	
Luke Robinson	
Elisha Stratton	

John Clark Sullivan Thayer Thaddeus Cole George Minott	}	Retailers
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The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

To the town of Cambridge for supporting Benjamin Gardner in Goal from Aug st 5 th to Sep ^t 11 th 1817 also Joseph Whitney from Feb ^{ry} 18 th to March 20 th 1818 -----	}	24,, 30
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To Samuel Latch* for board of Robert Saunders, Benj ⁿ Learned & George Bourn & Wife from May 1 st to Sep ^t 1 st 1818 & for sundry supplies -----	}	77,, 31
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To Samuel Bird for Iron work on the great Bridge & Bemis, s Bridge -----	}	99,, 35
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Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Warrant for Meeting Sep ^t 21 st 1818	}
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A meeting of the Selectmen was held at the house of M^{rs} Stratton Sep^t 10th 1818—

When the following Warrant was ifsued—viz.

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables of the town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts forthwith to summon, notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty first day of September instant at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles—

viz. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—

**Editorial Note:—Latch and Letch probably identical.*

- 2^d To know if the town will choose a Committee to wait on the Rev^d Mr. Eliot & know if he will settle with the town & relinquish all his engagements as their Minister & authorize them to make such settlement & act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To know if the town will take any measures to supply the Pulpit, provided a settlement is made with Mr Eliot & grant money for that purpose & act any thing thereon—
- 4th To hear the statement of John H. Clark respecting the road under the rocks (so called) & grant any further sum of money to repair the same & act any thing thereon—
- 5th To hear the report of any Committees & act any thing thereon—

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon, on or before the time appointed for said meeting—

Given under our hands & seals this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen—

Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen for Watertown—
Charles Whitney	
Peter Clark	
Moses Chenery	
Daniel Bond	

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Return
of
Warrant }

Middlesex fs. September 21st 1818 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have summoned & notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting—

Samuel Learned Constable

Meeting }
 Sep^t 21st }
 1818 }

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs assembled Sep^t 21st 1818 & acted on the articles as follows—viz.

1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator—

2^d Voted & chose the following Committee—

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viz.	Jonas White Nath ^l Bemis Thomas Clark John Fowle Levi Thaxter Paul Learned Moses Chenery Adam Brown Gilbert Nichols Amos Livermore J ^r Nath ^l R Whitney Josiah Learned John Tucker—	}	Committee
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Voted that the foregoing Committee wait on the Rev^d Mr Eliot to confer with him, & know on what terms he will settle with the town, & report at the adjournment of this meeting—

3^d Voted to postpone the article to the adjournment of this meeting—

4th Voted to grant the sum of twenty dollars to be expended by John H Clark on the road under the rocks in addition to the sum granted for that purpose at a former meeting—

5th The Selectmen who were appointed a Committee to adjust all violations of the Fishery within the limits of Watertown made a report which was accepted & ordered to be placed on the files of the town—

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday Oct 5th 1818 then to meet at this place at three o'clock in the afternoon

Attst Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Adjourned }
 Meeting }
 Oct. 5th }
 1818 }

At the adjournment of the meeting from Sep^t 21st held
 Oct^r 5th 1818———

Thomas Clark Esq^r presided as Moderator.

The Committee who were chosen to wait on the
 Rev^d M^r Eliot to confer with him &c.——made a report
 which will appear on file——

No order was taken thereon——
 Voted. That the foregoing Committee be discharged——

Art. 3^d No Order taken thereon——

Art. 5th Voted to accept the report of the Committee who
 were chosen to make the road from the West School house
 to Charles river, which will appear on file——

Voted to disolve this meeting——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Oct^r 5th }
 1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M^{rs}
 Stratton October 5th 1818——

The following accounts were allowed & an order
 drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——

viz. To Mary Jupp for Boarding & nursing } Widow Sarah White from March 12 th 1817 to } August 5 th 1818 ————— }	84,, 32
To Stephen Longley for Funeral expences of } the Widow Sarah White ————— }	7,, —
To Benjamin Hartwell for Medicine & at- } tendance on Widow Sarah White ————— }	12,, 25
To Daniel Moulton for support of Esther } Warren one year Oct ^r 1 st 1817 to Oct. 1 st 1818 } agreeably to contract ————— }	35,,

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To Lois Curtis for new trimming the Pall —	7,, 31
To Thomas Heard for supporting Elisha Whitney's Chrilden from Dec ^r 1 st 1817 to Oct 1 st 1818 —————	35,,
To Sam ^l P. P. Fay for services as advocate before a Committee of the Legislature, to oppose accrofs Charles river at the request of Co's Bond & Wiswall agents —————	6,, —
To Charles Whitney for premium on Collec- tion of Taxes for the year 1817 —————	134,, 19

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Selectmens }
Meeting }
Oct. 12th }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at M^{rs} Strattons October 12th 1818—

Thaddeus Cole was appointed Auctioneer for the year ensuing—

Atts^t Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Whereas, a dispute has arisen between Marshall B. Spring of Watertown and Luke Bemis of said town about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands, at the Southwesterly part of Watertown from the County road to Charles river—

We the Subscribers Fence viewers of the town of Water- town being duly chosen & sworn, having on application of the said Marshall B Spring, and after having given due notice to said Luke Bemis, viewed

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The premises and duly considered the matter in dispute have afsigned and do hereby afsign to each of said parties his share of said fence as follows. viz. The said Luke Bemis shall build and keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from

the County road running Southerly Sixty four rods and one half, and the said Marshall B. Spring shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line viz. From the south end of said Bemis, s line to Charles river being sixty rods & one half——

Given under our hands at said Watertown this third day of October AD 1818——

William Stone }
Francis Brown } Fence Viewers——

Warrant }
for }
Meeting }
Nov. 2^d }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M^{rs} Stratton October 24th 1818—the following warrant was issued

viz. Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown——Greeting——

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Watertown duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth—viz. All the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the public

meeting-house

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Meeting-house in said town on Monday the second day of November next at one Oclock P.M. being the first Monday in said Month, to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middle district——

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by

law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of November next at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles—viz.——

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting——
- 2^d To know if the town will take up the report of their Committee, made at an adjourned meeting of the town held on the 5th instant relative to a settlement with their late Pastor, and so far take the subject into consideration as to accept of said report, and order it to be put upon record, and act any thing thereon——
- 3^d To know if the town will allow any accounts that may be presented by the Selectmen and direct the same to be paid out of the Treasury & act any thing thereon——
- 4th To know if the town will take any measures to supply the Desk in future and act any thing thereon——
- 5th To know if the town will grant any money to supply the deficiency of the Treasury to meet the expences of the present year & act any thing thereon——
- 6th To hear the reports of any Committees and act any thing thereon——

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- 7th To know if the town will direct the Selectmen relative to the future disposition of the parsonage place and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings——

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty fourth day of October AD. one thousand eight hundred & eighteen——

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen for Watertown——
Charles Whitney		
Peter Clark		
Daniel Bond		
Moses Chenery——		

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk——

Middlesex fs. Watertown November 2^d 1818 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town to meet at the times and place within mentioned by posting up At-

tested Copies of the within at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meetings——

Samuel Learned Constable

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Meeting }
Nov. 2^d }
1818 }

The Inhabitants qualified to vote for a Representative to Congress being assembled agreeably to the Warrant November 2^d 1818 And the votes given in being sorted & counted were——

For Hon. Timothy Fuller forty five votes
Hon. Samuel P. P. Fay twenty eight votes——

The votes being declared were sealed up in open town meeting

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Town }
Meeting }
Nov. 2^d }
1818 }

The Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs being assembled Nov^r 2^d 1818 agreeably to the Warrant they proceeded to act by Articles relative thereto——viz.

Art. 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator

2^d That the town approve of the doings & conduct of their Committee as being correct & strictly comporting with their duty and that their report be accepted & put upon record——

Which report is as follows. viz.——

“The Committee appointed by a vote of the town of Watertown pafsed Sep^t 21st 1818 to wait on the Rev^d Rich^d R Eliot, and to confer with him relative to his relinquishing all his engagements as Minister of said town, have attended to that businefs, and now ask leave to report——

That on the 22^d Sep^t they gave notice to M^r Eliot of their appointment, shew him the vote of the town,

and

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And with his approbation, assigned Friday the 25th of Sep^r as the time for holding a conference with him on the subject.

Your Committee on that day accordingly met & waited on Mr Eliot for the purpose aforesaid—Mr. Eliot observed, that he had obtained a Copy of the vote of the town but that he did not understand thereby what the town wished for,—that he did not know what was meant by a settlement—that he had no settlement to make neither did he wish for any,—that he was satisfied to remain in his present situation,—but that he was ready to receive any propositions the Committee were disposed to make—and requested that they might be made in writing—Your Committee in reply observed, that they considered the vote of the town to be perfectly plain & intelligible,—that it expressed a wish that he would consent to relinquish all his Pastoral relations with the town, and a desire to know on what terms he would make such relinquishment—Mr. Eliot then observed if that was the meaning of the vote, he was not prepared to answer—that it was a business of consequence and that he should wish for Council—and expressed a wish that the Committee would address their inquiries to him in writing, and in more diffuse and explicit terms than was expressed by the vote, and that they would allow him as much time to consider of the subject as they could with propriety before the meeting of the town—The Committee in compliance with the request of Mr. Eliot accordingly proposed to

him

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Him in writing two questions, in the following words and requested an explicit answer to the same—

- 1st Will you consent to relinquish all your engagements as Minister of the town of Watertown?
- 2^d On what terms will you agree to make such relinquishment—or in other words, what is the lowest sum of money you will accept of from the town as a compensation for such relinquishment, to be paid quarter yearly during your life, in addition to the improvement of the house and land you now occupy? And assigned Friday the 2^d instant to receive his answer, Your Committee again met on the

2^d instant agreeably to appointment, when a communication was made to them in writing from Mr. Eliot in the following words, viz.—

To Jonas White Esquire Chairman, and the other members of the Committee appointed by the town of Watertown on the 21st of Sep^t 1818 to confer with me relative to a dissolution of my Pastoral relations with said town——

Gentlemen,
To the questions contained in your Communication to me dated 25th Sep^t 1818—I answer—

That if, as you believe, it is the wish of the town of Watertown, that I should relinquish all my engagements as their Minister, I will consent to do so, on condition that I should continue to receive as a compensation for such relinquishment the full amount of my Salary, to be paid quarter yearly during my life in addition to the improvement of the house and land I now

occupy

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Occupy——

Your affectionate Pastor
Richard R Eliot

Watertown 2^d Oct^r 1818——

All which is respectfully submitted by your Committee for the consideration of the town——

By order of the Committee

Watertown Oct. 5th 1818——Jonas White Chairman

- 3^d Voted to allow the account presented by Levi Thaxter Esq^r for Funeral expences &c. of the Rev^d Rich^d R. Eliot & order the Treasurer to pay the same——
- 4th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to procure a supply for the Pulpit 'till the further order of the town——
- 5th Voted that the Afsefsors be directed to afsefs & commit to the Collector the amount of the State tax the present year— & direct the same to be paid into the Treasury——

6th No reports made thereon—

7th Voted that the town give the use of the Parsonage to M^{rs} Eliot which she now occupies 'till the first of April next

Voted to disolve this meeting

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }
Nov. 2^d }
1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M^{rs} Stratton Nov^r 2^d 1818—

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—

viz. To John Clark & C^o for sundry supplies & }
Clothing del^d Geo. Bourn & others — — — — — } 41,, 27

To Ezekiel Whitney for work himself & Boy }
on the Bridge — — — — — } 13,, 75

To Caleb & Abraham Lincoln for work on }
Bemis,s Bridge — — — — — } 44,, 75

To Joseph Peirce for work on Bemis,s Bridge }
& the great Bridge — — — — — } 10,, —

To Coolidge P. Wood for work on the Bridges 16,, —

To Josiah Haskell for work on the Bridges — 18,, 37

To Will^m Penniman for boarding Susanna }
Fowle from March 2^d to Oct. 8th 1818 — — — — } 39,, 37

To Samuel Merriam for Boarding & Cloth- }
ing Nathan Boynton & Abigail Green from }
March 2^d to Oct 2^d 1818 — — — — — } 83,, 62

To Nath^l Bond for Lumber for the Bridge — 49,, 28

To Mary Whitney for Boarding Widow }
Mary White from July 6th to Oct 28th 1818 — — } 16,, —

To Samu^l Sawin for Boarding Newton }
Baxter from March 2^d to Nov^r 2^d 1818 — — — } 35,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Dec^r 7th }
 1818 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M^{rs}
 Stratton Dec^r 7th 1818—

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn
 on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—

viz. To Josiah Mason & Son for Lumber for the } Bridges — — — — — — — — — — }	127,, 54
To Joshua Coolidge for Boarding Mehitable } Coolidge from Oct 20 th 1816 to March 28 th 1817 }	20,, —
To Will ^m Bradford for Nails &c. — — — —	5,, 11
To Phinehas Sanderson for Shoes delivered } John Remington & George Bourn — — — — — }	6,, 20
To Lucy Eliot (Exe ^x to the last will &c.) of } Rich ^d R Eliot deceas'd, in full for his salary from } July 1 st to Oct. 21 st 1818 inclusive — — — — — }	209,, 06
To Mr Tracy for supplying the Desk six days } from Oct. 24 th to Dec ^r 6 th 1818 — — — — — }	60,, —
To Charles Whitney for work on Bemis's } Bridge — — — — — — — — — — }	33,, 38
To Samuel Bird for mending Hay Scales —	6,, —
To John Harris for work at the Poor house, } Meeting house, Hay Scales & Bridges — — — — — }	5,, 50

Edward Lowd was appointed Measurer of Wood for
 the year ensuing, & was sworn into said office by

Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk

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Whereas, a dispute has arisen between Jonas White &
 Edmund Fowle both of Watertown in the County of
 Middlesex Esquires about their respective rights in a
 partition fence in the line between their lands in said

Watertown, from the County road, near the said Fowles dwelling house to a new road lately opened leading from Watertown Street to the Corner of the Widow Rufsells garden and from said new road until it comes to land of Charles & Israel Whitney—We the Subscribers Fence Viewers of the said town of Watertown duly chosen & sworn having on the application of the said White, and after giving due notice to the said Fowle, viewed the premises & duly considered the matter in dispute, have assigned and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his share of said fence as follows, viz. The said Edmund Fowle shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence from the great County road aforesaid, sixteen rods & seventeen links & a half link to a Stake, and the said Jonas White shall build & keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line, viz from said Stake, to the new road aforesaid—and further—that the said Edmund Fowle shall build & keep in repair a good & sufficient fence from said New road, Fifty rods & twenty links & one half link to a Stake, and the said Jonas White shall build & keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line viz. from said last mentioned Stake, until it comes to land of Charles & Israel Whitney as aforesaid—Given under our hands at Watertown this twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & eighteen

William Stone } Fence Veivers
Francis Brown }

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Selectmens }
Meeting }
Jan^y 4th }
1819 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M^{rs} Stratton Jan^y 4th 1819—

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—

viz. To Nath ^l Bemis J ^r for medical attendance on John Sanger in April 1817 — — — — —	} 2,, 25
Also for medical attendance on Benjamin Learned in June & August 1818 — — — — —	} 2,, 25
To Seth Alden for supplying the Desk four Sundays — — — — —	} 40,, —

To Adam Brown for cash p ^d J. Mason for Cedar Posts & carting the same — — — — —	} 11,, —
To the town of Boston for the Burial of Venus Dodge — — — — —	} 7,, —
To Cha ^s Whitney, Adam Brown & Enos Blake, Committee for making the road & setting the fence from West School house to Cha ^s river —	} 125,, —
To Sam ^l Latch for Boarding Rob ^t Sanders from Sep ^t 1 st 1818 to Jan ^y 1 st 1819, Boarding George Bourn & Wife same time & Boarding Benj ⁿ Learned in his last sickness & making sun- dry Clothing for the above persons — — — — —	} 110,, 38
To Zacheus Pond for mending chains & the use of Scraper 6 days — — — — —	} 3,, 74
To Enos Blake for Pin Timber — — — — —	} 1,, 75
To Lucy Eliot for Boarding Clergymen &c. 12 days — — — — —	} 15,, —

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To Jerom Hearsy for setting Glafs in School houses & Meeting house — — — — —	} 7,, 19
To Cha ^s Whitney, Nath ^l R Whitney & Moses Coolidge, Committee for making the road & setting fence through the Ministerial land, land of Jonas White & Edmund Fowle — — — — —	} 425,, —

The following persons were appointed Fish Agents for
the year ensuing—viz. Gilbert Nichols
Abijah White

Abijah White was excused from serving as Fish Agent &
Thomas Clark appointed in his stead—

The following persons were appointed Engine men for
the Engine called the Releif—viz.

Nathaniel Weld Jr	Thom ^s Soden
Gilbert Nichols	Coolidge P. Woods
Nath ^l R Whitney J ^r	Cha ^s H. Chandler
James Robbins	John M. Harris
Leonard Harris	Isaac Rufsell
Elijah Ray	Benj ⁿ F. Farrar
Jerom Hearsy	Hezekiah Bacon

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 March 1st }
 1819 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Elisha Stratton March 1st 1819———

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.

To Thaddeus Cole for Cash p ^d Foot Forward & C ^o for 3 Casks Powder —————	} 24,, —
To Henry Craft for Stones supplied for Bemis's Bridge & use of Scraper —————	} 11,, 50
To Phinehas Sanderson for mending Shoes for Geo. Bourn & Wife —————	} 3,, 33
To John Clark & C ^o for sundry Clothing supplied the poor —————	} 8,, 81
To Sullivan Thayer for sundry Goods dld. M ^{rs} Harvey —————	} 7,, 46
To the town of Charlestown for Sundries supplied Joseph Whitney —————	} 2,, 82
To Stephen Cook for House rent for M ^{rs} Bray one year ending March 1 st 1819 —————	} 25,, —
To Levi Thaxter for sundry supplies for the poor &c. —————	} 53,, 15
To Moses Chenery for sundry repairs on the East. School. house —————	} 8,, 19
To M ^r Converse Francis for supplying the desk 6 Sundays —————	} 60,, —
To Samuel Learned for his services as Con- stable for the year 1817 —————	} 12,, 25

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To Benjamin Stevens for sundries & labour	24,, —
To Cha ^s Whitney his account for sundries for meeting house & School house & for labour —	14,, 59

To Samuel Bird his acc ^t for Irons for Stoves } for meeting house —————	6,, 68
To Leonard Harris his acc ^t for Posts & } Carting gravel —————	6,, —
To David Hager his acc ^t for House rent for } Geo. Harvey's Family—(balance) —————	4,, —
To Elisha Stratton his acc ^t for entertain- } ment for Committee & agents for leasing Fishery } &c. in 1819 —————	5,, 67
To Elisha Stratton his acc ^t for entertain- } ment for Selectmen from April 6 th 1818 to March } 1 st 1819 —————	33,, 52
To Cha ^s Whitney a list of abatements as } made by the Selectmen March 15 th 1817 in the } list of taxes committed him to collect in 1815 —	15,, 82

Attest Nath^l R Whitney J^r Town Clerk↵

Warrant }
for March }
Meeting }
1819 }

At the foregoing meeting the following Warrant was issued—viz.—Middlesex fs.

To Samuel Learned One of the Constables for the town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon & notify the

freeholders

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Freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, viz.↵

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To choose all town officers required to be chosen in the months of March & April Annually—

- 3^d To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his services
- 4th To determine whether swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
- 6th To know what measures the town will take to supply the desk, & grant money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon
- 7th To grant money to open, make & repair the highways & act any thing thereon——
- 8th To hear the accounts of those persons to whom the town is indebted & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
- 9th To hear the report of the Committee for making estimates for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon——
- 10th To hear the report of any Committee & act any thing thereon——

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- 11th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon——
- 12th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury & act any thing thereon——
- 13th To know in what manner the town will collect their taxes the ensuing year & act any thing thereon——
- 14th To know if the town will take any order relative to the law for preventing the destruction of certain Birds & act any thing thereon——
- 15th To know if the town will authorize the appointment of full companies to the Engines & act any thing thereon——
- 16th To know if the town will choose a Committee to investigate the doings of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund & act any thing thereon——
- 17th To know if the town will direct any alteration in the situation of the Posts round the meeting house common & authorize the setting of trees in front of the same & act any thing thereon——
- 18th To know if the town will appoint a Committee and authorize them to exchange lands with the owners of Stable lots near the meeting house & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

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Given under our hands & seals this first day of March
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &
nineteen—

(signed)	Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen for Watertown—
	Cha ^s Whitney	
	Peter Clark	
	Daniel Bond	
	Moses Chenery—	

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown March 15th 1819 Pursuant
to the within warrant I have notified, & warned all the
freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown
to meet as above directed for the purposes therein men-
tioned by posting attested copies of the within warrant at
the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior
to the date hereof—

Samuel Learned Constable—

March }
Meeting }
1819. }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants
assembled March 15th 1819 and proceeded to act by articles
as follows—viz.—

- 1st Voted & chose Doc^{tr} Walter Hunnewell Moderator—
- 2^d Voted & chose Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk—
(& was sworn into said office by Thom^s Clark Esq^r Jus^t
peace
- Voted & chose Abijah White Town Treasurer

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Voted & chose for Selectmen	{ Levi Thaxter
	{ Luke Bemis
	{ Amos Livermore Jr
	{ Daniel Bond
	{ Charles Whitney—
Voted & chose for Afsefsors	{ Thomas Clark
	{ Abijah White
	{ Gilbert Nichols

Voted to adjourn this meeting to half past two O'clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place—

Agreeably to the adjournment the inhabitants assembled & proceeded as follows. viz.—

Voted & chose for Constables— { Christopher Grant
Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose for Fence Viewers { Nathaniel Bright
Elisha Livermore
Enos Blake
Charles Stone

Voted & chose for Tythingmen { John H. Clark
Thaddeus Cole
Thomas Learned
Jerome Hearsey

Voted & chose for Clerk of the Market { James Robbins

Voted & chose for Feild Drivers— { William Leathe
Francis Brown
John H. Clark
Cha^s Stone
Joseph Bird
Israel Whitney
Daniel Learned
Elisha W. Dana

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Voted & chose for Hogreeves— { Nathaniel Weld
Josiah Bright
Miles Sprague Jr.
Abijah Stone Jr
Seth Gay
Coolidge P. Wood
William Nichols
Abradatus Farrow
Daniel Learned
Nathan Fuller—

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways— { John Fowle
Luke Bemis
Thomas Learned
Thomas Richardson
John H. Clark
James Barnard—

- Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber { Enos Blake
Caleb Lincoln
Isaac Dana
- Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Isaac Dana
William Horn
- Voted & chose for Firewards { Nathaniel Bemis
Luke Bemis
Adam Brown
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore
John Clark
Eliakim Morse
John Hunting

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- Voted & chose for Fish Committee { Moses Coolidge
Nathaniel Weld
Cornelius Stone
Mark Vose
Amasa Jackson
W^m M. Pomroy

Voted & chose Jeremiah Rufsell Pound keeper—

- 3^d Voted to refer this article for the choice of a Sexton to the Selectmen—
- 4th Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year—
- 5th Voted to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year, to be expended in the same proportions as last year—
- 6th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to supply the desk 'till the further order of the town—
- 7th Voted to grant for Highways twenty five Cents on every rateable Poll & all other estates in proportion, & each man to be allowed 12½ Cents per hour & a team in the same ratio—
- 8th Voted to allow the following accounts & grant money to pay the same—viz.

To Nath^l R Whitney J^r for his services as }
Town Clerk — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — } 25,, —

To Thomas Clark for his services as Afsefsor	}	21,, 25
&c -----		
To Gilbert Nichols for his services as Af-	}	29,, —
sefsor &c. -----		

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- 9th Voted to postpone this article (relative to hearing the report of the Committee for making estimates &c) to the adjournment of this meeting——
- 10th Voted to accept the report of the Committee for making the road through the Ministerial land &c. (which will appear on file—& grant money to pay the balance of their account——
- 11th Voted to postpone this article (relative to the support of the poor to the adjournment of this meeting——
- 12th Voted to accept the Treasurers account as reported by the Selectmen & to be placed on the files of the town which is as follows. viz.↵

Abijah White as Treasurer is charged the	}	8827,, 02
Sum of -----		
and is credited the sum of -----		<u>8501,, 05</u>

 leaving a balance in the Treasury as will appear \$325,, 97
- 13th Voted to farm out the taxes in the usual way, at the adjournment of this meeting & to postpone the choice of Collector 'till that time——
- 14th No order was taken thereon——
- 15th Voted to postpone this article (relative to the appointment of full Companies to the Engines to the adjournment of this meeting——

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- 16th Voted to choose a Committee to investigate the doings of the Trustees to the Ministerial Fund——
- Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath^l Bemis
John Hunting
Luke Bemis↵

- 17th Voted to postpone this article (relative to the Meeting house Common) to the adjournment of this meeting
- 18th Voted & chose a Committee to make any exchange of lands with the several owners of the Stable lots near the meeting house, and to give & receive good & sufficient titles for the same, as they shall think proper—

Thomas Clark
Nath^l R Whitney } Committee
Luke Bemis

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 3 O'clock in the afternoon—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Oaths }
1819 }
March 15th }

The following persons took the oaths of their respective offices viz. Levi Thaxter, Luke Bemis, Amos Livermore Jr. Daniel Bond & Cha^s Whitney as Selectmen W^m Leathe as Feild Driver March 16th Isaac Dana as Surveyor of Lumber & Culler of Hoops & Staves, James Robbins as Clerk of the Market, Fran^s Brown as Feild driver March 18th Cha^s Stone as Fence Viewer & Feild driver, Enos Blake as Fence Viewer & Surveyor of Lumber

20th Joseph Bird as Feild driver—

Thomas Richardson as Surveyor of Highways,

before Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Warrant }
for }
April }
Meeting }

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby forthwith required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age & upwards, having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the

public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at One of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth—

Also, You are alike required, to notify & warn all the male inhabitants of said town, being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate in said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles—viz.↵

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings—

Given under our hands & seals this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & nineteen (signed)

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen for Watertown↵
Luke Bemis		
Amos Livermore Jr		
Daniel Bond		
Charles Whitney		

Attest	}
Nath ^l R Whitney Jr	
Town Clerk	

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Middlesex fs. Watertown April 5th 1819 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town of Watertown to meet as within directed and for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meetings—

Samuel Learned Constable



April }
 Meeting }
 Apr. 5th }
 1819 }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote for Governor, Lt Governor &c. assembled April 5th 1819 and gave their votes as follows. viz—

For Governor

His Exc^y John Brooks Eighty six votes
 Hon. Benjamin W. Crowninsheild Eighty nine votes

For Leiu^t Governor

Hon. William Phillips Eighty five votes
 Hon. Benjamin Austin Eighty nine votes
 Daniel Jackson————one vote————

*Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Ninety votes
 “ John Hart———— Ninety votes
 “ Leonard M. Parker Ninety votes
 “ Sam^l P. P. Fay— Eighty four votes
 Joseph Locke — seventy four votes
 Calvin Sanger — Eighty five votes
 John Locke ————— Eleven votes
 John Keyes Esq^r— one vote————

The votes were accordingly sealed up in open Town meeting—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Meeting }
 for }
 County }
 Treasurer }

The meeting for the choice of County Treasurer being opened proceeded as follows. viz.—April 5th 1819—

Art. 1st Voted & chose Doc^t Walter Hunnewell Moderator—

2^d The votes for County Treasurer being called for, were

For John Keyes Esq^r————sixty one votes
 Nathan Brooks Esq^r————sixty votes————

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

**Editorial Note:—This listing of names was probably meant for Senators or Counsellors, although it was not indicated in original script.*

Adjourned }
March }
Meeting }

Agreeably to the adjournment the March meeting was opened April 5th 1819—

Doc^r Walter Hunnewell presiding as Moderator
The town proceeded as follows. viz.↵

Voted, to excuse Christopher Grant from serving as Constable—

Voted & chose Samuel Learned in his stead—

Under Art. 7th Voted that the Afsefsors be directed forthwith to make the Highway tax from the last years valuation adding such Polls as are liable to be taxed not now on the valuation & deliver the same to the surveyors—

Art. 8th Voted to allow the following accounts & grant money to pay the same—viz.↵

To Benjamin Stevens for digging Grave & attending the Funeral of Eben^r Swan — — — — } 4,, —

To Abijah White for his services as Treasurer }
&c. ————— } 72,, —

To Jonas White for interest on money he advanced for the town-repairing Meeting house &c. } 42,, 81

Art 9th Voted to accept the report of the Committee for making estimates (except the sum granted at the last meeting for the support of Schools)—which is—to grant—

for

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For the support of the Poor the ensuing year 1200,, —
For Contingences — — — — — 300,, —
For the support of the Ministry — — — — 800,, —

The report will appear on file↵

Art 10th Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund & to have it placed upon the files of the town—

which is as follows↵

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund agreeably to the Act of Incorporation,—present to the

town the following statement of their doings the last year, and of the existing state of the Funds——

Since the last annual Statement, no sales of their lands have been effected, and the Amount of the Fund, not increased, remains the same as the last year. viz. \$2750,,50 which is on interest, with sufficient security, and due from the same persons mentioned in the last statement——

The Interest or income arising from said sum for one year to the 1st April 1819 amounts to the sum of \$165,,03 and the Rent of the real estate for one year to the 1st April 1819 to the sum of \$153,, making in all \$318,,03 to which is to be added the sum of two dollars for the interest upon the int^s of L. Harris & J. Wyeths Notes which will make \$320,,03 to be paid over to the Treasurer as the same may be collected agreeable to the directions of the town——

All which is Respectfully submitted

By order of the Trustees——

Watertown Apr^l 5th 1819——Levi Thaxter—Treasurer—

11th Voted, that the support of the poor be left to the direction of the Selectmen——

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13th Voted to postpone this article to the adjournment of this meeting——

15th Voted, that the appointment of more Engine Men should be left to the discretion of the Selectmen & if they think proper to accept of volunteers——

17th Voted that any persons shall have the liberty to set out trees in front of the meeting house, without any expence to the town, under the direction of the Selectmen——

Voted, that it is expedient to remove some of the Posts in front of the meeting house, and that it be done under the direction of the following Committee——viz.——

Gilbert Nichols
Caleb Lincoln
Nath^l Bemis——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Mr Strattons this evening at six oclock for the sole purpose of Farming out the Taxes & choosing Collector——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Adjourned }
 March }
 Meeting }

The meeting being opened by adjournment at Mr. Strattons April 5th 1819—It was voted to farm out the taxes on the same conditions as last year, the lowest bidder to be the Collector—& being put up were bought by Samuel Learned for 3 Cents on a dollar—

Voted & chose Samuel Learned Collector—

Voted to difsolve this meeting—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Apr^l 5th }
 1819 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton April 5th 1819—

The Pews in the meeting house belonging to the town were put up at Auction to lease from the 12th day of April instant to the highest bidders—& were leased as follows—
 viz.

The Goddard Pew (so called) to Miles } Sprague Jr for —————	16,, —
The Ministerial Pew to Elisha Stratton —	21,, —
The East long Pew to C. V. Swan — — —	11,, 50
The West long Pew to Joseph Peirce — —	11,, —
2/5 of Sanger Pew (so called to Will ^m) } Shepherd —————	3,, 50
The Hay Scales were leased for one year } from the 1 st day of April instant to Ebenezer } Tucker—for —————	32,, 50
The Wharf in Cambridge was leased for one } year to Daniel Bond for —————	6,, —

Isaac Dana was appointed Measurer of Wood the year ensuing—

Amasa Jackson was appointed Weigher of Beef——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——

viz. To Elisha Fuller for supplying the desk 5 } Sundays —————	50,, —
To Samuel Gilman for supplying the desk } one Sunday —————	10,, —

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To Luke Bemis for Timber, Carting & } Labour for Bemis's Bridge (so called — — —)	11,, 12
To John H. Clark for repairing the Road } under the Rocks —————	20,, —
To Zacheus Pond for Chains & Iron Work —	9,, 25
To Denny P. Hooker for work setting Post } at the meeting house —————	7,, 50
To Cha ^s Whitney for Posts & work at the } Meeting house & going to Sudbury after Elisha } Whitneys Family —————	14,, 07
To Nath ^l R Whitney & Charles Whitney for } Stones & building the Wall through land of Jonas } White being the am ^t of the grant for that purpose }	150,, —
To Josiah Bright for support of David } Barnerd one year —————	20,, —
To Samuel Hyde for boarding Jon ^a Nutting } from March 2 ^d 1818 to March 30 th 1819 & sundry } Clothing —————	104,, 27
To Mary Whitney for Boarding Widow } White from Oct 26 th 1818 to March 1 st 1819 — — }	18,, —
To John Odin for Sheet Iron for Meeting } house —————	14,, 40

Luther Davies was approbated as a Retailer for the remainder of the year——

Agreed with Josiah Bright to take David Barnerd for one year from the 1st of April 1819 for twenty five dollars——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Oaths }

The following persons were sworn into their respective offices April 5th 1819—viz.↵

Samuel Learned & Joseph Peirce as Constables—
 Daniel Learned, Abradatus Farrow, Miles Sprague Jr. &
 Josiah Bright as Hogreeves—
 Daniel Learned as Feild driver—
 Thomas Clark & Gilbert Nichols as Afsefsors—
 Caleb Lincoln as Surveyor of Lumber—
 Amasa Jackson Weigher of Beef—
 W^m M. Pomroy as Fish Committee—
 Abijah White as Treasurer & Afsefsor—
 John H Clark as Feild Driver & Surveyor of Highways—

by Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk↵

Warrant
 for Town
 Meeting }
 Apr^l 12th
 1819 }

April 2^d 1819

The Selectmen ifsued the following Warrant
 viz.

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned, one of the Con-
 stables of the town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
 wealth of Mafsachusetts to summon & notify the free-
 holders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law
 to vote in town meetings, to afsemble at the public meeting
 house in said town on Monday the twelfth day of April
 instant at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the
 following articles. viz.↵

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
 2^d To know if the town will give Mr Converse Francis a call
 to settle as a Pastor over the Church & Congregation in
 this town & choose a Committee for that purpose & act
 any thing thereon—

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- 3^d To know what Salary the town will authorize their Committee to offer Mr. Francis in case he shall accept of their invitation & act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time for holding said meeting—Given under our hands & seals this second day of April AD 1819.↵

	Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen for Watertown
	Luke Bemis	
	Amos Livermore Jr	
Attest	Daniel Bond↵	

Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown April 12th 1819

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of Watertown as within directed to meet at the time & place within mentioned by posting up attested copies of the within at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting—

Sam^l Learned Constable

Town
Meeting }
Apr^l 12th }
1819 }

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs assembled Apr^l 12th 1819 & passed the following votes. viz.↵

Art 1st Voted & chose Doct^r Walter Hunnewell Moderator

- 2^d Voted, that the town do now give Mr Converse Francis an invitation or call, to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry—

Voted, That the town will give Mr. Francis one thousand dollars a year Salary—payable quarterly during his

ministry

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Ministry—And also the use & improvement of the Ministerial Pew in the meeting house, from & after the first day of April next—in case he should become their Minister—

Voted, That a Committee consisting of Deacon Moses Coolidge, Deacon John Tucker, Nath^l Bemis, Levi Thaxter, & Abijah White Esquires, be a Committee to wait on M^r Francis & communicate to him the foregoing votes of the town—

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk—

April 30th 1819

John Fowle was sworn as Surveyor of Highways
by Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant }
for }
May }
Meeting }

The following Warrant was ifsued by the Selectmen
April 24th 1819—viz.—

Middlesex fs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables
of the town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house on Monday the third day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May—

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You are also hereby further required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of May next at three of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles—viz.↵

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
 2^d To know if the town will grant the sum of one hundred and sixty six dollars and direct the same to be assessed and collected with the Ministerial tax the present year, to reimburse the Treasury for the Funeral expences of their late pastor & act any thing thereon—
 3^d To know if the town will make a grant of their Ministerial land, & Buildings standing thereon as a Donation to the Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund and choose a Committee, to convey the same to the said Trustees in fee, by a good & sufficient deed thereof, and act any thing thereon—
 4th To hear the reports of all Committees and act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the times for holding said Meetings—

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of April AD. 1819

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen for Watertown↵
Luke Bemis		
Daniel Bond↵		

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified and warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the times & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meetings—

Watertown May 3^d 1819

Jo^s Peirce Constable↵

May }
Meeting }
1819 }

Agreeably to the within Warrant the inhabitants qualified to vote for Representatives assembled May 3^d 1819 and proceeded to choice of one Representative—when the votes were—

For Levi Thaxter Esq^r — Eighty one—
Nath^l R Whitney Esq^r Eight—
Nath^l Bemis Esq^r— One—
John Clark— Two—

Levi Thaxter Esq^r was declared chosen—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk—

Town Meeting }
May 3^d 1819 }

The inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs being assembled May 3^d 1819—proceeded to act by articles as set forth in the foregoing Warrant—viz.—

Art. 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Moderator—

2^d Voted to grant the sum of one hundred & sixty six dollars, to be aised the present year with the Ministerial tax, to reimburse the Treasury for the Funeral Expences of their late pastor—

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3^d Voted to grant their Ministerial land & the buildings standing thereon as a Donation, to the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund—all future repairs to be kept out of said Fund.

Voted to choose a Committee who shall be invested with power to convey the same to the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund with a good & sufficient title to the same—

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Thomas Clark
Nath^l Bemis
Luke Bemis—

Voted to difsolve this meeting—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 May 3^d }
 1819 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton May 3^d 1819——

They agreed with Daniel Jackson to take Frederick Remington for one year from May 1st 1819 for thirty dollars——said Jackson to save the town harmless from any other expence which arise from his support——

Also agreed with Mark Vose to keep John Remington for one year from May 1st 1819 for sixty dollars, the town to be exempt from all other expence, except his Cloathing——

Agreed with Amos Livermore Jr. to take a Boy by the name of Marshall Whitney for terms——
 refer to the Indentures——

Agreed with John Clark to take Susan Whitney——
 (see Indentures)——

Agreed to place James Welch son of Susan Whitney to Charles Stone 'till he shall become twenty one years of age said Stone to receive forty dollars as a compensation therefor——

(see Indentures ——)

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Agreed to let Samuel Letch have the poor house at forty dollars for the year ensuing, from April 15th 1819——to board George Bourn & Wife for One dollar & fifty Cents Ⓕ Week & Robert Saunders for One dollar & thirty three Cents Ⓕ week from May 1st 1819——

Samuel Learned was appointed Auctioneer for the year ensuing——

Thaddeus Cole was appointed Measurer of Wood for the year ensuing——

Richard Sanger was appointed Sexton for one year from May 3^d 1819 at twenty dollars for ringing the Bell & taking care of the Meeting house & twenty five Cents Ⓕ day for making Fires——

For digging Graves, Tolling the Bell &c. the same as last year——

The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.↵

To Samuel Letch his acc^t for Boarding Sun-dry paupers from Jan^y 1st to May 1st 1819 — — } 77,, 41

To Benjamin Holten for House rent for Jonas Learned from March 1st 1818 to Apr^l 1st 1819 & Wood bought for him — — — — — } 33,, 25

To Amos Clarke for supplying the desk 4 days 40,, —

To Adam Brown for setting Posts in front of Meeting house, Carting gravel &c. — — — — — } 4,, 50

To Samuel Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from Nov^r 2^d 1818 to May 3^d 1819 making 26 Weeks—@ \$1,, — — — — — } 26,, —

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To Samuel Merriam for boarding Nathan Boynton & Anna Green from Oct. 7th 1818 to Apr^l 28th 1819 is 29 Weeks—@ \$1,,—& extra trouble } 68,, —

To Benjamin Stevens his acc^t for services as Sexton the year past — — — — — } 36,, 25

To Daniel Jackson for support of Frederick Remington from May 1st 1818 to May 1st 1819 as $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ agreement — — — — — } 30,, —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting May 17th 1819 }

The Selectmen ifsued the following Warrant May 11th 1819—viz.↵

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Constables for the town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to asemble at the public meeting

house on Monday the Seventeenth day of May instant at three of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.↵

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
 2^d To know if the town will choose a Committee to carry into effect the agreement between the town & Mr. Convers Francis relative to his settlement in the Gospel Ministry, and to make the necessary provision and arrangements for his ordination & act any thing thereon—
 3^d To know if the town will make any alterations in the Pews in the Meeting house, and build a Porch at the front door, or authorize said Proprietors to make such alterations and act anything thereon—

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- 4th To know if the town will authorize the Society of Singers to procure an Instructor, for the purpose of preparing Music for the ordination, and grant Money to pay the expence and act any thing thereon—
 5th To know if the town will choose a Surveyor of Highways in any district where that office is vacant, and act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time for holding said meeting—

Given under our hands and seals this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen↵

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen for Watertown↵
Luke Bemis		
Daniel Bond		
Charles Whitney↵		

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown May 12th 1819 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town meeting to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by giving verbal notice—

Samuel Learned Constable↵

Town }
Meeting }
May 17th }
1819 }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants assembled May 17th 1819 & proceeded as follows. viz.↪

1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Moderator——

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2^d Voted to choose a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the ordination of Mr. Convers Francis↪

Voted & chose for said Committee↪ { Levi Thaxter
Nath^l Bemis
John Fowle
Paul Learned
Peter Clark
John Tucker
Daniel Bond

Voted that the answer of Mr. Francis be put upon the record of the town——which is as follows——viz.↪

Mr Francis' }
answer }

“Cambridge May 8th 1819”
“To the church of Christ and the Congregational Society in Watertown”——

Christian Brethren,

I have received through your Committee the Statement of proceedings, by which I am invited to settle among you in the work of the Gospel Ministry. I have considered the subject, I hope, with that attention and seriousness, which its importance demands, and with a humble reliance on the aid of that Being, “from whom alone cometh our help.” The result of my deliberations is an acquiescence in your proposals. Brethren, I accept your invitation. I accept it under the impresion of those feelings, with which one, who is young and inexperienced, may well be supposed to view the arduous duties and solemn responsibilities imposed by the sacred office. It is my desire to be able to meet these duties and answer to these claims,

in the proper spirit of a disciple and servant of Christ, by the faithful exertion of my best powers, and by unreserved confidence in Almighty God,

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—Who giveth strength to the feeble and power to the helpless. Whatever faculties or whatever talents God has given me, they will, I trust, ever be devoted to the promotion of your best good, and to the cause of our holy religion—

Permit me to express my thanks for the kindness and regard manifested by your proceedings, and my prayer that the interests of religion and the cause of Christ among you may be strengthened and blessed, and that you may be built up in the faith and order of the Gospel.”—

“With sincere regard I am
your Servant in Christ—

Convers Francis”↪

Voted, that the foregoing Committee be directed to carry into effect the writings necessary for the settlement of Mr. Francis—

Voted, also that the foregoing Committee confer with him respecting the time & convenience of his ordination, and that if agreeable & convenient to Mr Francis, it shall be on Wednesday the 23^d of June next—

3^d Voted, that a Committee be chosen to confer with the Proprietors of Pews in the Meeting house, and know if any, or what alterations can be made therein, and report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted & chose for s^d Committee↪ { John Hunting
Gilbert Nichols
Walter Hunnewell
Thom^s Learned
Enos Blake
Caleb Lincoln
Sam^l Learned↪

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4th Voted, that the sum of thirty dollars be granted for preparing Music for the ordination, to be laid out under the direction of the Singing Society & to draw on the Treasurer for the same—to be afseised in the Ministerial Tax——

5th Voted & chose Samuel Barnerd Surveyor of Highways in the room of James Bernard (who has removed from the town)

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 2^d Monday in June next, then to meet at this place at three oclock in the afternoon——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk—



Oaths, }

May 31st 1819 Thomas Learned was sworn as surveyor of Highways

by Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

June 3^d 1819 Luke Bemis was sworn as surveyor of Highways

by N R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Adjournment
of Meeting
from May 17th
1819 }

By adjournment a Town Meeting was held June 14th 1819 and proceeded as follows.—viz.—

Art. 3^d The Committee chosen to confer with the Pewholders made a report, which was accepted and orderd to be placed on the files of the town——

Art. 4th Voted to grant the sum of twenty dollars in addition to the sum heretofore granted for the purpose of preparing Music for the ordination & that the Singing Society draw on the Treasurer for the same——

Voted to difsolve this meeting——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Warrant
for Meeting }
July 6th
1819 }

The Selectmen issued the following warrant June 26th
1819—

Middlesex fs. To Samuel Learned one of the Con-
stables for the town of Watertown—Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
wealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the free-
holders and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown
qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the
public meeting house in said town on Tuesday the sixth day
of July next at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the
following articles. viz. ↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
2^d To know if the town will take any method to enlarge their
meeting house, or build a new one, and act any thing
thereon—
3^d To know if the town will make any alteration of the Pews in
the body of the meeting house, or permit the owners to do
it, & enclose the middle aisles—& act any thing thereon—
4th To know if the town will build any Pews in the Gallery of
the Meeting house, or sell the right of building Pews in the
same & act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your
doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time
appointed for said meeting—Given under our hands &
seals this twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred & nineteen

Attest
Nath^l R Whitney Jr

Town Clerk

Levi Thaxter ↪ } Selectmen
Daniel Bond } for
Cha^s Whitney ↪ } Watertown ↪

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Middlesex fs. Watertown July 6th 1819 Pursuant to the
foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned the free-
holders and other inhabitants of said town of Watertown

qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the within two Sundays prior to said meeting at the public meeting house in said town—

Sam^l Learned Constable—

Meeting }
July 6th }
1819 }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants assembled July 6th 1819 & passed the following votes viz.

Art. 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Moderator—

2^d A plan was exhibited by Mr John Hunting to enlarge the meeting house—Whereupon, the town voted that the said Hunting shall be authorized to enlarge the meeting house agreeably to the plan which will appear in the Town Clerks office—the said Hunting giving sufficient bonds to save the town harmless from any expence—the plan to be strictly adhered to, unless he, and the Committee to be chosen in behalf of the town shall agree to arrange the Pews in any other manner—

Voted & chose the following Committee to make the necessary agreements & to carry into effect the foregoing vote—viz.

Luke Bemis }
Jonas White } Committee
Nath^l R Whitney }

Voted, that the foregoing Committee make such an agreement with Mr Hunting as shall oblige him to perform all the work in a workmanlike manner & to their acceptance

within

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—Within four months from this time—

Voted also, that the said Hunting shall dispose of the Pews at Public Vendue—giving to the said Hunting the benefit of all the gain—

3^d Voted, that the present Pew-holders in the body of the Meeting house, shall have the liberty of altering or making them into long Pews, taking the middle aisles,—provided the Committee who are chosen to carry into effect the

enlargement of the meeting house, & the Pew holders, can make any agreement relative thereto——

- 4th Voted that the foregoing Committee shall have the right of making Pews in the Gallery or selling the right of making them at their discretion——

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Attest. Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Oath }

July 24th 1819 Samuel Learned was sworn to the office of Collector——by Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk——

Selectmens }
Meeting }
Aug^t 2^d }
1819 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Augst 2^d 1819

The following acct^s were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same——viz.↵

To Nath^l McIntire for Materials & Painting }
the Bridge ————— } 15,, 17

To Daniel Rice for one day labour on meet- }
ing house common ————— } 1,, —

To Elijah Hager in full for Boarding Lucy }
Hager from March 1st 1818 to March 1st 1819 & }
sundry articles of Clothing ————— } 71,, 81

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To Samuel Latch for boarding Robert }
Saunders, George Bourn & Wife from May 1st to }
Aug^t 1st 1819 ————— } 36,, 83

To Thom^s Heard for support & clothing for }
Elisha Whitneys family from Oct. 1st 1818 to }
March 30th 1819 ————— } 39,, 32

To Levi Thaxter for entertainment for Clergymen from Jan ^y 1 st to June 23 ^d 1819 — —	} 32,, 25
To Rev. Convers Francis for supplying the desk 8 Sundays — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	} 80,, —
To Charles Stone as compensation for taking James Welch 'till he shall become 21 years old —	} 40,, —
To John Clark for taking Susan Whitney 'till she becomes 18 years old — — — — — — — —	} 25,, —
To Samuel Learned in full for his premium for collecting Taxes for the year 1818 — — — —	

The following persons were appointed Engine men for the ensuing year for the Engine called the Relief—viz.

- George Coolidge
- Abraham Lincoln
- Fran^s Leathe
- John Harris
- Nath^l Bond 2^d
- Alexander Stuart
- Henry Taylor

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Luke Bemis's }
Protest }

Whereas, Marshall B. Spring Esq^r did, on the third day of October call on William Stone and Francis Brown Fence viewers of Watertown for the year 1818, to view the partition Fence between his land and the land of me the Subscriber, they the Fence viewers met, and divided the Fence between our said lands, and assigned to me the Subscriber about

two

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—Two rods more than one half of the partition line notwithstanding the line had been divided and the Fence has been built & supported for more than sixty years last past in equal half's, all of which I am able to verify,—I therefore

enter my protest against the doings of the said Fence viewers and the division which they have made—

(signed)

Luke Bemis

Copy on file—

Selectmens }
Meeting }
Sep^t 6th }
1819 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Sep^{tr} 6th 1819—

The following acc^{ts} were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.—

To the town of Cambridge for the support of Andrew White in Goal, & Susan Whitney in the Alms house & for medical assistance — — — — } 24,, 06

To Sam^l Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from May 3^d to Aug^t 3^d 1819 & for sundry Clothing — — — — — } 23.88

To Peter Clark for Cash p^d Musicians at the Ordination & for sundry refreshments — — — } 28,, 25

To Mr^s Mary Whitney for boarding Widow White from March 1st to Sep^t 6th 1819 — — — } 38,, 50

To Samuel Merriam for boarding Nathan Boynton & Ann. Green from Apr^l 28th to Sep^t 2^d 1819 & for extra trouble pr agreement — — — — } 41,, —

The following persons were approbated as Innholders & Retailers for the year ensuing viz.

Sam^l Bellows }
Jeremiah Fowle } Innholders
Luke Robinson }
Elisha Stratton }
Mark Vose— }

John Clark }
Thaddeus Cole } Retailers
Luther Davies }

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Oath }

Oct 1st 1819 Samuel Barnard was sworn to the office of
Surveyor of Highways—

by Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk—

Warrant }
for Meeting }
Oct. 11th }
1819 }

The following Warrant was issued Oct. 1st 1819—viz.
Middlesex fs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the
town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
wealth of Massachusetts, to summon & notify the free-
holders and other inhabitants of said town qualified by law
to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public Meeting
house, on Monday the eleventh day of October instant, at
three of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following
articles—viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To hear the report of the Committee to superintend the
enlargement of the Meeting house, & know if the town will
accept the work as performed, and confirm to the con-
tractors their title to the new pews, and act any thing
thereon—
- 3^d To know if the town will designate a Pew, for the Min-
isterial Pew and act any thing thereon—
- 4th To know if the town will take any measures to dispose of
the Pews belonging to the town, and act any thing thereon
- 5th To know if the town will grant a Stable lot, to Jonas White
Esq^r in exchange for his lot taken up by the addition to the
Meeting house, and act any thing thereon—
- 6th To know if the town will call on those Committees who have
had any of the affairs of the town to transact to make
report & settle their accounts, and act any thing thereon—
- 7th To hear the report of any Committees & act any thing
thereon—

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with
your doings to the Selectmen at or before the time for

holding said meeting—Given under our hands & seals
this first day of October AD 1819

Attest. NR Whitney Jr. } Town Clerk }	Levi Thaxter Luke Bemis Amos Livermore Jr. Daniel Bond Cha ^s Whitney	} Selectmen of Watertown
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Watertown October 11th 1819—Pursuant to the within
warrant I have notified the freeholders & other inhabitants
of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the
time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by
posting up two copies of the within warrant at the public
meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Joseph Peirce Constable

Meeting }
Oct 11th }
1819 }

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants
assembled Oct^r 11th 1819 & passed the following votes. viz.

- 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Moderator—
- 2^d The Committee appointed to superintend the enlargement
of the meeting house made a report which will appear on
file—Whereupon, the town voted, That Mr John Hunting
shall remove, (or cause to be removed) the broad Aisle
Pews from their situation as they are now built, back to
Luke Bemis's & Dan^l Jackson's Pews, as was contemplated
by the town—
- 3^d Voted, that the Pew on the ground in front of Mr Luke
Bemis's Pew, on the left side of the Broad Aisle, shall be
designated as the Ministerial Pew—
- 4th Voted, that a Committee be chosen to make sale of the
town's Pews—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Luke Bemis
Jonas White
Nath^l R Whitney

Voted, that the foregoing Committee make sale of the Pews at public auction or at private sale at their discretion, and the proceeds to be put to the Ministerial Fund——

5th Voted to grant Jonas White Esq^r the land occupied as a gate way, for a Stable lot, instead of the lot taken from him in consequence of making the addition to the meeting house——

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday next at three o'clock in the afternoon——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Adjourn'd
Meeting
Oct. 15th
1819 }

Agreeably to the foregoing adjournment the inhabitants assembled October 15th 1819 and proceeded as follows——viz.↪

Art. 2^d Voted, that the Committee appointed to superintend the enlargement of the Meeting house, be instructed & empowered to make Mr John Hunting a fair compensation for the ground gained, in consequence of removing the Pews, (in conformity with the vote at the foregoing meeting,) taking into consideration all the advantages or disadvantages resulting thereby——

6th Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to call on any Committees who have had any affairs of the town to transact & adjust the same——

7th Voted to dismifs the article——

Voted to difsolve this meeting——

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens
Meeting
Nov. 1st
1819 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Nov^r 1st 1819

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. viz.

To Charles Whitney for making Wall on the new road —————	} 41,, 25
To Nath ^l R Whitney & Cha ^s Whitney for balance for Stones furnished for the new road —	} 15,, —
To Samuel Letch for Boarding sundry Paupers from July 24 th to Nov ^r 1 st 1819 ———	} 88,, 22
To Elisha Stratton for entertainment as pr his acc ^t for the ordination —————	} 176,, 67
To Daniel Moulton for support of Esther Warren from Oct 1 st 1818 to Oct 1 st 1819 ———	} 35,, —

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To Tyler Bigelow for attending and Man- aging the cause against Abijah Ruggles & for Cash p ^d Witnesses fees —————	} 54,, 36
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Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Selectmens
Meeting
Dec^r 6th
1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Dec^{br} 6th 1819—

The following acc^{ts} were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

To Thomas Whitney for boarding Lucy White from March 2 ^d 1818 to March 2 ^d 1819 —	} 39,, —
To Samuel Meriam for boarding Ann Green and Nathan Boynton from Sep ^t 2 ^d to Dec ^r 2 ^d 1819 & sundry clothing —————	} 31,, —
To Elijah Hager for boarding Lucy Hager from March 1 st to Dec ^r 1 st 1819 and sundry clothing —————	} 54,, 55
To William Penniman for the support of Susanna Fowle from Oct ^r 10 th 1818 to Oct. 10 th 1819 —————	} 65,, —

To Samuel Sawin for boarding Newton }
Baxter from Augst 3^d to Dec^r 1st 1819 — — — — } 17,, —

Edward Lowd was appointed Measurer of Wood for the year ensuing—

George Coolidge was approbated for licence for the remainder of the year in the room of Luther Davies—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk—

December 14th 1819 Edward Lowd was sworn as Measurer of Wood for the year ensuing by,

Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Jan^{ry} 3^d 1820.—

The following persons were appointed Engine Men for the Engine N^o 1. viz.—

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| Abraham Lincoln | Isaac Rufsell |
| George Coolidge | Charles Bent |
| Charles Coolidge | Reuben Eaton |
| Amasa Jackson | John Bond |
| John Harris | William Bradford |
| Farrington Hawks | Luther Sifson |
| Daniel Waters | Benjamin Stevens |
| Warren White | Ebenezer Tucker |
| Cephas Whittemore | George Newell— |

The following persons were also appointed Engine Men for the Engine called the Releif—Viz.—

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nathaniel Weld | Charles H. Chandler |
| Gilbert Nichols | John M. Harris |
| Nath ^l R Whitney Jr | Benj ⁿ F. Farrar |
| James Robbins | Hezekiah Bacon |
| Leonard Harris | Francis Leathe |
| Elijah Ray | Henry Taylor |
| Jerome Hearsy | Alexander Meacham |
| Thomas Soden | Horatio Nichols— |
| Coolidge P. Wood | |

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Jan^{ry} 22^d 1820. The Selectmen appointed Thom^s Clark, & Gilbert Nichols to lease the Fishery the ensuing year—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Watertown and Waltham, having perambulated and run the lines between said towns on the 18th day of October 1819 and the ancient marks and Monuments and renewed & established them as follows—viz.↪

- 1st At a Stone marked W.W. in Peter Clark's land by West Cambridge line.—
- 2^d At a heap of Stones on a flat rock in Cap^t Charles Wellington's land, formerly the land of Samuel White—
- 3^d At a heap of Stones in Jonas Whites land by a Cedar tree formerly the land of Phinehas Stearns—
- 4th At a Stone marked .W.W in the road leading under the Rocks, (so called) by the side of Nath^l Brights wall—
- 5th At a Stone marked W.W. in the road leading to Lexington by the side of Jonas & Leonard Bond's walls (called the Tom Harrington place—
- 6th At a black Oak tree, marked W.W. Jonas White's land—
- 7th At a Stone marked W.W. by Barnes's Wall about 15 rods east of his house, in the road—
- 8th At a heap of Stones in the Bemis lane (so called) by the side of Jonathan Coolidge's Wall—
- 9th At a Button Wood tree marked W.W. in the land of Hon. Christopher Gore, near the Bridge acrofs the great road—
- 10th At a Stone marked W.W. in the back road by the side of the Hon. Christopher Gore's wall near the gate—
- 11th At a Stone marked W.W. in Hon. C. Gore's land, on the bank of Charles river—it being a straight line from the first to the last mentioned bound

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen of Watertown↪
Daniel Bond		

Thomas Miller	}	Selectmen of Waltham↪
Jonas Clark↪		

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We the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate the lines, renew & establish the bounds between the towns of Watertown & Newton have attended that service as follows viz. ↵

- 1st Beginning at a Stone by Charles river in land belonging to the estate of Nathaniel Weld deceased marked W.N. —
- 2^d From thence running Southerly to a Stone in land belonging to John Richardson Esq^r marked W.N. which bound makes a Corner —
- 3^d From thence running westerly to a Stone in the road near the old house belonging to Doc^{tr} Morse marked W.N. —
- 4th From thence to a Stone by the house of the late Cornelius Lenox marked W.N. making a Corner —
- 5th From thence running Northeasterly to a Stone by Charles river marked W.N. in land belonging to Jacob Griner —

All of which bounds we have renewed & agreed to this 18th day of Oct. AD, 1819 ↵

Levi Thaxter	}	Agents for Watertown ↵
Dan ^l Bond		

Isaac Hager	}	Agents for Newton ↵
Will ^m Trowbridge		

This will certify that the Subscribers in behalf of the inhabitants of Watertown & Newton have this day agreed on the division of the Bemis Bridge so called as follows —
That the dividing point be at the north end of the middle Stone Pier in said Bridge —

Oct. 18 th 1819	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Levi Thaxter Daniel Bond		

Isaac Hager	}	Agents for Newton ↵
Will ^m Trowbridge		

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Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Feb'y 7th }
 1820 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Feb'y 7th 1820—The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz. ↪

To Samuel Latch for Boarding M ^{rs} Whitney, Robert Saunders, Geo. Bourn & Wife from Nov ^r 1 st 1819 to Feb'y 1 st 1820 & sundry other persons & Clothing —————	62,, 25
To Geo. Coolidge for painting Blind for Pulpit window —————	3,, —
To Gilbert Nichols for repairs at the Brick School house —————	2,, 20
To Jerome Hearsy for setting Glafs at the Poor house &c. —————	6,, 53
To Isaac Dana for making Door to the School house &c —————	4,, —
To Benjamin Stevens for taking down & putting up Stoves, Making Cartridges, & Making Coffin for M ^{rs} Whitney —————	10,, 50
To the town of Needham for support of Mehitable Coolidge & Funeral expences — — —	37,, 25
To Enos Blake for repairing Engine — — —	3,, 37
To John Clark for sundry articles del ^d sun- dry paupers (two acc ^{ts}) —————	39,, 74
To Thaddeus Cole for sundry supplies for Cha ^s Nutting —————	38,, 52
To Luke Bemis for supplies furnished M ^{rs} Warren —————	9,, 50
To Solomon Flagg for use of Bed Screws in the year 1813 —————	3,, —
To Luther Barrett for painting Buckets & Engine —————	6,, 37

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To Samuel Bird for Iron Work at the Meeting house & sundry other work — — — — —	14,, 13
To Phinehas Sanderson for Mending Shoes for sundry paupers — — — — —	7,, 34
To Elisha Whitney for Mason Work at the Poor house — — — — —	3,, 50
Attest Nath ^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk	

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 March 6th }
 1820 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton March 6th 1820—The following accounts were allowed & an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—viz.↵

To Jeremiah Fowle for his Bill of Lumber —	32,, 83
To Samuel Meriam for boarding N. Boynton & Ann Green from Dec ^r 2 ^d 1819 to Feb ^y 15 th 1820 & Sundry Clothing — — — — —	28,, 42
To Nath ^l Bemis Jr for Medical Attendance on M ^{rs} Elisha Whitney from April 3 ^d to Aug st 15 th 1819 & also his Bill allowed by the State — — —	12,, 50
To Richard Sanger for cleaning the Meeting house at sundry times — — — — —	6,, —
To Samuel Learned for his services as Constable &c. from 1818 to 1819 — — — — —	17,, —
To Joseph Peirce for his services as Constable & repairing Hearse — — — — —	4,, 75
To Levi Thaxter for Cash paid sundry persons—& sundry services — — — — —	29,, 51
To Mark Vose for the support of John Remington from May 1 st 1818 to May 1 st 1819 — — —	60,, —
To Daniel Bond for Cash paid sundry persons & sundry services — — — — —	17,, 24

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To Amos Livermore Jr for his services per- ambulating line &c —————	} 1,, 75
To Josiah Mason & Son for Boards & Plank	} 7,, 22
To Jerome Hearsy for painting the Deacons Seat & Pulpit Stairs —————	} 10,, —
To Abra ^m Lincoln for Work at the Meeting house &c —————	} 43,, 22
To Caleb Lincoln for Work at the Meeting house &c. —————	} 66,, 54
To Elisha Stratton for Entertainment for the Selectmen &c. for the year past — — — —	} 20,, 66

Warrant }
for March }
Meeting }
1820 }

Also, The following Warrant was issued—viz—

To Samuel Learned, one of the Constables for the town of Watertown—Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the twentieth day of March instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles—viz—

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To choose all town officers required to be chosen in the months of March and April annually—
- 3^d To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his services—
- 4th To determine whether Swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon—
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & grant money for the same & act any thing thereon—

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- 6th To grant money, to open, make & repair the highways & act any thing thereon—

- 7th To hear the accounts of those persons to whom the town is indebted & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—
- 8th To hear the report of the Committee for making estimates for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon—
- 9th To hear the report of any Committee & act any thing thereon
- 10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—
- 11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of the Treasury & act any thing thereon—
- 12th To know if the town will grant money for the support of a singing School & act any thing thereon—
- 13th To know in what manner the town will collect their taxes the ensuing year & act any thing thereon—
- 14th To know if the town will take any order relative to the law for preventing the destruction of certain Birds & act any thing thereon—
- 15th To know if the town will choose a Committee to join a Committee from the town of Cambridge to repair their Wharf in Cambridge & act any thing thereon—
- 16th To know if the town will purchase the new Galleries of the contractors, & make any alterations in the old Galleries, or make any other repairs in the Meeting house & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—
- 17th To know if the town will make any repairs to the School houses & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting—

Given under our hands & seals

this

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This sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty—

Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen of Watertown—
Luke Bemis	
Amos Livermore Jr	
Daniel Bond	
Charles Whitney—	

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown March 20,, 1820

pursuant to the above Warrant I have summoned & notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting up an attested copies of the above at the public meeting house in said town to Sundays prior to said Meeting

Sam^l Learned Constable

March }
Meeting }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled March 20, 1820, and proceeded to act by the Articles as follows (Viz)←

1st Voted, & Chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Moderator

Voted, & Chose Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk
& was sworn into Office by Levi Thaxter Justice of Peace

Voted & Chose Abijah White Esq^r Town Treasurer

Voted & Chose for Selectmen { Levi Thaxter s
Thomas Clark s
Daniel Bond s
John Fowle s
Charles Whitney s

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Voted & Chose for Assessors { Thomas Clark s
Abijah White s
Gilbert Nichols s

Voted & chose for Constables { Thomas Richardson
Elisha W Dana s

Voted to adjourn the Meeting to half past 2 Oclock to meet at this place—

Agreeably to the above adjournment the Inhabitants assembled, & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose for Fence Viewers { Paul Learned s
Peter Clark s
William Stone s

Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Thomas Learned
Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Clerks of Market	{	John Clark excused
		Thaddeus Cole
		James Robbins
		George Coolidge s
		Moses Bright s
		John H Clark
		Samuel Bellows s
Voted & chose for Field Drivers	{	Thomas Richardson s
		Nath ^l Bright s
		Zacheus Pond s
		Nath ^l Weld
		Phinehas Learned s
		Elisha W Dana s

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	{	Daniel Learned s
		Charles Bent s
		Francis Leathe
Voted & Chose for Hogreeves	{	Hezekiah Bacon s
		Henry Bright
		Nath ^l Weld
		Hosea Stoddard s
		Asa Pratt s
		William Nichols
	{	Elisha Stratton s
		Luke Bemis s
Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Highways	{	Thomas Learned s
		Moses Chenery s
		John H Clark s
		Samuel Barnard s
Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Lumber	{	Caleb Lincoln s
		Isaac Dana s
Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves	{	Isaac Dana s
		William Horn

Voted & Chose the following persons for Firewards

Viz Elisha Livermore—Joseph Bird John H Clark Adam
Brown—Daniel Jackson—Levi Thaxter—Daniel
Bond—John Hunting—John Clark—Elisha W
Dana—Joseph Peirce—Eliakim Morse—Thomas
Learned—Samuel Learned. Luke Bemis

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Voted, & chose for Fish Committee	}	Moses Coolidge	(excused
		Cornelius Stone	
		Nath ^l Stone	
		Mark Vofe	
		Amasa Jackson	
		William M Pomroy	
		Charles Whitney	(excused
		Moses Whitney	

Voted, & chose Jeremiah Rufsell pound Keeper

Voted, to excuse Thomas Richardson from serveing as Constable.

Voted, & chose Joseph Peirce in his place

3^d Voted to refer this Article to the Selectmen for the choise of Sexton.—

4th Voted, that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing season.—

5th Voted to Grant the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars to be paid to the several Districts as last year

6th Voted, to grant for Highways twenty five Cents upon every rateable Poll & other Estates in propotion each Man to be allowed 12 ½ Cents pr Hour & a good team the same as a Man, & that they shall begin to work at 7 Oclock in the Morning & work 10 hours for a day—

Voted, that the Afsefsors complete the Taxes & give the Surveyors their lists on or before the first day of April next.

Voted, that the last years Surveyors return all their lists on or before the first day of June next

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Article 7th Voted to allow the following Accounts & grant money to pay the same (Viz)

To Abijah White for his servicies as Treasurer	}	\$68,, —
and Afsefsor —		

To Nath ^l R Whitney Jun ^r for his servicies as	}	25,, —
Town Clerk — — —		

To Jonas Bond for boarding Nathan Coolidge }
 from June 27th 1814 to August 11th—6 Week & } 14,, 66
 4 days ————— }

To Thomas Clark for his servicies as an Afsefsor 19,, 50

Voted to choose a committee of three persons to examine & settle the Account presented against the town by Jonas & Leonard Bond for rent of house improv'd by Charles Nutting—Voted & chose for said Committee the following persons Viz—

{ Abijah White
 { Luke Bemis
 { Samuel Learned

Article 8th Voted to postpone this article to our next Meeting

9th No report made, postponed till next meeting

10th To know what Method the town will take to support their Poor & Grant money for the same was postponed to the adjournment of this Meeting to April—

11th Voted to accept the Treasurer's acc^t as Reported by the Selectmen & place the same on the Files of the town, which is as follows (Viz)

Abijah White as Treasurer is charged the sum of \$7360,, 64	
And he is Credited by sundry pay-ments ————— }	\$5129,, 13
By Outstanding Taxes in Collectors hands ————— }	1972,, 35
By Ballance being Cash in Treasurers hands ————— }	259,, 16
	<u> </u> \$7360,, 64

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Article 12th Voted to Grant Thirty Dollars for the support of a Singing School, to be afsefs'd in Ministerial Tax to be laid out under the direction of the Rev^d M^r Converse Francis—Walter Hunnewell & Nath^l Bemis Ju^r

13th Voted that the Taxes be farmed out to the lowest bidder & he to be collector.—

14th Voted that no order be taken thereon.—

15th Voted to choose a Committee of three, to Meet & join a Committee from the town of Cambridge, to enquire into the situation of the Wharf, & priviledges the town have, in & about the same, in Cambridge.↵

Voted, & chose for said Committee { Thomas Clark
Nath^l Bemis
Nath^l R Whitney Esq^r

16th Voted & Chose the Selectmen together with Mefs^r Luke Bemis Jonas White & Nath^l R Whitney as a Committee with full power to purchase the new Galleries & make any alteration in the old ones or any repairs in or on the Meeting house if they shou'd see fitt

Voted, to choose a Committee of three, to examine the School houses & see what repairs is nefselsary to be done to them, & report at our next Meeting

Voted & Chose for said Committee { Amos Livermore Jr
Gilbert Nichols
Luke Bemis

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to M^r Luke Robinsons there to Meet at half past 5 OClock this Evening
Adjourned—

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The Meeting being opened by an adjournment to M^r Luke Robinsons, from the Meeting house this afternoon March 20th 1820—proceeded as follows (Viz)↵

Voted to farm the Taxes on the same condition as last year, the lowest bidder to be Collector & being put up was bid off by Cap^t Samuel Learned for 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ Cents on a Dollar
Voted & Chose Samuel Learned Collector for the town the ensewing year

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Meeting in April it being the first Monday then to Meet at 4 of the Clock P M—at the Meeting house—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Oaths }

1820 March 20 The following persons took the Oath of their respective offices Viz Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark Dan^l Bond—John Fowle—Charles Whitney as Selectmen
Elisha W Dana & Joseph Peirce as Constables—

Peter Clark fence viewer—George Coolidge Moses Bright Elisha W Dana Tho^s Richardson Nath^l Bright Zacheus Pond as Field Drivers—Abijah White as Town Treasurer Asa Pratt as Hogreeve—Elisha Stratton Thomas Learned as Surveyors of Highway—Caleb Lincoln Isaac Dana as Surveyors of Lumber Isaac Dana as Culler of Hoops & Staves—Hezekiah Bacon as Hogreeve—William Stone as Fence viewer—Abijah White and Thomas Clark as Afsefsors—Paul Learned as Fence Viewer before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held March 24th 1820 they appointed Joseph Peirce Auctioneer

Gilbert Nichols was sworn as Afsefsor before Tho^s Clark Justice of the peace—

Warn't for }
April— }
Meeting }

Also the following Warrant was issued—

Middle fs— To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown— Greeting

You are hereby forthwith required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the male Inhabitants of said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age & upwards haveing a freehold estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor, & Senators & Counsellors agreeably, to the Constitution of said commonwealth—

Also, you are alike required, to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants, of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding haveing a freehold in said town of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of April next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon—to Act on the

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Following Articles Viz—

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
 2^d To give in their Votes for County Treasurer

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meetings

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight Hundred & Twenty—

(Signed)	Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen of Watertown
	Thomas Clark	
	Dan ^l Bond	
	John Fowle	
	Charles Whitney	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex. fs. Watertown April 3^d 1820—

pursuant to the above Warrant, I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the times & places & for the purposes above mentioned by posting up two copies of the within Warrants at the public meeting house, two Sundays prior to said Meetings.—

(signed) Joseph Peirce Constable

Oaths }

April 3-1820. The following persons took the Oath of their respective Offices (Viz) Samuel Bellows Field driver—Daniel Learned—Charles Bent—Hosea Stoddard as Hogreeves—Moses Chenery & Samuel Barnard as Surveyors of Highway—before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April }
Meeting }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants who were qualified to Vote for Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators & Counsellors. assembled April 3^d 1820—

The Selectmen presideing—the Votes was call'd for & was brought in & are as follows (Viz) —

For Governor

William Eustis Eighty two Votes—
His Exec^y John Brooks had Seventy seven Votes
Hon. Christopher Gore had One Vote—

For Lieut Governor

Hon. Benjamin Austin had Eighty one Votes
Hon. William Phillips had Seventy seven Votes
Colⁿ Moses Coolidge had One Vote—

For Senators

Hon Joseph B Varnum had Eighty three Votes
Leonard M Parker Esq^r had Eighty three Votes
William Whittemore had Eighty one Votes
Joseph Locke Esq^r had Seventy six Votes
Hon. Samuel P P. Fay had Seventy one Votes
Calvin Sanger Esq^r had Seventy three Votes
Abiel Haywood Esq^r had Three Votes—

The Above Votes were Sealed up according to Law, in open Town Meeting—

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The Meeting for the choise of County Treasurer being opened April 3^d 1820 proceeded as follows. Viz

1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r for Moderator

2^d Votes for County Treasurer were as follows (Viz)

For John Keyes Esq^r Sixty Votes—
Fo Abiel Haywood Esq^r Forty three Votes

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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March }
Meeting }
Adj^d }

Agreeably to the adjournment, the March Meeting was opened April 3^d 1820—

Levi Thaxter Esq^r presideing as Moderator, the town proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted to allow the following Accounts (Viz)

To Gilbert Nichols for his Servicies as Assesors }
for the year 1819 — — — — } 24,, 00

To John Clark for refreshments dld the Engine- }
men at the fire of M^r Robbin's Tallow Shop — — } 7,, 60

Voted that the Selectmen be ortherised to pay the bills for refreshments dl^d to Engine men at the late fire at M^r Robbin's Shop, to those persons that have not presented their bills this day—

Voted. to Grant the following sums of Money for the following purposes

Viz For the support of the Poor — — — — \$1200,, 00

For the support of the Minister — — — — 570,, 00

For incidental expences — — — — — 200,, 00

Voted To Accept the report of the Trustees of Ministerial Funds & place the same on the town files, which is as follows (Viz.

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial funds in conformity to the Act of Incorporation, present to the Town the following statement of their proceedings the last year & of the existing state of their Funds (Viz)

Since the last Annual Statement they have received from the towns Committee a Deed of the Ministerial house & Land which Rents for the sum of \$100 a year, they have also received from another of the town's Committee Notes of hand taken by them for the Sales of the Town's Pews

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In the Meeting house, amounting to the sum of \$406.— which is sufficiently secured—No Lands have been sold dureing the last year & no other additions made to their Funds—They have now in Money on Interest with sufficient security the sum of \$3156,,50 the income of which is now due is \$227,,53 & the Rent of the Real Estate for the last year amounts to \$255 making in all the sum of \$482,,53 to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Town as the same may be collected

all which is Respectfully submitted
by order of the Trustees

Watertown April 3^d 1820— Levi Thaxter Treasurer

Voted to Accept of the report of the Committee chosen to purchase the Galleries & see what repairs is nefeſſary to be done on in or about the Meeting house so far as respects the parts in front of the Meeting house & bancking up—

Voted that the remainder of said report concerning the purchase of the Galleries, lay open to our next Meeting

Voted to Accept of the report of the committee chosen to see what repairs are nefeſſary to be made on the School houses

Voted to grant \$180—to carry the same into effect

Voted & chose the same committee to cause said repairs to be made Viz—

{ Amos Livermore Jun^r
 { Luke Bemis—
 { Gilbert Nichols

Voted That the support of the Poor be left to the discretion & Care of the Selectmen—Voted that this Meeting be adjournd to the May Meeting—then to meet at this place after the choise of Representatives

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen, at the house of M^r Luke Robbinson held April 3^d 1820—

They leased the Hay scales, to Deacon John Tucker One year from the 1st day of April Ins^t for \$21,00 he to keep, & leave the same in good repair

Also, they appointed George Coolidge Sealer of Weights & Measures, who appeared & took the Oath of said office, before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Elisha Stratton April 24th 1820—proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Agreed to appoint the following persons as Weighers of Beef the ensuing Year (Viz)—

{ Amasa Jackson
 { Daniel Bird sworn

2^d Agreed with Mark Vofse to board John Remington one year from May 1st 1820 at sixty Dollars pr year the town to

be exempt from all other expences, except clotheing, Also with him to board George Bourn & wife One year from May 1st 1820 for One Dollar & fifty Cents being seventy five cents each

- 3^d Agreed with Samuel Letch to board Robert Sanders for One Dollar & fifty cents p^r Week during his life
- 4th Appointed Coolidge P Wood Sexton for one year from May 3^d 1820 and, agreed to give him Thirty Dollars p^r Year for Ringing the Bell taking care of & sweeping the Meeting house—and——for makeing fires in the Stoves when nefsary in the Meeting house:—& for attending funerals

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Of Adults, Three Dollars & fifty Cents in the Summer & four Dollars in the Winter, & for Children in propotion——

- 5th Agreed with Josiah Bright to keep, & board, David Barnard one year from April 1st 1820 for twenty Dollars p^r Year——
- 6th The Selectmen issued the following Warrant (Viz)

Middlesex fs——To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown — — — — — — — — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age & upwards, and resident in said town for the space of One Year next preceeding haveing a freehold Estate within said town of the anual Income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eighth day of May next at two of the Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of chooseing one, or more Representatives to Represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

Also, You are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Eighth day of May next, at three of the Clock

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In the afternoon to Act on the following (Viz)

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To know if the town will direct their fish Committee to prosecute those persons who they may find violatēing the laws made to preserve our fishery in Charles River, or appoint a special committee for that purpose and Act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To hear the petition of Thomas Clark Esq^r John Clark & John H Clark and Act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of these Warrants with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meetings

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty fourth day of April AD 1820—

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Thomas Clark		
Dan ^l Bond		
Charles Whitney		

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

Middlesex fs. Watertown May 8th 1820—Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified & Warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs'd to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein exprefs'd by posting up two Copies of the above Warrant at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

(Signed) Joseph Peirce Constable

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of M^r Luke Robbinson May 1^t 1820—

They appointed Elijah Harris & Samuel Learned 2^d for Engine men for Engine N^o 1—

Also, they appointed Samuel Learned Auctioneer for the ensuing year

Also, They appointed Isaac Dana & Luke Robbinson surveyors of Wood & Bark—

Luke Bemis was this day sworn as Surveyor of Highways—
& Isaac Dana & Luke Robbinson was sworn as Measurers
of Wood by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also, The Selectmen allow'd the following Accounts and an order
drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same
Viz—

To Samuel Hyde for Boarding Jon ^a Nuting from March 30 th 1819 to March 30 th 1820 & Cloth- ing supply'd him — — — — —	85,, 50
To Mary Whitney for Boarding Widow White from Sept ^r 6 th 1819 to May 1 ^s 1820 — — —	51,, 00
To Mehetibell Segar for her Support from Nov 1 1819 to April 3 ^d 1820 22 Weeks—— @ 4/6 —	16,, 50
To Thomas Whitney for boarding Lucy White from March 2 ^d 1819 to March 2 ^d 1820 — —	39,, 00
To Samuel Letch for boarding Sundry persons from Feb ^{ry} 1 st 1820 to May 1 st 1820 & for Clothes supplied them — — — — —	55,, 50
To Dan ^l Jackson for boarding Fred ^k Remington One year to May 1 st 1820 — — — — —	30,, 00

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To John Stimpson Jun ^r to Mending Bucketts & cleaning Engine in Sep ^{tr} 1819 — — — — —	6,, 00
To Richard Sanger his Acc ^t in full for takeing care of the Meeting house 1 year to May 3 ^d 1820 for labour & attending the funerals of M ^{rs} Whitney Mifs Pollards Child & Moses Warren — — — — —	40,, 00
To the Administrator of Jacob Farrer deceased for the support of Benjamin Whitney 1 year	20,, 00

signed——	Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen of Watertown
	Thomas Clark	
	John Fowle	
	Dan ^l Bond	

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk—

May— }
Meeting }

Agreeably to the Warrant, the Inhabitants qualified to Vote for Representatives, assembled May the 8, 1820 The Selectmen presiding they proceeded as follows

(Viz) 1st Voted to choose One Representative—
the Votes were then call'd for which stood as follows

(Viz) for Levi Thaxter Esq ^r	Ninety votes	— — —	90
“ Marshall B Spring Esq ^r	Seventeen votes	—	17
“ Seth Bemis—One d ^o	— — — — —	—	1
“ Nath ^l R Whitney Esq ^r	One d ^o	— — —	1
			109 Total

Levi Thaxter was then declared as chosen—who then publicly accepted to serve—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen dated the 24th day of April 1820 the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs— assembled May the 8th 1820—& proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Moderator
 - 2^d Voted that the fish committee be ortherised to prosecute in the name of the town all those persons who they may find violatating the law respecting the takeing of fish in Charles River
 - 3^d Article, no petition presented
- Voted that this Meeting be disolvd—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March }
Meeting }
Adj^d }

May 8th 1820 March Meeting was then declared to be open by adjournment from April 3^d 1820—& proceeded as follows Viz—

Article 15 Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen to examine & settle the Acc^t with Jonas & Leonard Bond
Viz

for rent of house occupied by Charles Nutting in }
full up to April 1st 1820 & Voted to Grant Money }
to pay the same — — — — — } 112,, 50

Article 16th Voted, that the town give John Hunting two hundred Dollars for a quitance in the new Galleries together with all the pew doors & stuff in the same & Granted Money to pay the same—

Voted, to continue seats from the old ones in the side Galleries through the new ones in the same form they now are & alter the front Gallery & singers seats into an elliptical Arch, agreeable to the plan exhibited & Granted One Hundred

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& fifty Dollars to carry the same into effect—

Voted, to choose a committee of three persons to accomplish said work Voted & chose for said committee

{ Samuel Learned
{ John Clark
{ Luke Bemis

Voted to grant Thirty Dollars to paint the pulpit & that the Selectmen be a Committee to carry the same into effect—

Voted to dissolve the Meeting—

Att^s Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held the 3^d day of June 1820—they issued the following Warrant

Middlesex fs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public meeting house in said town, on Monday the twelfth day of June Ins^t at three of

the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To hear the report of their committee to make alterations in the Galleries, And Act any thing thereon.↵

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- 3^d To know the minds of the town, Whether they will direct their committee for makeing alterations in the Galleries to build pews (in lieu of seats) agreeable to the plan which is then to be exhibited, & act any thing thereon—
- 4th To know if the town will grant money to purchase a Clock to be placed in the front Galleries or else where, as the town shall think propper & act any thing thereon—
- 5th To know if the town will make any alterations in the Deacon's seats and act any thing thereon

Hereoff fail not, & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting

Given under our hands & Seals this 3^d day of June AD 1820

Signed↵	Levi Thaxter } John Fowle } Daniel Bond }	Selectmen of Watertown
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Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown May 12th 1820—Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town as therein expres'd to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentiond, by posting up two coppies of the said Warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Joseph Peirce, Constable↵

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Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown asembled June 12th 1820 & proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1st Voted & chose Doctor Walter Hunnewell for Moderator
 2^d Voted to postpone this Meeting to our next March Meeting

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Watertown June 14th 1820—

To the Selectmen of the town of Watertown

The Subscribers Inhabitants & freeholders of said Town requests that a Meeting of the Inhabitants may be call'd on the 26 day of June Ins^t To Act on the following Articles Viz

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting
 2^d To know the minds of the town whether they will reconsider their Vote of the 12th Ins^t so as to hear the report of their committee for makeing alterations in the Galliries & direct their committee to build pews in the side Galliries instead of seats, agreeable to a plan which will then be exhibited & Act any thing thereon—

Signed by	John Hunting	Joseph Peirce
	Jerome Hersey	Jon ^a Whitney Jun ^r
	Luther Barrett	Edward Lowd 2 ^d
	Thomas Soden	Walter Hunnewell
	Lewis Upham	John Clark
	Isaac Dana	Zebediah Bradford
	Gilbert Nichols	Ben ⁿ Hoyt
	Samuel Bird	Asaph Whitcomb

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Amasa Jackson	Alexander Stewart
Phinehas Sanderson	Abra ^m Sanger
Luke Robertson	Charles Bent
Marshall S Fowle	David Bill
John M Harris	James Davis
Hezekiah Bacon	Samuel Eaton
Mason Hunting	Francies Leathe
Coolidge P Wood	Peter Cockran
Miles Sprague	Emery Whitney
W ^m Shephard	William Horn
William Ellis	W ^m Nichols
Henry Taylor	Ben ⁿ Wood
Amasa Davies	Samuel Somes

Isaac Rufsell	Phinehas Learned
Joseph Bird	Dan ^l Learned
Elip ^t Pearsons	Ben ⁿ Stevens
Adams Goodenough	Edward Lowd
Samuel Learned	Horatio Whitney
Richard Sanger	Elijah Hager
Miles Sprague Ju ^r	Elbridge Jones
Ebed Sprague	David Hager

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Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of M^r Elisha Stratton the 22 day of June 1820 for the purpose of takeing into consideration the foregoing petition for a town Meeting—It was proposed by Thomas Clark Esq^r & Capt John Fowle to issue a Warrant upon said petition & opposed by Levi Thaxter Cap^t Daniel Bond

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And Charles Whitney for the following reasons (Viz)

- 1st because at the adjournment of March Meeting held May last on the 8th day various proppositions for building Pews in the Galleries was brought forword & fully discussed, and rejected; and it was then Voted shou'd be finished in long seat & a committee schosen to procure the same to done
- 2^d because at a town Meeting held on the 12th Ins^t there was an Article in the Warrant to know if the town would build Pews and it was voted that the further consideration of the subject be refer'd to March next
- 3^d because it is a very busy season of the year and it will be extremely inconvenient, & injurious to a great propotion of the Inhabitants to leave their businefs to attend a town meeting at this time
- 4th because the businefs proposed by the petition, if proper to be laid before the town, does not require their amediate attention, and no possible injury can result from its being delayed untill a Meeting of the Inhabitants which may be requir'd for other purposes which will be in the Month of August next

Accordingly there was no Warrant issued—and the foregoing Petition together with the objections for not granting the Warrant was order'd to be recorded at full length—

Att^s Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Middlesex fs. To Joseph Peirce, one of the Constables of the town of Watertown— Greeting.

Whereas, John Hunting and nine others, freeholders of the said town of Watertown have represented to me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for said County, that application hath been made to Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, John Fowle, Daniel Bond & Charles Whitney Selectmen of said town, to call a meeting, of the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town Meetings.—

1st To choose a Moderator of said meeting.—

2^d To know the minds of the town, whether they will reconsider their Vote past the twelfth Inst so as to hear the report of their Committee for making alterations in the Galleries, & direct their Committee to build pews in the side Galleries instead of seats, agreeably to a plan which will then be exhibited, or act any thing thereon but, they have unreasonably denied to call a Meeting and have therefore made application to me to call one for those purposes—

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to require you to Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law, to Vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 3^d day of July next at four of the Clock in the afternoon for the purposes above mentioned.—

Hereof fail not & return hereof with your doings thereon

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Unto the town Clerk on or before the time for holding said Meeting.—

Given under My hand & Seal this twenty ninth of June AD 1820.

(Signed)

Joseph Rufsell ↵

Middlesex fs, Watertown July 3 1820. pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified to Vote in town meetings, to assemble

at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned, by giving verbal notice.

(signed.) Joseph Peirce, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified to vote in town affairs, assembled the 3^d day of July 1820—proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted, & chose Walter Hunnewell Moderator

2^d Voted, to reconsider their Vote pas'd the 12 of June and hear the report of their committee chosen the 8th of May last to make alterations in the Galliries of the Meeting house. Voted, to accept & file the Report 72 voted for & 59 against—which Report is as follows (Viz)

The Committee appointed by the town for the purpose of altering & repairing the Galliries in the Meeting house beg leave to make the following Report for the consideration of the Inhabitants of the town. Immediately after receiving the Copy of the Vote from the Town Clerk

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They proceeded to make preparation for carrying it into effect, & made a contract with M^r Amasa Davies to Circle the front Galliries & build the Singers's seats and find all the Materials for the sum of One hundred Dollars, they further contracted with Jerome Hersey to paint the front & side Galliries the new work three coats & the old work two together with the posts in the Galliries & the caps on the Singers Seats for the Sum of Fourteen Dollars. They have also put on Iron railings with curtains in front of the Singers which will cost Thirteen Dollars, making in the whole the sum of One hundred & twenty seven Dollars.—here your committee at the earnest solisitations of a large number of Citizens came to a stand, & have not proceeded to do any thing to the side Galliries untill the sence of the town could be taken to know if they will so far reconsider the vote to finish them all with seats, as to build a row of Pews in each Galliry agreeably to a plan which will then be exhibited, On this subject your committee would beg leave to state that from admeasurement, & the best estimation they can make there will be about as much room left

for seats as there now are in the old Galliries & the difference in expence between putting in the Pews as proposed, & finishing all with seats will probably be about Seventy five Dollars, and that the whole expence to finish said Galliries in good Stile with pews & seats will be one hundred

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And forty Dollars or say One hundred & twenty five Dollars in addition to the sum all ready Granted. And further your committee would beg the indulgence to say, that from the numerous applications for seats from persons who cannot obtain them below they think there cannot be no reasonable doubt but that the pews will rent for enough every year to pay the expence of building them.↵

All which is Respectfully submitted

(Signed)	Sam ^l Learned	} Committee
	John Clark	

Voted to accept of the foregoing Report

It was then Motioned by Levi Thaxter Esq^r to postpone the Meeting to next August which pas'd in the negative 48 voteing for, & 59 against postponeing—

It was then Motioned by Jonas White Esq^r that the Selectmen be directed to build Pews in the new part of the Galliries as soon as convenient or as many as they should think would be nefsary for the convenience of the town, which motion also pas'd in the negative 41 voteing for & 54 against.

It was then Voted, that the committee Chosen last May to alter the Galliries Viz Sam^l Learned John Clark & Luke Bemis go on and finish the side Galliries with one row of Pews in each side Galliry & seats in the rear agreeably to the plan exhibited by them 56 voteing for & 39 against the alteration

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Levi Thaxter Esq^r then rose & read the following Protest
To Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk of Watertown

The Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown haveing been notified to attend a town meeting this day at four of the Clock in the afternoon in pursuance to a Warrant purporting to have been issued by Joseph Rufsell Esq^r a Justice of the peace within & for the County of Middlesex & made returnable to you as Town Clerk believeing it to be a most extraordinary procedure, & under the circumstances of the case to be highly improper & illegal, feel it our duty to protest against the same, because we consider that no Justice of the Peace has power to issue a warrant to summon the Inhabitants of any town to asemble in town meeting but upon the application of ten, or more freeholders of such town when the Selectmen have unreasonably denied to call a Meeting upon any public occasion; and in such a case we conceive that it would be the duty of a Justice of the Peace to hear the parties in order to determine whether they had been unreasonably denied & to know if the application was made by persons uthorised by law to make it; In the present instance the Selectmen affirm that they have not unreasonably denied to call a Meeting but that the said Justice not haveing notified the town or Selectmen of the application and without the proper & nefeefsary enquirey in Order

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To determine whether there had been an unreasonable denial on the part of the Selectmen or not, and without being applyed to by ten or more of the freeholders of the town for the purpose, has illegally & without any uthority issued the present Warrant & therefore no constable or other person is bound to receive or execute it; and no transaction under it can have any legal operation. We therefore hereby protest against the same and all proceedings under it

July 2^d 1820—

(signed)

Levi Thaxter
Dan^l Bond
Charles Whitney

*Editorial Note:—original script pages were numbered incorrectly, giving two pages marked—351.

The foregoing protest together with the following Petition was order'd to be recorded, (Viz)

To Joseph Rufsell Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace within & for the County of Middlesex—

The Subscribers freeholders & Inhabitants of the town of Watertown in said County shew that application hath been made to Levi Thaxter Thomas Clark John Fowle Dan^l Bond & Charles Whitney Selectmen of said town to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants thereof duly qualified to Vote in town Meetings—

1st To choose a Moderator

2^d To know the minds of the town whether they will reconsider their Vote pas'd the twelfth Ins^t so as to hear the Report of their Committee for Making alterations in the Galleries & direct their Committee

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To build Pews in the side Galleries instead of seats agreeably to a Plan which will then be exhibited, or act any thing thereon, But they have unreasonably denied to call a Meeting for that purpose; they therefore request that you will issue a Warrant as the law in such cases directs, for calling a Meeting of said Inhabitants for the purpose aforesaid.—

Watertown June-24th 1820 (Signed)

John Hunting
Phinehas Sanderson
Isaac Dana
Walter Hunnewell
Luther Barrett
Isaac Rufsell
John Clark
Sam^l Learned
Jerome Hersey
Amasa Jackson

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Joseph Rufsell. Justice of the Peace—

It was then Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held August 7th 1820—They agreed to allow the following A/c & drew an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same. Viz.

To Sam ^l Latch for boarding Robert Sanders from } May 1 st to July 31 1820 13 Weeks @ 9/ &C — —	\$18,, 58
To Francis Hager for boarding G Bourne & wife } 13 Weeks to July 31 st 1820 @ 9/ &C — — — —	20,, 00

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To Samuel Brigham for Meal dl'd to Sam ^l White } for the support of William White's Children } from June 1 st 1819 to 25 th of July 1820 60 } Weeks @ 3/ pr Week — — — — — — — —	30,, 00
To James Robbins for Sundrys dl'd the family of } Moses Warren Jun ^r at his decease — — — — —	7,, 66
To Isaac Dana for makeing Coffin for M ^{rs} Pol- } lard's Child & Moses Warren — — — — —	5,, 50
To Stephen Cook for M ^{rs} Bray's house rent for 1 } year from March 1 st 1819 — — — — — — — —	25,, 00
To G & C Coolidge for Sundrys dld Engine men } at the fire of M ^r Robbins Shop &C — — — — —	6,, 54
To Samuel Learned for his premium for Collect- } ing Taxes committed him to collect July 19 th } 1820 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	

Also—the Selectmen issued the following Warrant Viz

Middlesex fs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for Representatives & Senators in the General Court, to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty first day of august Ins^t at three of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes by ballot on this question (Viz)

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Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Common Wealth—

Also—You are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty first day of August Instant at four of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (Viz)↪

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the Galleries & pafs any order about the seats in the Galleries & Act any thing thereon

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Selectmen at or before the times appointed for said meetings—

Given under our hands & Seals this seventh day of August AD 1820↪

signed↪	Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen of Watertown
	Tho ^s Clark		
	Dan ^l Bond		
	Charles Whitney		
	Att st <u>Gilbert Nichols</u> Town Clerk		

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Middlesex, fs Watertown August 21st 1820

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein exprefs'd to Meet at the times and place & for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two attested copies of these Warrants at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meetings↪

Joseph Peirce, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants assembled at the public Meeting house in Watertown August 21st 1820 And in conformity to an Act of this

Commonwealth, pass'd June 16th 1820, for the purpose of ascertaining the minds of the town whether they think it expedient to choos delegates to meet in convention for the purpose of revising the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth proceeded as follows Viz.↵

The Selectmen presideing, call'd for the Yeas and Nays, to be brought in by Ballot, which was accordingly brought in counted & sorted & declared as follows (Viz)

For chooseing Delegates	Fifty Votes
Against said Measure	Five Votes

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants qualified to Vote in town affairs assembled at the public meeting house August 21—1820 & proceeded to Act on the Articles as sett forth in said Warrant as follows (Viz)↵

- 1st Voted & chose Walter Hunnewell for Moderator
- 2^d Voted to accept the report presented by the committee chosen March 20 1820, to enquire into the situation of the privilidges the town of Watertown have in, & about their Wharf in Cambridge, (as you may see on file)—Voted that the said Committee be & they are, hereby impower'd to sell & convey said Wharf & privilidges, or lease the same as they may think for the Interest of the town.—

The Committee chosen May the 8th 1820 to finish the Galleries presented a report of their doing, upon which it was motioned, that it should be postponed to our next Meeting, & chose a committee to investigate the legality of the Meeting held the 3^d day of July last at which Meeting said committee had instructions from the town to build Pews in front of the side Galleries instead of seats which motioned was negatived—24 vote for postponeing & 25 against said measure—

It was then Motioned to accept said report which also pass^d in the negative 23 for & 24 against—

The town then Voted to dissolve the meeting↵

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen September 4th 1820—They approved the following persons as Innholders & Retailors (Viz)

For Innholders { Mark Vose
Samuel Bellows
Luke Robbinson
Elisha Stratton

For Retailors { John Clark
Thaddeus Cole
George Coolidge

Also, they appointed Joseph Reed & Jacob Wyman Engine men for the Engine call'd the Relief—

Also, the Selectmen & Afsefsors drew the following order. Viz.

To Abijah White Esq^r Treasurer for the town of Watertown, Sir, the Selectmen & Afsefsors at a meeting held this day (Viz)

September 4th 1820 abated the following persons Taxes by their request (Viz)

John Stimpson's	— — — — —	\$1,, 66
John Stimpson Jun ^r	— — — — —	1,, 66
William Bradford	— — — — —	6,, 83
Inman Fesenden	— — — — —	1,, 66

it being the whole amount of their several Taxes for 1819 which sums you are to receive of Samuel Learned Collector for 1819 as so much Money for the list committed to him for said year.

signed) Thomas Clark }
Gilbert Nichols } Afsefsors—

Levi Thaxter }
Charles Whitney } Selectmen
John Fowle }
Daniel Bond }

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk.

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held Oct^r 2^d 1820 the following Acct^s were allow'd & an Order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same (Viz) —

To Smith Adams for boarding & Nursing Ann Green 8 Weeks to July 14 th 1820 — — — — —	} 28,, 00
To Hannah Farrer for supporting Benjamin Whitney from May 1 ^t to Oct ^r 1 st 1820 22 Weeks @ 9/ — — — — —	} 33,, —
To William Penniman for support of M ^{rs} Fowle one year from 10 th Oct ^r 1819 — — — — —	} 65.—
To Thaddeus Cole for Articles dl'd Engine men at M ^r Robbin's fire &C. — — — — —	} 10.17
To Jonathan Whitney for boarding & Clothing Joseph Whitney & Children — — — — —	} 20.—
To Upham & Whitney for going to Charleston for Joseph Whitney & Children &C — — — — —	} 5.—
To James Robbins for Moveing Wall & setting fence on Ministerial Land — — — — —	} 10.—
To Samuel Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter to 1 st Oct ^r 1820, 43 Weeks @ 6/ — — — — —	} 43.—
To Mark Vose for Boarding John Remington from May 1 st 1819 to May 1 ^t 1820 — — — — —	} 60.—
To Daniel Moulton for support of Esther Warren One year from Oct ^r 1 st 1819 — — — — —	} 35.—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1820 August Samuel Learned was sworn as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Watertown for the ensuing Year before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Middlesex fs, To Elisha W Dana one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to notify & warn the Inhabitants

of said town qualified by law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixteenth day of October Instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for one or more Deligates, to meet Deligates in from other towns in Convention on the third Wednesday of November next for the purpose of revising the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth.

You are also, hereby required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixteenth day of Oct^r Ins^t at four of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz) —

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting —
 2^d To know if the town will give any additional authority or instructions to their Committee relative to the disposal of the Wharf in Cambridge and act any thing thereon. —

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- 3^d To know if the town will take into consideration the report of the Committee chosen May 8th 1820 to finish the Galleries in the Meeting house, & see what method they will take to dispose of their Pews in the same, and act any thing thereon —

Hereof fail not, & make return of these warrants with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting —

Given under our hands & seals this 2^d day of October 1820

(signed)	Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen
	John Fowle		of
	Dan ^l Bond		Watertown

Middlesex fs. Watertown Oct^r 16 1820

Pursuant to the above Warrants I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs'd, to meet at the times & place, & for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting up two Copies of the warrants at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting —

(signed) Elisha W Dana, Constable

Agreeably to the above Warrants the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown assembled the Sixteenth Day of Oct^r AD 1820—and proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1st Voted to send but one Deligate—
 2^d Voted & choose Doct^r Walter Hunnewell for said Deligate
 Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the Warrant the Inhabitants qualified to Vote in town affairs assembled Oct^r 16th 1820, & proceeded as follows, (Viz)

- 1st Voted & chose Doct^r Walter Hunnewell for Moderator
 2^d Voted that the Committee chosen March 20 1820 to enquire into the situation of our wharf in Cambridge have, the right to purchase (as well as to sell & convey) said Wharf in Cambridge if they shall think it for the Interest of the town.—
 3^d Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee chosen the 8th of May 1820 to finish the Galleries—
 Voted that the Treasurer pay the amount of the bill attached to the same (Viz) 283,,62 of which \$150. Dollars was granted by the town May 8th 1820
 4th Voted to choose a committee to lease the Pews in front of the Galleries belonging to the town
 Voted & chose for said Committee { Adam Brown
 Paul Learned
 Gilbert Nichols
 5th Voted to dissolve the Meeting—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held the 24th Oct^r 1820 They issued the following Warrant—(Viz)

Middlesex fs. To Elisha W Dana one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote for

Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, to assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 6th day of Nov^r next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Representative of the people of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for the Middlesex District. Also, to give in their Votes for One Elector for said District & two Electors at large for President & Vice President of the United States.—Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals, this twenty fourth day of October AD 1820—

Signed)	Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen of Watertown
	Thomas Clark	
	John Fowle	
	Daniel Bond	

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Middlesex fs. Watertown November 6th 1820

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two Copies of this Warrant, at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

(signed) Elisha W Dana Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants qualified as therein express'd assembled at the public Meeting house on Monday the 6th day of Nov^r 1820—The Selectmen presiding who call'd for the Votes for a Representative to Represent the people of this Commonwealth for the Middlesex district, which were as follows (Viz.)

Hon. Timothy Fuller had Nine Votes
 Hon John Hart had Nine Votes
 Hon Samuel P P. Fay had—Eleven Votes

Votes for Electors were then call'd for brought in & were as follows (Viz)

For Elector for the Middlesex District
 Hon. Samuel Dana had twenty two Votes
 Hon. Asahael Stearns had Eleven Votes

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For Electors at large.—

- Hon. Benjamin W Crowninshield had Nineteen Votes
- Hon Levi Lincoln had Seventeen Votes
- Hon William Phillips had twelve Votes
- Hon William Gray had Fourteen Votes

All of which was publickly declared by the Selectmen, openly in said Meeting.—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of M^r Elisha Stratton Nov^r 6. 1820—They allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz

To Francis Hager for boarding Geo C. Bourn & } wife from August 1 1820 to Oct 30 th — — — — }	19,, 50
To Jerome Hersey to setting Glafs painting the } Pulpit Windows & Doors &C. In the Meeting- } house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — }	32,, 17
To Zacheus Pond for the Amount due the Estate } of the late Mary Whitney for boarding Widow } White from May 1 ^t 1820 to August 28 th 1820 17 } Weeks @ 8/ — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — }	22,, 66
To Sam ^l Latch for boarding Rob ^t Sanders from } August 1 st 1820 to Oct 30 th 1820 — — — — — }	18,, 17
To Josiah Bright for support of David Barnerd } One year ending 30 th day of April 1820 — — — }	25,, 00

(Signed) Levi Thaxter }
Tho^s Clark } Selectmen
John Fowle } of
Charles Whitney } Watertown

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held January 1^s 1821—they agreed to allow the following Acct^s and drew an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same Viz

To Elijah Hager for boarding Lucy Hager from } December 1 st 1819 to December 1 st 1820 @ 7/6 —	65.—
To Levi Thaxter his Acc ^t as p ^r Bill — — — — —	18.94
To Zacheus Pond his Acc ^t — — — — —	5,, 11
To Samuel Birds Acc ^t — — — — —	31,, 20
To Charles Whitney's Acc ^t — — — — —	96,, 94

Also, the Selectmen appointed Moses Chenery and Elisha W Dana as Fish Agents for the ensuing year

Also, the Selectmen appointed the following persons as Engine Men for the Ensueing Year (Viz)

For Engine N^o 1 —

Isaac Rusell	John Harris
George Coolidge	Luther Sifson
Abraham Lincoln	Daniel Waters
Amasa Jackson	Benjamin Stevens
Charles Bent	Warren White
Charles Coolidge	Eben ^r Tucker Ju ^r
Reuben Eaton	George Newhall
John Bond —	Elijah Harris

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For the Engine Call'd the Relief —

Nath ^l Weld	John M Harris
Gilbert Nichols	Benjamin F Farrer
Nath ^l R Whitney Ju ^r	Hezekiah Bacon
James Robbins	Francis Leathe
Elijah Ray	Henry Taylor
Jerom Hersey	Alexander Meacham
Thomas Soden	Joseph Reed
Coolidge P Wood	Jacob B Wyman
Charles H Chandler	

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held Feb^y 6th 1821 they agreed to allow the following Accounts, & drew an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz) —

To Samuel Latch for boarding Robert Sanders } from 1 st Nov ^r 1820 to 30 th Jan ^y 1821 13 Weeks } @ 8/ — — — — —	17,, 33
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To Widow Hannah Farrer for supporting Benjamin Whitney from Oct 1 st 1820 to 3 ^d Feb ^r 1821— 18 Weeks @ 9/ —————	27,, 00
To Isaac Dana for Work done on the Bridge up to Nov ^r 4 th 1820 —————	4,, 1
To John Hunting in consideration for the Galleries as agreed by the town May 8 th 1820 — — —	200.00
<u>Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk</u> —	

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held March 5th 1821 they agreed to allow the following Acc^{ts} & drew an order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz.

To John Clark for Sundry Articles of Clothing for the Poor of the town —————	74,, 24
To Zacheus Pond for boarding Widdow White from 28 th August 1820 to 5 th March 1821. 17 Weeks @ 8/ —————	36,, —
To Isaac Rufsell for Repairs on Engine N ^o 1 —	12,, 12
Abraham Lincoln for setting posts at the Meeting house —————	3,, 75
Levi Thaxter's acc ^t of Sundrys —————	10,, 78
Town of Charlestown for Supplys furnished John Whitney & Family —————	45.64
To Francis Hager for boarding George Bourne & Wife from 1 ^s of Nov ^r 1820 to 5 th March 1821 —	27,, 00
To Samuel Learned for his Services as Constable for the year 1819 —————	15.00
Doct ^r Nath ^l Bemis for Medicine & attendance on Ann Green —————	8,, 75
Coolidge P Wood for work on the Bridge — — —	11,, 65
Joseph Peirce for labour on the Bridge — — —	8,, 50
To Elisha Stratton for entertainment of the Selectmen —————	18,, 50
To Doct ^r Nath ^l Bemis for Medicine & attendance on Mary Pollards Child —————	2,, 50

To Luke Robbinson for entertaining the Select-	}	6.75
men -----		
Amaziah Howard for entertainment of fish Com-	}	2,, 0
mittee -----		

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Also, they issued the following Warrant—Viz—

Middlesex. fs. To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to summon & notify the freeholders & other inhabitants of the said town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to asemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the Ninth day of March Instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to Act on the following Articles. Viz—

- 1^s To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To know if the town will direct what compensation the several Officers of the town shall receive for their servicies and Act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To choose all town Officers required by law to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually—
- 4th To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his servicies—
- 5th To determine whether swine & neat cattle shall go at large the ensueing year & Act any thing thereon
- 6th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensueing year, & grant money for the same & Act any thing thereon
- 7th To Grant Money to open, make & repair the highways in said town & Act any thing thereon—
- 8th To hear the Acc^ts of those persons to whom the town are indebted to, & Grant money to pay the same, and Act any thing thereon—

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- 9 To hear the report of any committee for makeing estimates for the year ensueing & Act any thing thereon
- 10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor & Grant money to pay the same and act any thing thereon—

- 11th To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon—
- 12 To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the state of their Treasury & Act any thing thereon
- 13 To know what method the town will take to collect their taxes the ensuing year & Act any thing thereon
- 14th To know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain Birds & Act any thing thereon
- 15 To know if the town direct their Selectmen to remove the gate in the lower burying ground further down the Coolidge lane, or Act any thing thereon—
- 16 To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the meeting house & Act any thing thereon—
- 17th To know if the town will direct in what manner the Engine ladders &C belonging to the town, shall be kept in repair & Act any thing thereon—

Also, you are alike required to notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the aforesaid town qualified to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the Nineteenth day of March Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes,

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For County Register & County Treasurer—

Hereof fail not & make return of these warrants with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said Meetings

Given under our hands & Seals at Watertown this fifth day of March AD 1821—

(Signed)	Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen of Watertown
	Tho ^s Clark		
	John Fowle		
	Dan ^l Bond		
	Charles Whitney		

Attst Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk—

Return }
on Warrant }

Middlefex fs. Watertown March 19th 1821—

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified

as therein exprest to meet at the times & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two Copies of the within Warrants at the publick Meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

(Signed)

Jo^s Peirce Constable

March }
Meeting }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, asembled in publick Town Meeting on Monday March 19th 1821, and proceeded to act by articles as follows Viz.

- 1 Voted & Chose Doct Walter Hunnewell Moderator

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- 2^d Voted & Chose William Whitney Town Clerk & was sworn into said office by Thom^s Clark Esq J Peace

Voted & Chose Abijah White Esq Treasurer

Voted & Chose for Selectmen	{	Levi Thaxter
		Thomas Clark
		Luke Bemis
		Joshua Coolidge Jr.
		Elisha Livermore

Voted & Chose for Afsefsors	{	Thomas Clark
		Nathaniel R Whitney
		Abijah White

Voted to adjourn this meeting till after the votes are taken for county Register & Treasurer which according to Warrant is to commence at two Oclock this afternoon & was declar'd adjourned

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Meeting }
for
County }
Reg^r & }
Treasurer }

Agreeably to Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Representatives asembled in

publick Town meeting March 19th 1821, And brought in their votes which were sorted, counted, & declar'd by Walter Hunnewell Moderator to be as follows. Viz—

County { Samuel Bartlett Esq had forty five Votes
Register { Capt Isaac Train had Seventy Votes

For County { John Keyes Esq had Sixty five Votes
Treasurer { Abiel Heywood had thirty one Votes
Isaac Barnard had one vote

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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Agreeably to adjournment the meeting was opened & proceeded as follows. Viz—

Voted & Chose { Enoch Wiswall
for Constables { Daniel A Tainter

Voted & Chose { Paul Learned
for Fenceviewers { Peter Clark and was excus'd
William Stone
Nathaniel Bright

Voted & Chose { Thomas Learned
for Tythingmen { Peter Clark

Voted & chose for { Thadeus Cole
Clerks of the Market { James Robbins

Voted & Chose { George Coolidge
for Field drivers { Moses Bright
John H Clark
Samuel Bellows
Thomas Richardson
Nathaniel Bright
Zacheus Pond
Nathaniel Weld
Phineas Learned
Elisha W Dana
Joseph Bird

Voted & chose the following persons for Hogreeves Viz—
Sam^l Learned, James Davis, Christopher Grant, Charles Coolidge, Thomas Bolter,* Daniel Sangar, Moses Whit-

**Editorial Note:—possibly Bolten.*

ney Jun. Josiah Stone, John Coolidge, Joshua Learned, Nathaniel Bright, William J White, James Peirce, Benjamin Woods, Samuel Somes, Daniel Waters, Emery Whitney, Andrew Burridge, Phineas Harrington, Charles Patten.

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways	{	Levi Thaxter
		Seth Bemis
		Thomas Learned
		William Stone & was excus'd
		Thomas Clark
		Hosea Stoddard
	}	Moses Chenery

Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Lumber	{	Caleb Lincoln
		Isaac Dana

Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves	{	Isaac Dana
		William Horn

Voted & chose a committee for selecting Firewards

Voted & Chose for said committee	{	John Fowle
		Thomas Clark
		Gilbert Nichols

Voted & Chose for Firewards	{	Levi Thaxter
		Adam Brown
		John Hunting
		John Clark
		Eliakim Morse
		Thomas Learned
		Luke Bemis
}	Elisha Livermore	

Voted & Chose for Fish committee	{	Cornelius Stone
		Nathaniel Stone
		Mark Vose
		Amasa Jackson
		William M Pomroy
		}

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Voted & chose Jeremiah Rufsell Pound keeper

4th Voted to refer this article to the Selectmen to choose a Sexton & the town to grant money to pay him for his services

- 5th Voted that Neat Cattle be allowed to run at large from sun rise untill 9 Oclock in the evening the ensuing year
- 6th Voted to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for schools, to be appropriated for the several districts as last year.
- 7th Voted to grant for highways twenty five cents upon every rateable Poll, & other estates in proportion, each Man to be allowed 12½ cents pr hour, & a good team the same as a Man, & that they shall begin to work at 7 Oclock in the morning, & work 10 hours for a day. Voted that the Afsefsors complete the Taxes, & give the Surveyors their lists, on or before the first day of April next. Voted that the last year Surveyors return their lists, on or before the first day of June next
- 8th Voted to postpone this article untill April Meeting
- 9th Voted to accept that part of the committee's report which is to grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the Poor & three hundred dollars for other contingences as may be seen on file
- 10th Voted to accept the report of the committee respecting repairs on School houses & grant money to pay the balance of their account which sum appears to be \$93.17 as may be seen on file
- 11th Voted that the Poor shall be supported in the way & manner the Selectmen shall think most proper
Voted to choose a committee to inquire what will be the best method of supporting the Poor of the Town in future, and if a suitable situation can be procured for establishing a Poor house, & the probable expense of such an establishment & the saving if any, that may be made in keeping the Poor together, & make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

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Voted & Chose for
said committee

{	Nathaniel Bemis
	Levi Thaxter
	John Fowle & was excus'd
	Nathaniel Bright & was ex'd
	John Hunting

- 12th Voted to accept the Treasurers account as reported by the Selectmen (who were chosen a committee to examine said account) & place the same on file which is as follows. Viz

Abijah White as Treasurer is charged with the sum of — — — — —	} \$7697.19
And he is credited by payments made to sundry persons with the sum of — — — — —	} 5402,, 37
By outstanding Taxes in collectors hands — — — — —	} 2172,, 91
By cash in Treasurers hands, — —	} 121.91
	<hr/> \$7697.19

- 13th Voted to farm out the Taxes as last year by the Selectmen at 7 O'clock this evening
- 14th Voted to take off the restriction of shooting Robbins
- 15th Voted that the Gentlemen Selectmen be a committee for removing the gate at the lower burying place & make such other repairs as they shall think necessary.
- 16th Voted that the pews in the Meeting house owned by the Town be leased at publick auction by the committee for 1 yr from the 1st of May next which committee as appears by record consists of the following persons. Viz. Adam Brown, Paul Learned, & Gilbert Nichols.

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- 17th Voted that the Firewards be authorized at all time to make such repairs upon the Engines, as they shall think proper & procure such Ladders, fire hooks, & other apparatus usually attached to Engines as they may deem expedient & present their accounts to the Selectmen for allowance.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for the purpose of letting out the Taxes at auction to the lowest bidder choosing Collector &c. to the House of Mr Luke Robinson at 7 O'clock this evening—Adjourned

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Agreeably to adjournment met at the House of Mr Luke Robinson March 19th 1821. And the Taxes were put up at auction by Levi Thaxter Esq & bid off by Capt Sam^l Learned for 1⁵/₈ cents on a dollar

Voted & chose Capt Samuel Learned Collector

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 4 O'clock in the afternoon—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Oaths }
1821 }

March 19th The following persons took the oaths of their respective Offices Viz Abijah White Treas^r Thomas Clark, Nath^l R Whitney as assessors Moses Bright, Zacheus Pond, Phinehas Learned, Elisha W Dana, as Field drivers, Daniel Sangar, John Coolidge, Joshua Learned, Benjamin Wood, Daniel Waters, Emery Whitney, as Hogsreeves Isaac Dana Surveyor of Lumber also Culler of Hoops & Staves March 22^d Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, Luke Bemis Joshua Coolidge Jun. Elisha Livermore as Selectmen Levi Thaxter, Thomas Clark, as Surveyors of Highways March 23^d Paul Learned, William Stone as Fenceviewers before William Whitney T. Clerk

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Selectmen's }
Meeting }

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown held at the House of Elisha Stratton March 22^d 1821—Appointed Coolidge P Wood Sexton for 1 year from the third day of May 1821 And agreed to pay him \$35 for his services including the Bell ringing, putting up & taking down the Stoves, & funnels, sawing Wood, sweeping &c. for attending funerals of Adults three Dollars & fifty cents in the Summer & four dollars in Winter & for Children in proportion

Appointed George Coolidge sealer of Weights & Measures for the ensuing year

Appointed as Weighers of Beef { Amasa Jackson
Adolphus Cannon
Daniel Bird

Warrant }
for April }
Meeting }

Also issued the two following Warrants, Viz.

Middlesex fs.

To Maj Joseph Peirce one of the Constables for
the town of Watertown———— Greeting

You are hereby forthwith required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the Male inhabitants of the said town of Watertown of twenty one years of age & upwards, having a freehold estate within the commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the Publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor, and Senators & Counsellors, agreeably to the constitution of said commonwealth

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Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting——

Given under our hands & seals at said Watertown this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one—

Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen of Watertown
Thomas Clark	
Luke Bemis	
Joshua Coolidge Jr.	
Elisha Livermore	

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Return }
of }
Warrant }

Middlesex fs Watertown April 2^d 1821——

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warn'd the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expres'd to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up two Copies of the within warrant at the publick Meeting house two sunday's prior to said meeting

(signed)

Jo^e Peirce Constable

Warrant }
for April }
Meeting }

Also To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the Town of
Watertown _____Greeting _____

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Mafsachusetts to warn the Male Inhabitants of said
Town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Senators
or Representatives in the General Court, to meet at the
Meeting house, on Monday the ninth day of April next at
two of the clock in the afternoon to give their votes, by
hand vote—for or against the several proposed articles
of amendment

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To the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with
your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at or before the time
appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals at said Watertown
this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and twenty one

Levi Thaxter }
Thomas Clark } Selectmen
Luke Bemis } of
Joshua Coolidge Jr. } Watertown
Elisha Livermore }

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Return on }
Warrant }
April 9th }
1821 }

Watertown April 9th 1821, Pursuant to the within
Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other
Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein exprest to
meet at the time & place & for the purposes within men-
tioned by posting up two Copies of the within Warrant at
the publick Meeting house two Sundays prior to said
meeting

Jo^s Peirce Constable

Meeting }
for Gov. & }
Lieut Gov }

Agreeably to warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, & Counsellors, afsembled April 2^d 1821 And their Votes were brought in, sorted, counted, & declared, (by Levi Thaxter Esq) to be as follows Viz—

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks had sixty five votes
Hon. William Eustis had fifty four votes
Hon. Christopher Gore had one vote
Hon. Henry A S Dearbourn had one vote

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For Lieut Governor

Hon. William Phillips had sixty five votes
Hon. Levi Lincoln had fifty five votes
Levi Thaxter Esq had one vote

For Senators

Joseph Locke had sixty three votes
Samuel P P Fay had sixty four votes
Calvin Sangar had sixty two votes
Josep B Varnum had fifty eight votes
William Whittemore had fifty six votes
William Austin had fifty six votes
Samuel Dana had one vote

2^d Voted to adjourn this meeting untill 7 Oclock this evening to the House of Elisha Stratton for the purpose of sealing up the votes—& was adjourned

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Agreeably to adjournment of March meeting the Inhabitants afsembled April 2^d 1821 and proceeded as follows, Viz

- 1st Voted to excuse Abijah White Esq from serving as Afsefsor by his own request—
2^d Voted & Chose Amos Livermore Jun. in his stead—
3^d Voted to excuse Daniel A Tainter from serving as Con-
stable by his own request—

- 4th Voted & Chose Joseph Peirce in his stead—
- 5th Voted to accept the following accounts & grant Money to pay the same
- “ Gilbert Nichols for his services of Town Clerk, }
 afsefsor, &c., the year past the sum total of — — } \$51.10
- Luther Barrett for Plank, Boards &c. the sum of \$32.23
- 6th Voted to accept the report of the committee for leasing the pews in the Galleries & place the same on file, which is as follows Viz

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We the Subscribers a Committee chosen by the town for the purpose of leasing the new Pews in the Galleries have attended to & leased the same at Auction, from Oct^r 23 1820 to May 1st 1821—

To the following persons at the sums annex'd their several names, Viz

N ^o 1	In the West Gallery To James Robbins for	\$3.00	paid
N ^o 2	To John Hunting —————	2,, 75	
N ^o 3 ^d	To Amasa Davis —————	2,, 60	paid
N ^o 4	To Miles Sprague —————	2,, 75	
N ^o 5	To Thomas Soden —————	3,, 00	paid
N ^o 6	To Thomas Dana —————	4,, 00	

East Gallery

N ^o 1	To John Hunting —————	3,, 00
N ^o 2	To John Hunting —————	2,, 60
N ^o 3	To Henry Taylor —————	2,, 25
N ^o 4	Jon ^a Whitney Jun. —————	3,, 00
N ^o 5	To Daniel Bird —————	3,, 70
N ^o 6	To Joseph Pettingill —————	4,, 50

\$37,, 15

p^d expences of House to M^r Robinson 1.25

leaving a net proceed to the town of — \$35,, 90

Which is Respectfully submitted March 19th 1821—

Adam Brown	} Committee
Paul Learned	
Gilbert Nichols	

- 7th Voted that the account for Interest presented by Samuel Learned & John Clark as a committee on the Meeting house be not accepted & that they have leave to withdraw the same
- 8th Voted to grant Thomas Clark in full of his account as an afsefsor for the year past the sum of \$16.50

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- 9th Voted on Petition of Hannah Farrar for the relinquishment of a Bond given by her late Husband conditioned for the support of Benjamin Whitney that she have leave to withdraw the same—
- 10th Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Ministerial Funds & to place the same on file which is as follows, Viz

Report of }
 The Trustees }
 of Ministerial }
 Fund }

The Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund ask leave to present to the Town the following statement of their proceedings the last year and of the existing state of their funds—

Since the last annual statement the Funds have not been able to dispose of any of their real estate, or in any way to increase the amount of their Fund; They have however the satisfaction to believe that it has been managed and improved in a manner the best calculated to preserve the original value, and to produce a certain income; it now rents for the sum of two hundred & fifty five dollars pr. annum

The Personal Estate is in Notes of hand satisfactorily secured, and amounts to the sum of three thousand one hundred fifty six dollars and fifty cents, the interest of that sum for one year is one hundred and eighty nine dollars and thirty nine cents, which added to the rent of the real estate will amount to the sum of four hundred and forty four dollars and thirty nine cents. A small deduction must be made from this sum for repairs on real estate—and in consequence of the Trustees having been obliged to take pofsefsion of certain real estate which was mortgaged to them as collateral security for the payment of \$325,,—

and being unable to realize at present any income of consequence from the same, there will be a deficit of nearly the amount of

Interest

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Interest on that sum for the last three years, but should the Estate be redeemed within the time prescribed by law that deficit will be made up—and should it not be redeemed, the Trustees are of opinion that the Estate will be of sufficient value to cover the whole amount of principal and interest so that no loss will eventually be sustained, but the net amount of income for the last year will probably be reduced thereby, to about the sum of Four hundred and fifteen dollars—All which is Respectfully submitted By order of the Trustees

Watertown April 2^d 1821

Levi Thaxter Treasurer

11th The following report was read and is as follows

Report of the Committee for supporting the Poor

The committee appointed to enquire what method will be the best for the Town to adopt for supporting their poor in future &c.—have given all their attention to the subject, the short time they have had it under consideration will admit of—and have come to a unanimous conclusion, that a well regulated Establishment for the reception of all the Poor, where they can be usefully employed according to their several abilities, and made to earn something towards their own support, will be the most creditable and economical method, for the Town, and the most comfortable for the Paupers themselves.—

The committee are fully satisfied, that a saving of one third part of the present expense of supporting the Poor, may be made to the Town, by keeping them all together provided a Situation can be procured with suitable accommodations for their reception, for a Sum not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars. It is evident however, that the success of

such

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Such an arrangement will depend in a great degree, upon the manner in which it is commenced—great precaution therefore and diligence will be necessary in the outset—

A Situation is to be purchased—Rules and Regulations for the good order and government of the Institution must be prepared, and a system of Economy and Prudence, adopted and pursued in all things relative thereto—

For the accomplishment of these objects, considerable time is necessary—The committee therefore recommend that the Poor remain in the care of the Selectmen for the year ensuing; And that a Committee be appointed, with power to purchase a suitable situation, and make all the necessary arrangements for the reception of the Poor at the commencement of the next year, and to dispose of the old Poor house at their discretion—

And that the Treasurer be authorized and directed, in case said Committee shall procure such a Situation to borrow the money necessary to defray the expense of the same, And that these measures be adopted under such limitations and restrictions, as to the location of the Establishment, the amount of expense and such other particulars, as the Town shall think expedient—

All which is respectfully submitted

by	Nathaniel Bemis	} Committee
	Levi Thaxter	
	John Hunting	

Watertown April 2^d 1821.

Voted to accept the report of the committee relative to supporting the Poor in future, & to choose a committee of three persons, to inquire and see if a situation can be procured, with suitable accommodations for their reception, the expense of which is not to

exceed

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Exceed the sum of \$3000 and make report to the Town as soon as conveniently may be—

Voted and chose for said Committee	}	Nathaniel Bemis & was excus'd Levi Thaxter & was excus'd John Hunting Gilbert Nichols Luke Bemis
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- 12th Motioned to reconsider the vote under Article 5th respecting Neat Cattle running at large & to have them shut up the ensuing year—
- 13th Voted to postpone the above motion to the adjournment of this meeting—
- 14th Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 9th Ins^t at 5 of the clock in the afternoon then to meet in this place—& was declared adjourned—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Agreeably to adjournment met at the House of Elisha Stratton April 2^d 1821—& sealed up the votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, & Counsellors.

Voted to disolve this meeting—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
April 2^d 1821 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton April 2^d 1821—They let the Hay Scales at publick auction to Dea John Tucker for 1 year from the first day of April Ins^t for the sum of — — — — \$21.00 & he to keep & leave the same in good repair

Agreed to accept, & draw^d Orders on the Treasurer for the following accounts, Viz. William Penniman for the support of Mr Boynton & Ann Green for 1 year from Feb^y 16th 1820 to Feb. 16th 1821—&c — — — — \$106,, 34

John Tuckers Bill of sundries — — — — — \$3,, 76

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Samuel Hyde for boarding & Clothing Jonathan Nutting from March 30th 1820 to March 30th 1821 — — \$84,, 36

Mehittable Segar for her support for 1 year from the 3^d of April 1820 to the 3^d of April 1821 — — — — — \$39,, 00

Agreed to appoint the following persons as Engine Men to Engine N^o 1 for the ensuing year Viz

Isaac Sargeant
Henry Bright
Isaac Robbins
Francis Bush
Jonas Rice
Horatio Rice
William Bright

Appointed as Measurers of Wood for 1 year from this date the following persons, Viz

Luke Robinson
Isaac Dana
Thadeus Cole

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Oaths of
Office }
1821 }

April 2^d The following persons took the Oaths of their respective offices, Viz George Coolidge as sealer of Weights & Measures likewise as Field driver Joseph Peirce, as Constable Amasa Jackson, & Adolphus Cannon as Weighers of Beef Thadeus Cole as measurer of Wood

April 7th John Tucker as Hay Weigher, Isaac Dana, Luke Robinson, as measurers of Wood, before

William Whitney Town Clerk

Friday 6th Nathaniel Bright as Fenceviewer before

Thomas Clark Esq Jus. Peace

Monday 9th Moses Chenery, Seth Bemis, Hosea Stoddard, Thomas Learned, as Surveyors of Highways before

William Whitney Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the warrant ifsued March 22^d 1821 the inhabitants asembled, April 9th 1821, (the Selectmen presiding) the Yeas, & Nays, on the amendmets of the Constitution,

were call'd for on each article separately, which were given by hand vote, & declared to be as follows, viz

Yeas & Nays on the Amendments of the Constitution

- Article Firstseventy Yeastwo Nays
- Article Secondfifty eight Yeastwenty two Nays
- Article Thirdfifty six Yeasthree Nays
- Article Fourthtwenty four Yeasforty one Nays
- Article Fifthtwenty eight Yeassixty two Nays
- Article Sixtheighty nine Yeasno Nays
- Article Seventhtwenty six Yeasforty four Nays
- Article Eighthseventy one Yeasthirteen Nays
- Article Ninthtwenty nine Yeastwenty two Nays
- Article Tenththirty Yeasthirty six Nays
- Article Eleventhseventy two Yeasno Nays
- Article Twelfthforty two Yeasno Nays
- Article Thirteenthsixty one Yeasno Nays
- Article Fourteenththirty Yeasthirty four Nays

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Adjournment }
of March meeting }

Agreeably to the adjournment of March meeting the inhabitants assembled April 9th 1821 & proceeded as follows—

- 1st Voted to reconsider the vote which passed March 19th under article 5th respecting Neat Cattle running at large
- 2^d Voted that Neat Cattle be kept shut up the ensuing year
- 3^d Voted to accept the account of Abijah White in part, that is, to allow him thirty dollars for his services as Treasurer and sixteen dollars, fifty cents as render'd by him for Services as an afeonsor the past year which sum total is \$46.50 & grant money to pay the same. Voted to disolve this meeting

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Warrant }
for May }
Meeting }

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The Selectmen issued the two following Warrants April 23^d 1821

Middlesex fs. To Joseph Peirce Constable of the town of Watertown—Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the Male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and upwards and resident in said town for the space of one year next preceeding having a freehold Estate within said town of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of May next at three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Warrant
for
Meeting
May 7th
1821

Also, You are alike required to summon & notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to assemble at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of May next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To know if the Town will allow John Clark interest on the money that he paid for finishing the Galleries in the Meeting house & act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not & make return of these Warrants with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting—Given under our hands & seals this twenty third day of April AD 1821—

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Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Luke Bemis		
Joshua Coolidge Jr		
Elisha Livermore		

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

May 1st Amos Livermore Jr took the Oath of Afsefsor
before William Whitney Town Clerk

Return of }
Warrant }
for May }
Meeting }

Middlesex fs. Watertown May 7th 1821—

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein exprest to meet at the times and places & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two Copies of the within mentioned Warrants at the public Meeting House two Sunday's prior to said meeting

Jo^s Peirce Constable

May }
Meeting }
7th 1821 }

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants qualified to vote for Representatives asembled May 7th 1821 and proceeded as follows Viz—

- 1st Voted to send one Representative—
the Votes then being call'd for stood as follows
- For Levi Thaxter Esq—fifty two Votes
- “ Thomas Clark Esq—eight—do
- “ Doc. Walter Hunnewell—eight—do
- “ Nathaniel R Whitney Esq—one—do

Levi Thaxter Esq was declar'd chosen and accepted to serve

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the warrant the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs asembled May 7th 1821 & proceeded to act by articles as set forth in the foregoing warrant Viz

- 1st Voted & Chose Levi Thaxter Esq Moderator—
- 2^d Voted to dismifs the article relative to John Clark's interest Money
- 3^d No report of any Committee

4th Voted to disolve this meeting & was declar'd to be disolv'd

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton May 7th 1821—They agreed to allow the following accounts & drew an order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—Viz—

Joseph Peirce for his services as Constable for the past year up to March 1 st 1821 — — — —	\$12,, 00
Coolidge P Wood for services as Sexton &c. as render'd by him in his Bill up to May 3 ^d 1821 —	\$38,, 80
Stiles Hosmer & Co ^s Bill for Powder — — — —	\$20,, 00
Samuel Leatch for Boarding Robert Saunderson from Feb ^y 1 st 1821 to the first of May 1821 making 13 weeks at 8/ pr week — — — — —	\$17,, 33
Francis Hagar for Boarding George Bourne & Wife from March 1 st to May 7 th 1821 inclusive	\$14,, 50
Josiah Bright for supporting David Barnard 1 year to May 1 st 1821 — — — — —	\$20,, 00
Stephen Cook for 1 year's House rent for Mrs Bray ending March 1 st 1821 — — — — —	\$25,, 00
Leonard & Jonas Bond one year's House rent for Charles Nutting ending April 1 st 1821 — —	\$15,, 00

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Appointed the following persons Engine Men for the remainder of the year to the Engine call'd the relief Viz

John Daniels
Asa Thayer
Dennie P Hooker

Appointed Samuel Learned Auctioneer for 1 year
(from the 1st day of May 1821—)

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Division of Fence between Joseph Faxon & J Holmes
April 23^d 1821

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Joseph Faxon of Newton and John Holmes of Hopkinton, about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands or farms, at Watertown we the subscribers, fence viewers of the town of Watertown duly chosen & sworn, having, on the application of the said Faxon (and after having given due notice to the said Holmes) viewed the premises, and duly considered the matter in dispute, have assigned, and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his share of said fence, as follows viz.—The said Faxon shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence from the westerly end, running East twenty one & an half rods and one & an half link making one half of the whole fence.—And the said Holmes, shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line viz from the easterly end, running West twenty one & an half rods & one and an half link making the other half of the whole of said fence—Given under our hands at said Watertown this twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one—

(Signed) William Stone }
Paul Learned } Fence Viewers

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Selectmen's }
Meeting }
June 11th }
1821 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton June 11th 1821 they selected a list of Jurors to lay before the town—

Warrant }
for }
Meeting }
June 14th }
1821 }

Also issued the following Warrant Viz—

Middlesex fs. To Maj. Joseph Peirce Constable of the town
of Watertown—Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to summon, notify &

warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Publick Meeting house in said town on Thursday the fourteenth day of June inst—at six of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—
 2^d To know if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepar'd by the Selectmen & act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant and your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals this eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Luke Bemis		
Joshua Coolidge Jr		
Elisha Livermore		

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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Middlesex fs, Watertown June 14th 1821—

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned, notified, & warned, the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expresed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned by giving them verbal notice

Jo^s Peirce Constable

Agreeably to the within warrant the inhabitants asembled June 14th 1821 & proceeded to act by articles as follows Viz—

- 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq Moderator
 2^d Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen on the 11th day of June 1821—

Voted to difsolve this meeting

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

June 23^d Joseph Bird took the Oath of Field driver before
William Whitney Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
July 9 1821 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton July 9th 1821 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same —

To Sullivan Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter }
from Oct^r 1st 1820 to May 28th 1821 thirty four }
weeks and for sundry articles of clothing — — — } \$42,, 33

To Samuel Brigham, his account for supporting }
F Remington from 1st May 1820 to 1st May 1821 }
and sundries deliver'd for the support of W^m }
Whites children to the 4th of June 1821 — — — } \$52,, 50

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To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of }
Benj^m Whitney from 24th of Feb^y to 1st of May }
1821 making 12 weeks at 9/pr week — — — — } \$18,, 00

To Mark Vose to boarding John Remington 1 }
yr from May 1st 1820 ending May 1st 1821 — — } \$60,, 00

Also at the same meeting the Afsefsors being present they agreed upon the following order Viz

Order of }
Abatements }
of Taxes }
for 1820 }

To Abijah White Esq. Treasurer for the town of
Watertown

At a meeting of the Subscribers at the House of Elisha Stratton July 9th 1821 they agreed to make the following abatements & direct you to discount to Capt. Sam^l Learned Collector of Taxes for the year 1820 so much of each person's taxes for that year, as is hereafter annex'd to their respective names

	\$	¢
To David Allen	1	69
Samuel Adams	1	69
Luther Abbot	1	69
David Bill	3	54
David Bigsby	1	69
Dyer Chaplain	1	69
Mary Cockran	3	08
John Chick	1	69
Nath ^l Corrier	1	69
Dexter Claffin	1	69
Caleb W Davis	3	70
Innman Fefsenden	1	69
Miles Greenwood	1	69
Benj ^m Gardner	2	61
Abraham Gillpatrick	1	38
Joseph W Howard	1	69
Edmund Hayes	1	69
Jonathan Hoyt	1	50
Joel Jones	1	69
Leonard Jackson	1,,	69
Elbridge Jones	4,,	00
Jackson	1,,	69
Clark Kent	1,,	69
Asa Kimball	1,,	69
Gilbert Kirker	1,,	69
William Leathe	3,,	08
Edward Lowde	1,,	69
Charles Leavitt	1,,	69
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	\$56,,	69

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	\$	¢
To Ephraim Lamphrey	1	69
Alvin Loker	1	69
Blifs Lomis	1	69
William M ^c Ellis	1	69
John Newton	1	69
Levi Parker	1	69
Howell Powell	1	69
Nath ^l P Palmer	1	69
James M ^c Roy	1	69
Obadiah Rugg	1	69
John Stimpson	1	69
Snow	1	69

	\$	¢
Marshall B. Spring	1	69
Salsbury	1	69
Smith	1	69
Daniel Sangar	1	69
John Thompson	1	69
Jacob Wyman	1	69
Andrew White	1,,	69
Warner	1,,	69
Aaron Wise	1,,	69
Ebenezer Ward	1,,	69
Jeremiah H. Curtis	1,,	69
Abraham Farwell	3,,	38
Geo. & Cha ^s Coolidge	1,,	69
Samuel Smith	1,,	38
Samuel Walker	1,,	69
	\$47,, 01	

You will receive the above sum's as so much Money committed to him for collection by order of the subscribers a committee appointed by the town

Levi Thaxter } Selectmen
 Thomas Clark } of
 Luke Bemis } Watertown

Thomas Clark } Afsefsors
 Nath^l R Whitney } of
 } Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
 Meeting }
 Aug^t 6th }
 1821— }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton August 6th 1821 they ifsued the following warrant Viz—

Middlesex fs. To Joseph Peirce Constable for the town of Watertown—Greeting

Warrant for Meeting for choice of Register of Deeds

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafachusetts to summon and notify the Free-

holders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for Representatives to the General Court to assemble at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the 3^d day of September next at 4 of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz—

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- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2^d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex—
- 3^d To hear the report of any committee or act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting—

Given under our hands and seals this Sixth day of August in the year of our Lord 1821—

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Thomas Clark		
Luke Bemis		

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

August 20th Samuel Learned was sworn as Collector of Taxes by William Whitney Town Clerk

Watertown April 15th 1817 Whereas we the subscribers Jonathan Whitney & Abijah White are owners of Land adjoining each other we have this day mutually agreed to divide the fence in the following manner & build the same viz. the west end of the line next land of Nathaniel Bemis Esq^r Jonathan Whitney agrees to take & build for his half & Abijah White agrees to take & build the other half of the fence at the east end next the Road—

Witness Charles Whitney

Jonathan Whitney
Abijah White

Watertown December 9th 1818 Whereas we the undersign'd subscribers Jonathan Brown & Abijah White are owners of Land adjoining each other near the House of

Mr Charles Whitney in Watertown we have this day mutually agreed to divide the division fence & wall between us & rebuild the same Viz

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Jonathan Brown agrees to take that half of fence or wall next the road at the east end & Abijah White agrees to take that half of the fence or wall at the west end next land of Nathaniel Bemis Esq^r the said line to be divided exactly in the middle of the same—

Witness Charles Whitney

Jonathan Brown
Abijah White

Middlesex fs. Watertown Sept^r 3^d 1821

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs'd to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the publick Meeting-house two Sundays prior to said meeting

(Signed)

Jos^h Peirce Constable

Agreeably to the warrant ifsued August 6th the Inhabitants asembled September 3^d 1821 & proceeded to act by articles as follows Viz—

- 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Moderator—
- 2^d The Votes having been call'd for a Register of Deeds were brought in sorted, counted, & declar'd to be as follows Viz—
 - For Samuel Bartlett nine votes—
 - “ Isaac Train ten votes—
- 3^d The Committee chosen April 2^d 1821 to enquire out a suitable place for the accommodation of the Poor & the probable expense for the same presented their Report which was read & order'd on file—
- 4th Voted to difsolve this meeting & was declar'd difsolv'd

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton September 3^d 1821 They allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz—

Phinehas Saunderson's Acc^t of Shoes for the Poor \$ 5,, 12

Samuel Latch for boarding Robert Saunders & George Bourne & Wife from May 1st to August 1st 1821 making 13 weeks at — — — — — } \$36,, 83

Widow Hannah Farrar for supporting Benj^m Whitney from 1st of May to the 1st of August 13 weeks at 9/ — — — — — } \$19,, 50

Nathan Fuller was appointed Engine man for the ensuing year to Engine N^o 1

The following persons were approbated as Innholders & Retailers for the year ensuing Viz—

Samuel Bellows }
 Luke Robinson } Innholders
 Amaziah Howard }
 Elisha Stratton }
 Mark Vose }

John Clark }
 Thaddeus Cole } Retailers
 George Coolidge }

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Sept^r 4th Thomas Clark, Nath^l R. Whitney, & Amos Livermore Jun. took the Oath of Afsefsors to ascertain the Rateable Estate within this Commonwealth as by law prescribed before William Whitney Town Clerk

Sept^r 21st 1821 the Selectmen issued the following Warrant Viz.

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Middlesex fs. To Joseph Peirce Constable of the Town of Watertown—Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of October next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz—

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—
 2^d To know if the Town will choose a Committee and authorize and direct them to purchase a certain Farm situate in Newton, owned by one Jonathan Upham (as particularly described & recommended by a Committee of the Town, in their Report made the 3^d day of September Instant, and now on file,) to be appropriated and improved for reception and support of all such persons as the Town are, or may be obliged by law to support or assist or authorize and direct said Committee to purchase any other farm or situation, that may be thought more eligible for the purpose, or devise & provide any other suitable method for the support of the poor of the town. And in case the Town shall see fit to authorize and direct the purchase of a Farm or any other situation for the reception & support of the poor as aforesaid, to authorize & direct their Committee, or choose another committee, and authorize & direct them to procure such articles as may be necessary, and make all necessary arrangements & regulations for the reception of the poor of the Town as soon as may be and to provide for the payment of all such expenses as may arise in making said purchases and arrangements by authorizing and directing the Treasurer of the Town to borrow on the credit of the Town such sum or

sums

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- Sums of money as may be wanted for said purposes, or devise and direct any other mode of obtaining the same that may be thought expedient, and act any thing thereon—
 3^d To know if the Town will dispose of the Old Poor house & land and choose a Committee for that purpose and act any thing thereon—

- 4th To know if the Town will grant any money for the Support of a Singing School and direct how it shall be obtained, and how expended, and act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time for holding said meeting—Given under our hands & Seals this twenty first day of September AD 1821—

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen
Thomas Clark		of
Luke Bemis		Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown Oct^r 1st 1821—

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the publick Meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Jos. Peirce Constable—

Agreeably to the preceeding Warrant the Inhabitants assembled in open town meeting on Monday Oct^r 1st 1821—& proceeded to act by articles as follows viz—

- 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq. Moderator—

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- 2^d Voted to dismifs so much of this article as relates to purchasing the Farm in Newton as reported by your Committee on 3^d of September last—

Voted to dismifs the whole article & discharge your Committee from any further trouble

- 3^d Voted to dismifs this article—

- 4th Voted to grant the sum of \$75 for the support of Singing—

Voted & directed that the Treasurer of the town pay over into the hands of a Committee chosen by the singing society in the town to be appropriated by them & in a singing school the sum of seventy five dollars out of any money in his hands not otherwise appropriated—

Voted to difsolve this meeting & was declar'd difsolv'd—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton on Monday Nov^r 5th 1821 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz—

To William Penniman for the support of Susanna Fowle 1 yr from Oct ^r 10 th 1820 to Oct ^r 10 th 1821 @ 6/6 pr week — — — — —	56.33
To Jeremiah Fowle for Plank for the Bridge —	\$30.53
To Samuel Latch for supporting Robert Saunders & George Bourne & Wife from 1 st of August to 1 st of Nov ^r 13 weeks @ — — — — —	\$43.83
To Daniel Morton for the support of Esther Warren 1 yr from Oct ^r 1 ^t 1820 to Oct 1 1821 as by agreement — — — — —	\$35.00

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To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of Benj ^m Whitney from 1 st of August to 1 st of Nov ^r making 13 weeks at 9/ per week — — — — —	\$19.50
To Thomas Whitney for the support of Lucy White 1 yr to March 2 ^d 1821 — — — — —	\$39.—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Dec. 3^d 1821 they allow'd the following accounts and drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz—

To Levi Thaxter for sundry sums of money ex- pended for the town — — — — —	\$104,, 41
To Lois Curtis for sundry articles of Clothing for the poor of the town — — — — —	\$ 7,, 72
To Bemis & Eddy for Ropes for Fire hooks &c	\$ 31,, 75
To Benjamin Wood for work on the Bridge &c	\$ 5,, 25
To Sullivan Sawin for Boarding Newton Baxter from 28 th May to 28 Nov ^r 1821—26 weeks —	\$ 26,, —
To Coolidge P. Wood for work on Bridge — —	\$ 29,, 55
To Samuel Bird his a/c for Spikes for Bridge & Iron for Stoves — — — — —	\$ 28,, —

To Samuel Learned premium for Collecting }
 Taxes for 1820 ————— } 110,, 68

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Jan 7th 1822 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz—

To Elijah Hagar for Boarding Lucy Hagar 1 yr }
 ending Dec 1st 1821 @ 1.25 per week — — } \$65,, —

To Zaccheus Pond for Boarding Widow Mary }
 White 23 Weeks ending Jan. 1 1822 @ 8/ pr }
 week and his acc^t of Black Smith work — — } 60,, 98

To Newell Bent for his acc^t for Timber for the }
 Bridge ————— } 12.10

To Susanna Whitney for Boarding & Nursing }
 Joseph Whitney 3 weeks in his last Sicknefs } 12 —

To Asa Pratt for his acc^t of Coffins for Sundry }
 Person's & Book Case ————— } 19,, —

Appointed Nath^l R. Whitney & Elisha W. Dana as Fish agents for the ensuing year

Appointed the following persons as Engine Men for the ensuing year Viz—

For the Engine call'd the Relief

Gilbert Nichols
 Nath^l R Whitney Jun
 James Robbins
 Elijah Ray
 Jerome Hearsey
 Thom^s Soden
 Coolidge P Wood
 Charles H. Chandler
 John M. Harris
 Benj^m F. Farrar

Hezekiah Bacon
 Francis Leathe
 Alexander Meacham
 Joseph Read
 Asa Thayer
 John Daniels
 Dana P. Hooker
 Horatio Nichols

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For Engine N^o 1

Isaac Rufsell (dischar'd Apr ^l 22 ^d)	Henry Bright
Abraham Lincoln	Isaac Robbins
Amasa Jackson	Horace Rice
Charles Coolidge	Benj ^m Stevens
Daniel Waters	Nathan Fuller
John Harris	Charles Bent
Luther Sifson	Lewis Upham
George Newhall	Alpheus Cutter
Isaac Sargent	Asa Pratt
	Rufus Lee

At a meeting of the Selectmen & Afsefsors at the House of Elisha Stratton Jan 7th 1822 they drew the following Order, viz

To Abijah White Esq Treasurer for the Town of Watertown

You are hereby authorized & directed to discount to Capt. Sam^l Learned Collector of Taxes for 1820 so much of each persons Taxes for the year 1820 as is hereafter annex'd to their respective names

Nathan Patterson	— — — — —	1,, 69
John L Stone	— — — — —	1,, 69
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		\$3,, 38

Thom ^s Clark	} Afsefsors of Watertown
Nath ^l R. Whitney	
Amos Livermore	

Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen of Watertown
Thom ^s Clark	
Luke Bemis	
Josh ^a Coolidge Jr	
Elisha Livermore	

A committee appointed for this purpose by the Town

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Feb^y 4th 1822 they receiv'd the following Viz—

Watertown 4th Feb^y 1822

To the Selectmen of Watertown Gentlemen

There is a vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund occasioned by the resignation of Jonas White Esq—

By Order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter Clerk

They appointed Thaddeus Cole Auctioneer for the ensuing year—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Feb 18th 1822 they allowed the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz.

To George Dommet for his account for Hose &c. for Engine — — — — — }	43.50
To John Clark his Bill for sundry articles of Clothing for the Poor — — — — — }	72.34
To Levi Thaxter for Wood &c for Charles Nutting — — — — — }	6,, 74
To Samuel Puffer for the support of Nathan Boyinton* & Ann Greene for 1 yr. ending Feb. 16 th 1822 — — — — — }	113,, 29
To Samuel Latch for supporting Robert Sanders 13 weeks ending Feb 1 st 1822 & Supporting & nursing George Taylor in his last sickness — }	27.58
To Doct Nathaniel Bemis for Medicine & at- tendance on George Bourne & Jos. Whitney in their last sickness — — — — — }	4,, —
To Jerome Hearsey for setting Glass &c in Meet- ing house & School house — — — — — }	12.75

*Editorial Note:—Original script has been followed; probably meant Boyington

To The Town of Boston for the support of Mary }
 Warren ————— } 40,, —

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To Amos Livermore his acc^t for setting Glafs in }
 the east School house ————— } 6,, 50

To Elijah Ray for carting Engine &c. ———— 4,, 50

To Joseph P. Bradlee for use of Stove for the }
 School house in the West district ———— } 5,, —

Also ifsued the following Warrant Viz—

To Maj Joseph Pierce Constable for the Town of Water-
 town—————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to Summon, Notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs to afsemble at the publick Meeting-house in said town on Monday the fourth day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz—

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To Choose all town Officers required by law to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually—
- 3^d To Choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid for his Services—
- 4th To determine whether Swine & Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon—
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & act any thing thereon—
- 6th To Grant Money to open, make & repair the highway's in said town & act any thing thereon—
- 7th To hear the acc^{ts} of those persons to whom the town are indebted to & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—

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- 8 To hear the report of any committee for making estimates for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon—
- 9 To know if the town will appoint a committee to establish the boundaries near Treadaway Bridge, between the town & Jon^a Coolidge Esq. & others & to pafs deeds of Quit claims agreeable to a former vote of the Town pafsed the fourth day of May 1807—& act any thing thereon—

- 10th To know what method the town will take to support their Poor, & grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—
- 11th To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon
- 12th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning their Treasury & act any thing thereon—
- 13th To know what method the town will take to collect their Taxes the ensuing year & act any thing thereon—
- 14th To know if the town will take any Order relative to the destruction of certain Birds, & act any thing thereon—
- 15th To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the Meeting-house & act any thing thereon
- 16th To know if the town will grant liberty to Nathaniel Bright & others in the north part of the town to erect a School-house on the town's land near the Bisco' spring (so called) & act any thing thereon—
- 17th To know if the town will remove the Hay-scales from where they now stand & act any thing thereon—
- 18th To know if the town will take any measures to have the Posts round the Meeting-house Common painted and procure Trees to be set out in front of the same & act any thing thereon—

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- 19th To know if the town will take some method to fill the vacancy in the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund occasioned by the resignation of Jonas White Esq. & act any thing thereon—
- 20th To know if the Town will grant any money for the support of a Singing-School & act any thing thereon
- 21st To know if the Town will take any measures to widen Treadaway Bridge & act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting—

Given under our hands & seals this eighteenth day of Feb^r in the year of our Lord 1822—

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Thomas Clark		
Luke Bemis		
Joshua Coolidge Jr		
Elisha Livermore		

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Watertown March 4th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within Warrant at the publick Meeting-house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Jo^s Peirce Constable

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Agreeably to the within warrant the Inhabitants assembled in open Town meeting March 4th 1822 & proceeded to act by articles as follows Viz—

1st Voted & Chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Moderator

2^d Voted & Chose William Whitney Town Clerk and was sworn into said Office by Levi Thaxter Esq. Justice of the peace

Voted & Chose Levi Thaxter Town Treasurer—

Voted to Choose Five Selectmen—

Voted & Chose for Selectmen—	{	Thomas Clark Luke Bemis Joshua Coolidge Jun- Daniel Bond Moses Chenery
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Voted to Choose Three Afsefsors on one list—

Voted & Chose for Afsefsors—	{	Thomas Clark Nath ^l R. Whitney Amos Livermore
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Voted & Chose for Constables—	{	William Stone (excus'd) Enoch Wiswall (excus'd) Samuel Learned Joseph Peirce
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Voted to adjourn this meeting untill half past two OClock in the afternoon then to meet again in this place—and was declar'd to be adjourn'd—

Agreeably to adjournment met in the afternoon

Voted to Choose four Fence Viewers

Voted & Chose for Fence Viewers	{ Paul Learned William Stone Nath ^l Bright Peter Clark
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Voted & Chose for Tythingmen	{ Thomas Learned Peter Clark (excus'd) Thaddeus Cole
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Voted & Chose for Clerks of the Market	{ Constantine V. Swan Luther Barrett
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Voted & Chose for Field-drivers	{ Peter Clark George Coolidge Francis Brown Joseph Bird William Stone Israel Whitney Isaac Patten
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Voted & Chose for Hog Reeves	{ John Coolidge James Peirce James Gillpatrick John Bernard Otis Upham Constantine V. Swan
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Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Highway's	{ Daniel Bond Luke Bemis Luke Robinson John H. Clark (excus'd) Peter Clark James Gillpatrick Moses Chenery (excus'd) William Stone (excus'd) Jonathan Stone (excus'd) Josiah Bright
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Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Lumber	{ Isaac Dana Coolidge P. Wood
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Voted & Chose for of Hoops & Staves	Cullers { Isaac Dana William Horn
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- Voted & Chose for Firewards { Levi Thaxter
Adam Brown
John Hunting
John Clark
Eliakim Morse
Thomas Learned
Luke Bemis
Elisha Livermore
- Voted & Chose for Fish Committee { Cornelius Stone
Nath^l Stone
Mark Vose
Amasa Jackson
William M. Pomroy
Moses Whitney
- Voted & Chose for Pound-Keeper { Jeremiah Rufsell (excus'd)
Nathaniel R. Whitney (excus'd)
Marshall S Fowle

- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen agree with a Sexton & the town to grant Money to pay him for his Services——
- 4th Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year——
- 5th Voted to grant the sum of Twelve hundred dollars for the use of Schools to be appropriated in the several districts as last year — — — — — \$1200-00

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- 6th Voted to grant for Highways twenty five cents upon every rateable Poll, & other estates in proportion each Man to be allow'd twelve & a half cents per hour & a good team the same as a man——Voted that the Afsefsors afsefs the Highway Tax in March Inst—from the last year's valuation——
Voted that the last year Surveyors return their lists on or before the first day of June next——
- 7th Voted to allow the following accounts——& the town to grant Money to pay the same Viz—

To Joseph P. Bradlee for a Stove & funnel purchas'd by the school Committee of the West district —————	\$24.25
To Thomas Clark for his services as an Afsefsor the past yr ————	44.75

To William Whitney for his services as town Clerk the past year — — }	25,, —
To Nathaniel R. Whitney for his services as an Afsefsor the past year — — — }	50.25
To Amos Livermore for his services as an Afsefsor the past year — — — — — }	27.75
To William Whitney for ruling Tax Book &c —	9,, —
To Thomas Learned as per his account — — —	34.17
To Abijah White for his services as Treasurer the past year — — — — — — — — — — — }	30,, —
Voted that John Clark have leave to withdraw his acc ^t	

8th Voted to accept of so much of that part of the committee's report relative to raising monies as follows viz—

Voted to grant for the support of the Poor — —	\$1200—0
“ in addition to the income of the Minis- terial Fund for Mr. Francis' Salary — }	560—0
“ for Contingent expenses — — — — —	200—0
(which Report may be seen on file)	

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9th Voted that the surviving part of the committee chosen in the year 1807 be a committee for establishing the boundaries near Tredaway Bridge (so called) between Jon^a Coolidge Esq & others & the town & to pass quit claim deeds—& to cause the same to be carried into effect forthwith which committee as per Records consists of—

Joseph Peirce
John Fowle
Nath^l Bemis
Nath^l R. Whitney

10th Voted to refer this article relative to supporting the poor to the Selectmen & for them to support them in the way & manner they shall think most proper—

11th No order taken thereon—

12 Voted to accept the Treasurer's acc^t as examined & reported by the Selectmen (they being chosen a Committee for that

purpose) & to place the same on the town files which is as follows Viz—

Abijah White as Treasurer is charg'd with the sum of — — — — —	\$6986,, 71
And is credited by Sundry pay-ments made Sundry persons as per Receipts on file and exam-ined this day — — — — —	4453,, 51
By outstanding Taxes remain-ing in the hands of Sam ^l Learned collector to collect —	2005,, 99
By ballance being cash in the hands of the Treasurer — — —	527.21
	————— \$6986,, 71

- 13 Voted to farm out the Taxes as usual this evening at Mr. Robinson's to the lowest bidder who is to be collector & he to give satisfactory Bonds for the same—

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- 14th Voted to take off the restriction of Shooting Robbins
- 15th Voted that the Selectmen be a committe for renting the town Pews in the Meeting-house—
- 16th Voted on petition of Nathaniel Bright & others to grant the prayer thereof—
 Voted & Chose Thomas Clark, Joshua Coolidge & Abijah White a Committee to view & stake out the land, not exceeding one quarter of an acre & lease or sell the same as they shall think best—Which petition may be seen on file
- 17th Voted to dismiss the article—
- 18th Voted not to paint the Posts around the common
 Voted to dismiss the remainder of the article—
- 19th Voted that the present vacancy & in future when there is any vacancy in the board of Trustees of the Ministerial Fund the remainder of the board of Trustees be authorized to fill such vacancy; untill further orders from the town—
- 20th Voted to dismiss the article—
- 21st Voted to dismiss the article—

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill half past six O Clock then to meet at the House of Luke Robinson for the purpose of farming out the taxes Choosing Collector &c. & was declar'd to be adjourn'd—

Met agreeably to adjournment—

Voted to farm the taxes on the same conditions as last year they being put up where struck off to Isaac Patten (he being the lowest bidder) for 2 cents on the dollar—

Voted & Chose Isaac Patten Collector of Taxes for the ensuing Year—

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Voted that the thanks of the town be awarded to Abijah White Esq^r for his faithful & impartial Services as Treasurer for several years past—

Voted that the Surveyors of Highway work or caus'd to be worked out the full amount of their lists before the first day of May next

Voted to difsolve this meeting & was declar'd by the Moderator to be difsolv'd—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

March 4th

The following persons took the Oaths of their respective Offices viz—Levi Thaxter as Treasurer William Stone, Nath^l Bright, & Peter Clark as Fence viewers, Constantine V. Swan, & Luther Barrett as Clerks of the Market, Peter Clark, George Coolidge Francis Brown, William Stone, Israel Whitney, & Isaac Patten as Field drivers, James Gillpatrick, & Constantine V Swan as Hog-Reeves Daniel Bond, Luke Robinson, Peter Clark, Josiah Bright & James Gillpatrick as Surveyors of Highway Isaac Dana, & Coolidge P Wood as Surveyors of Lumber Isaac Dana & William Horn as Cullers of Hoops & Staves before

William Whitney Town Clerk

March 18th

Thomas Clark, Nath^l R. Whitney & Amos Livermore took the Oaths as Afsefsors & Thomas Clark Daniel Bond, & Moses Chenery as Selectmen—before—

William Whitney Town Clerk

April 1st

The following persons to the Oaths of their respective Offices viz Luke Bemis as Selectman & Surveyor of Highway's Joshua Coolidge Jun as Selectman & Joseph Bird as Field driver before

William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton March 18th 1822 they ifsued the following warrant viz—

Middlesex fs To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown—Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to Summon, Notify & warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown (qualified agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth) to meet at the publick meeting-house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors—

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Representatives to meet at the publick Meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz—

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—

2^d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds and Treasurer for the county of Middlesex—

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Watertown

qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Publick Meeting-house in said

town

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Town on Monday the first day of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz—

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To Choose & fill up all Town Offices, that may or have become vacant by persons not wishing to serve therein & act any thing thereon—
- 3^d To know if the Town will grant any Money for the support of a singing school & act any thing thereon
- 4th To know if the Town will sell the watering place near Jeremiah Ruffell's to Joseph P. Bradlee and act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of these warrants with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meetings.

Given under our hands and seals at Watertown this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1822—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen
Daniel Bond		of
Moses Chenery		Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex fs.

Watertown April 1st 1822—

Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified and warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein exprefs'd to meet at the times & place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrants at the publick Meeting-house two sundays prior to said meetings

Jo^s Peirce Constable

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Pursuant to the Warrant issued March 18th the Inhabitants qualified agreeably to the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor Senators & Counsellors assembled in open town meeting April 1st 1822 the Selectmen presiding the votes were call'd for brought in sorted, counted & declared by them to be as follows viz—

For Governor

His Ex^y John Brooks had sixty six votes
 Hon. William Eustis had Fifty three votes
 “ Christopher Gore had One vote

For Lieut Governor

Hon. William Phillips Sixty six votes
 Hon. Levi Lincoln Fifty “
 Abijah White Esq One “
 Henry Dearbourne One “

For Senators & Counsellors

Samuel Hoar Jun. — Fifty eight — votes
 Timothy Walker — Fifty seven — “
 John Abbott — Fifty one — “
 Josiah Adams — Twenty nine “
 Edmund Parker — Thirty seven “
 William Austin — Fifty six — “
 Samuel Dana — Fifty six — “
 Levi Thaxter — Fifty seven “
 Joel Cranston — Thirty eight “
 Ebenezer Hobbs — Thirty five — “
 Marshall B. Spring — Twenty seven “
 Benjamin Wheeler — Twenty eight “
 John Wade — Nineteen — “
 William Whittemore — Eighteen — “
 Joseph Locke — Two — “
 William Whitney — One — “

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Voted to adjourn this meeting to Elisha Strattons for the purpose of sealing the within votes & there to meet at half past Six O clock & was declar'd to be adjourn'd—

Pursuant to the warrant for Register & Treasurer the meeting was opened & proceeded as follows viz—

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq. Moderator

For Register

Isaac Train had Thirty four votes
William Whitney had Seventy votes
Thomas Harris had One vote

For Treasurer

John Keyes had Thirty nine votes
Abiel Heywood had Twenty five votes

Pursuant to the warrant the meeting for Town affairs was open'd & proceeded as follows viz—

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq Moderator—

2^d Voted that when this meeting is adjourn'd it stand adjourn'd to May Meeting

3^d Voted to grant the sum of Seventy five dollars to be appropriated in the course of the year for a Singing School
Voted that the above money be laid out under a direct committee chosen by the Town

Voted & Chose for
Said Committee { Gilbert Nichols
Rev^d Converse Francis
Joseph Peirce

4 Voted to choose a Committee to view the watering place near Jeremiah Rufsell's & see if they think it expedient to sell the same & report at the adjournment of this meeting—

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Voted & Chose for
Said Committee { Jonas White
Nath^l Bemis
Nath^l Bright

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd untill May Meeting at* O clock in the afternoon then to meet in this place & was declar'd adjourn'd

Met agreeably to adjournment at the House of Elisha Stratton & seal'd up the votes for Governor Lieut. Governor

*Editorial Note:—time not indicated in script

Senators & Counsellors in open town meeting—then dissolved the meeting—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

April 1st

The Town of Watertown notified the town of Cambridge by Letter this day respecting the wife of Joseph Prentiss Moses Chenery being the bearer of said Letter—

April 1st

The Selectmen appointed Coolidge P. Wood Sexton for one year from the third day of May AD 1822 & agreed to pay him \$35-0 for his services including Bell ringing putting up & taking down the Stoves & Funnels sawing Wood, sweeping &c.—For attending funerals of Adults Three dollars & fifty cents in the Summer & Four dollars in Winter & for Children in proportion

Appointed Francis Bush Engine Man for the remainder of the year to Engine N^o 1—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Samuel & Abraham Grant and Christopher Grant about their respective rights in a partition Fence in the line between their lands or Farms at Watertown we the subscribers Fence viewers of
said

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Said Town duly chosen & sworn having on the application of the said Samuel & Abraham Grant and after having given due notice to the said Christopher viewed the premises & considered the matter in dispute have assigned and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his share of said Fence as follows viz—

The said Samuel & Abraham Grant shall build & keep in repair a good and sufficient fence on the north side of narrow lane (so called) beginning at the new Barn & running westerly 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rods making one half of the Fence in narrow lane—then to begin at the bottom of wide lane (so called) & run in an easterly direction to the centre of said lane making Twenty one Rods fourteen feet which distance being on* half of the way in said lane—Then to

**Editorial Note:—Script has been followed*

begin at the southerly corner of Frost field (so call'd) & running in a northerly direction to a corner then turning and running west to another corner—thence turning & running in a northerly direction 53 Rods 14 feet down to Thomas Clark's line at the Brook

And the said Christopher Grant shall build and keep in repair a like Fence on the other part of said line viz. Beginning at the centre on the north side of narrow lane (so call'd) & running 26 ½ Rods in a westerly direction to the bottom of said narrow lane—then running in a straight line upon wide lane (so call'd) to the centre of said lane being the distance of Twenty one Rods fourteen feet which meets the bounds of said Samuel & Abraham Grant—then to begin at the easterly corner of Frost field (so call'd) & run westerly down to the corner of said field it being the distance of 53 Rods 14 feet & meets the line of said Samuel & Abraham Grant—

Given under our hands at said Watertown this 15th day of March 1822—

William Stone }
Nathaniel Bright } Fence viewers

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Whereas a dispute has arisen between Christopher Grant and Samuel Barnard of Watertown about their respective rights in a partition Fence between their Lands, or Farms at the north part of Watertown we the subscribers Fence viewers of said Town duly chosen & sworn having on the application of the said Samuel Barnard and after having given due notice to the said Christopher Grant viewed the premises & duly considered the matter in dispute have assigned and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his share of said Fence as follows viz—

The said Samuel Barnard shall build & keep in repair a good and sufficient Fence between him and said Grant to begin at the Road and running westerly Twenty nine Rods twelve feet bringing it to the Centre of the line being one half of the way from the Road to Ebenezer Chenery's line—And the said Christopher Grant shall build and keep in repair a like Fence on the other part of the line viz—To begin at the Westerly end at Ebenezer

Chenery's line & running in an easterly direction to the centre it being the distance of Twenty nine Rods twelve feet

Given under our hands at s'd Watertown this fifteenth day of March AD 1822

William Stone }
Nath^l Bright } Fence viewers

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton April 22^d 1822 they appointed George Coolidge Sealer of Weights & Measures—Samuel Learned Auctioneer for 1 year from the 1st day of May Charles Chenery & George Blackman Engine Men for the remainder of the year to Engine N^o 1—

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown held March 4th they made choice of the Selectmen for a Committee to rent the pews in the Galleries of the meeting house belonging to the Town & after due notice being given they met at the House of Elisha Stratton April 22 1822 & rented them at publick auction for the term of one year from the first day of May next upon the following conditions (which conditions were made publickly known) that the purchaser pay cash down or a note payable in sixty days with interest after—The Pew in the West Gallery at the North West Corner next to the wall being considered N^o 1 Pew was struck off to

1	Samuel Learned for	4,, 25
2 ^d	Coolidge P. Wood "	4.25
3 ^d	Jerome Hearsey "	3.50
4 th	Coolidge P. Wood "	3.-0
5 th	Joseph Bird "	3.25
6 th	Daniel Bond "	4,, -0

Then began in the East gallery next to the singers

N ^o 1	To Abijah White for	3.50
2	" Hugh Hall "	3.75
3	" Nath ^l Woodward "	3.75
4	" Nath ^l Woodward "	3.50
5	" David Stone "	3.25
6 th	Sam ^l Learned "	3,, 63

\$43,, 63

After the above sales the Hay Scales were rented at publick auction from the 1st day of May to the 1st day of April AD 1823 to John Tucker for—\$18.50 he being the highest bidder therefor said Tucker has improved the scales 1 month after the expiration of the time for which they were let for last year and agreed

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With the Selectmen to pay after the same ratio that he did by the year which was Twenty one dollars—therefore 1 month will be ————— \$1.75

April 22^d Amasa Jackson was sworn as one of the Fish Committee before William Whitney Town Clerk

May 4th Moses Whitney was sworn as Fish Committee before
W^m Whitney Town Clerk

7th John Tucker took the Oath of Hay weigher

10th Geo. Coolidge as sealer of Weights & measures before W^m Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen April 22^d they issued the following warrant viz—

Middlesex fs.

To Maj. Joseph Peirce one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown—Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified agreeably to the Constitution to meet at the publick meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next at three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next—

Also those Inhabitants qualified as above to meet at the same time & place at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz—

1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—

2^d To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex

Hereof fail not and make due return of these Warrants

with

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With your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the times appointed for said meetings

Given under our hands & seals this twenty second day of April AD 1822—

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Luke Bemis		
Daniel Bond		
Moses Chenery		
Joshua Coolidge Jun.		

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex fs Watertown May 6th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the times & place & for the purposes within mentioned by Posting up two Copies of the within warrants at the publick Meeting-house two Sundays prior to said meetings

Jos. Peirce Constable

Pursuant to the preceding Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified agreeably to the Constitution to vote for Representatives assembled in open town meeting May 6th 1822 (the Selectmen presiding) they proceeded thus—

1 Voted not to send a Representative.

Then the meeting for the choice of a Register of Deeds being declared open they acted by articles as follows viz

1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq Moderator—

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- 2^d The votes being call'd for—for a Register were brought in sorted, counted & declar'd by the Moderator to be as follows viz

For Isaac Train Fifty seven votes
 “ William F Stone Forty two votes

The meeting for Town affairs was then declar'd open & proceeded as follows it being an adjournment of April meeting—

- 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esq Moderator
 2^d Voted to excuse Isaac Patten from serving as Collector
 Voted & Chose Samuel Learned in his stead
 3^d Voted to excuse Marshall S Fowle from serving as pound Keeper—
 Voted & Chose Nath^l Woodward in his stead—

The Committee Chosen by the town April 1st have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report that they think it expedient to make sale of the watering place near Jeremiah Rufsell's provided it can be disposed of in such manner as that the neighbours & other people of the Town can be as well accommodated with the water as they now are

Jonas White }
 Nath^l Bright } Committee

Voted to accept the above report & direct the old committee with the addition of Nath^l R. Whitney & Thomas Clark to sell the same at such price as they shall think proper & give a Deed thereof provided they can do it in such a manner as will preserve the Water for the use of the neighbours & others to as good an accommodation as it now is to remain open forever

Voted to disolve this meeting & was declar'd disolvd

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton May 6th 1822 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz—

To William Penniman for board & funeral ex- }
 pences of Susanna Fowle — — — — — } \$39,, 56

To Samuel Hyde for Boarding, clothing &c } Jonathan Nutting for 1 year up to March } 30 th 1822 ----- }	88.29
To Mahitable Segar for 1 yrs weekly allowance } from April 3 ^d 1821 to April 23 ^d 1822 @ 4/6 } per week ----- }	39,, 00
To Samuel Latch for the support of Robert } Saunders 13 weeks to May 1 st 1822 @ 8/ — }	17,, 33
To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of } Benjamin Whitney 6 Months to May 1 st 1822 }	39.00
To Thomas Whitney for the support of Lucy } White 1 year to 2 ^d March 1822 — — — — — }	39,, 0
To Coolidge P. Wood for his services as sexton } for 1 year to May 1 1822 — — — — — }	51.25
To Mark Vose for Boarding John Remington 1 } year up to May 1 st 1822 — — — — — }	60,, 00
To Sullivan Sawin for Boarding Newton Baxter } 26 weeks from 28 Nov. 1821 to 28 th May 1822 }	26,, 00
To Sarah Vose for making clothing for John } Remington from May 1819 to May 1822 — }	6,, 85

They appointed the following persons Engine Men for the remainder of the year to Engine called the Relief viz

Constantine V. Swan
Roland Rose
A Aldridge

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They agreed with Thomas Richardson to take David Barnard 1 year from the 1st day of May for—\$20,,—0

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Whereas we the subscribers both of Watertown in the county of Middlesex not knowing of any Record of the Division of the fence between our lands and believing there is no Record thereof it being the land that I Jonas White bought of Charles Bond, administrator on the estate of Phinehas Stearns late of Watertown deceased, and land that I bought

of my late Father Jonas White deceased, and land, that I Phinehas Harrington bought of Lydia Harrington Widow of Nathaniel Harrington dec'd being land that lately belonged to Samuel Whitney deceased all laying in said Watertown—Therefore be it known to all that we have this twenty eighth day of May one Thousand eight hundred and twenty two agreed about the Division of fence as followeth viz—I Phinehas Harrington hereby agree to take & maintain as my part of the fence against the Stearns place (so called) the fence beginning at the road leading by my house and running Northwardly thirty seven Rods or thereabouts,—And I Jonas White hereby agree's to take and maintain the remainder of the fence dividing my land's from said Harrington's land as afore-said untill it comes to the land that I bought of my late Father Jonas White being about twenty three rods & I agree to take & maintain the Eastwardly half of the fence dividing the land that I bought of my late Father, from said Phinehas Harrington's land & I Phinehas Harrington hereby agree to take & maintain the westwardly half of the fence dividing the land that I bought of Lydia Harrington from lands said White bought of his late father Jonas White (deceas'd) all which we the subscribers consider and acknowledge to be binding upon ourselves our

heirs

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Heirs and afsigns——In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Watertown the day and year above written.

Attest Peter Clark

Jonas White
Phinehas Harrington

Attest W^m Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton June 3^d 1822 they allowed the following accounts and drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz—

To Samuel Brigham for sundry supplies to Sam ^l White for support of W ^m Whites Children to 1 st April 1822, @ .50 cts per Week — — — —	} \$21,, 75
To Sam ^l Puffer for board & expences of Nathan Boyinton* in his last sickness — — — —	
	} 25,, 75

**Editorial Note:—script has been followed; probably meant Boyington*

To Daniel Jackson for support of Fred Remington one—year to 1 st June 1822 — — — — — }	30,, —
To Daniel Moulton for support of Esther Warren from 1 st Oct ^r 1821, to her decease — — — — — }	20,, —
To Stephen Cook for Mrs. Bray's House Rent to 1 st March 1822 — — — — — }	25,, —
To Francis Hagar for support of W ^m Merrick to this 3 ^d June 1822 — — — — — }	16,, —

Also appointed Charles Swift Engine Man for the remainder of the year to Engine No—1—

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

July 8th Nath^l Woodward took the Oath of Pound Keeper Before—William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton July 22^d AD. 1822 they having receiv'd a copy from the Court of Sefsions of a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown & the adjacent town's praying for a Road to be opened & layed out from the Street to meet the Mill dam Road (so call'd) & the Courts order thereon (which Petition & Order may be seen on file) —they issued the following Warrant viz—

Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts

Watertown fs. To Maj Joseph Peirce Constable of the L.S. town of Watertown in the county of Middlesex—Greeting

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby L.S. required to notify & warn the Freeholders & other In-L.S. habitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to L.S. meet & afsemble at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of August next at five O clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz—

1st To Elect a Moderator for said meeting—

2^d To take into consideration the petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of this and adjoining Towns presented to the Court of Sefsions at their May term holden at Concord praying for a new Highway to be layed out from near the

- House of the Rev'd Convers Francis' & north of Tyler Bigelow's to the United States Arsenal Wharf in Watertown and the Courts order thereon—and to act any thing thereon as the town may think best for their Interest
- 3^d To know if the town will take any measures to remove any Nuisances in the Square and publick Streets, near the great Bridge or make any regulations relative to Wood Carts and Teams standing therein and act any thing thereon—

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this twenty second day of July AD one thousand eight hundred and twenty two—

Attest W ^m Whitney Town Clerk	Thomas Clark Luke Bemis Moses Chenery Daniel Bond Joshua Coolidge Jr	} Selectmen of Watertown
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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton August 5th 1822 the allowed the following accounts & drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz—

To Dan ^l Moulton the amount of a mistake in his last settlement for the support of Esther Warren —————	} 3,, 75
To Sam ^l Latch for Boarding Robert Saunders 14 weeks from May 1 st to August 5 th 1822 @ 8/ pr week —————	} 18,, 66
To Joshua Coolidge for his acct. for repairs to the lower burying Ground fence —————	} 14,, 88
To Elijah Hagar for support of Lucy Hagar from Dec ^r 1 st 1821 to June 1 st 1822—26 weeks at 7/6 per week, & Nursing & Doctors Bill — —	} 42,, 60

Attest W^m Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown August 12th 1822

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warn'd the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two Copies of the within Warrant at the Public Meeting-house two Sunday prior to said meeting

Jo^s Peirce Constable

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Pursuant to the preceding Warrant the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown assembled in open town meeting on Monday the 12th day of August AD 1822—& proceeded to act by articles as follows viz—

- 1st Voted & Chose Levi Thaxter Esq. Moderator
- 2^d Voted to Choose a Committee to appear before a Committee from the Hon. Court of Sessions, to act in behalf of the Town, agreeable to the instructions they shall hereafter receive—& this Committee to consist of three persons—
Voted to Choose said Committee by nomination
Voted to reconsider the preceding vote respecting choosing s'd Committee by nomination—
Voted to Choose said Committee by Ballot the three on one ticket—

Voted & Chose for said Committee	{	Levi Thaxter Luke Bemis Adam Brown
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Voted that said Committee appear before the committee from the Hon. Court of Sessions & make all due influence to oppose the opening & laying out of said Road—if, the same is to be done at the expence of the town—

Voted that said Committee appear before the Court of Sessions to oppose said Road

- 3^d Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration suitable measures respecting removing nuisances &c. from (and Contiguous to), the Street; & whatever regulations or bye Laws so adopted by them—they are to make report of the same for the approbation of the town at the adjournment of this meeting

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Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in September at five O clock in the afternoon, then to meet in this place & was declared to be adjourned

Attest W^m Whitney Town Clerk

August 12. Samuel Learned was sworn as Collector of Taxes—Before

William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton August 12 AD. 1822 they appointed Thomas J. Farrar Engine man for the remainder of the year to Engine N^o 1.

Attest W^m Whitney Town Clerk

Agreeably to an adjournment of the preceeding meeting the Inhabitants asembled September 2^d 1822 & proceeded as follows viz under Article 2^d

Voted to discharge the Old Committee from any further trouble respecting the contemplated Road, & from appearing before the Hon. Court of Sefsions—

Voted to Choose another Committee to defend the Rights of the Town, relative to the Road aforesaid—

Voted that this Committee consist of three Persons—

{	Voted & Chose	{	Thomas Clark
	for said		Nath ^l Bright
	Committee		Amos Livermore

Voted that said Committee be authorized to employ Counsel at the Expense of the Town—

Voted that this Committee be clothed with the same power as the former Committee

3^d No Report thereon

Voted to disolve this meeting & was declared disolv'd

Attest William Whitney Town Clk.

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Sept^r 2 AD 1822 the following persons were approbated as Innholders & Retailers for the town of Watertown the ensuing year viz—

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|------------|
| Sept ^r 5 th | Luke Robinson | } | Innholders |
| | Elisha Stratton | | |
| | Mark Vose | | |
| | Amaziah Howard | | |
| | Mary Bellows | | |
| | | | |
| | John Clark | } | Retailers |
| | Thaddeus Cole | | |
| | George Coolidge | | |

Appointed Benjamin Dana Engine Man for the remainder of the year to Engine called the Relief

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Oct^r 7th 1822 they issued the following warrant viz

To Maj Joseph Peirce Constable for the Town of Watertown—Greeting

L^{'S} You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
L^{'S} of Mafsachusetts to Notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the
L^{'S} Town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote for Repre-
L^{'S} sentatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to
L^{'S} afsemble at the publick Meeting house in said town on
Monday the 4th day of November next at three of the Clock
in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative
to Represent the people of said Commonwealth in the
Congress of the United States

for

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For the Middlesex district—Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Luke Bemis		
Daniel Bond		
Moses Chenery		
Joshua Coolidge		

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Watertown Nov^r 4th 1822 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Notified the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the publick Meeting House two sunday's prior to said meeting

Joseph Peirce { Constable of Watertown

Pursuant to the within warrant, the Inhabitants qualified as therein expressed, met at the Meeting house at the time specified in the Warrant & gave in their Votes for a Representative to Congress for the Middlesex district which were brought in sorted, counted, and declared by the Selectmen (they presiding) to be as follows viz—

For the Hon. Timothy Fuller	twelve	Votes
Levi Thaxter Esq	five	Votes
John Wade	five	Votes

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Nov 4th 1822 they allowed the following accounts & drew an order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz—

To Widow Hannah Farrar for support of Benjamin Whitney from 1 st May to 31 st Oct ^r 1822 by agreement at 9/—per week — — — —	}	39,, 00
To Mary Crafts for services in W ^m Winchester's Family 14 week's & ½ day to 12 Sept ^r 1822 at 75 cts per week — — — — — — — — — —		
		10,, 62

To Hannah Nutting for services in Charles }
 Nuttings Family to 16th Oct^r 1822 — — — — } 10,, 00

To Joseph Peirce for his services as Constable 1 }
 year from March 1821 to March 1822 — — } 15,, 00

They Appointed the following persons Engine Men for the remainder of the year to Engine N^o 1.

Daniel Rice Jun
 Elijah Harris

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

To Levi Thaxter Esq^r Treasurer for the Town of Watertown

At a meeting of the Subscribers at the House of Elisha Stratton Nov^r 4th 1822 they agreed to abate so much of the following persons taxes for the year 1821 as is annexed to their respective names viz

To John Allen	1.51	Samuel Mc Cleury	3.13
John M. Adams . .	1.51	William Mead . . .	1,, 51
Thomas Bolter . . .	1.51	Jepthah Puffer . . .	1,, 51
Abishai Cottle . . .	1.51	Francis Radoux . .	2.16
Michael Christian	1.51	Jacob Reed	1.51
Mr. Dowell	1.51	John L. Stone . . .	1,, 51
Edmund Fowle Jr.	1.51	Widow Dan ^l Sangar	1,, 08

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To Martin Furlong . .	1.51	Daniel Sanger . . .	1,, 51
Paul Furbush	1,, 51	Sam ^l Sanderson . .	1.51
Hiram Greene	1,, 51	Hugh Shaw	1.51
W ^m Gerrish	1,, 51	Sam ^l Teel	1,, 51
Andrew Holmes . .	1,, 51	Henry Taylor . . .	1.51
Gilbert Kirker . . .	1,, 51	Geo. Warner	1.51
Alvin Loker	1,, 51	Allen Ward	1.51
		Simeon Yaw	1.51
		Andrew White . . .	3,, 02
		Joseph Taylor . . .	1.51
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	\$21,, 14		
“ Mr. Jones	1.51		
Cha ^s Baker	1.51		29,, 02
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	\$3,, 02		21,, 14
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			\$50,, 16
			3,, 02
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			\$53,, 18

And you are requested to discount to Maj Sam^l Learned Collector for that year the above sums as so much Money for Taxes

Selectmen of Watertown	{	Thomas Clark
		Luke Bemis
		Daniel Bond
		Moses Chenery
		Joshua Coolidge Jr.

Thomas Clark Nath ^l R. Whitney Amos Livermore	}	Assessors
		of
		Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton January 6th 1823 they allowed the following accounts and drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz—

To Sullivan Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from 28 th May to 28 Nov 1822 being 26 weeks at \$1—per week & for Sundry Articles of cloathing ——————	31,, 62
To Benjamin Wood for 9½ feet Wood for the Meeting House ——————	6,, 60
To William Winchester for Meal for his family —	4,, 00

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To Elijah Hagar for boarding Lucy Hagar from 1 st of June to 1 st December 1822—26 Week	32,, 50
To Samuel Somes for Labour on the Bridge — —	3,, 50
To Gilbert Kirker for boarding Robert Sanders 13 Weeks from 3 ^d August to 3 ^d Nov. 1822 at 8/—per week ——————	17,, 33
To Joshua Coolidge Jr. for amount he paid for Chloe Fiske's board 13 Weeks from 14 th of August to 14 th Nov ^r 1822 at \$1—pr week —	13,, 00
To Zaccheus Pond for boarding Widow Mary White from 1 st Jan. 1822 to Jan. 1 st 1823 & sundries ——————	76,, 17

To Asa Pratt for Coffin for Mrs. Winchester — 6,, 00

Also appointed Nathaniel R. Whitney & Elisha W. Dana
Fish Agents for the year ensuing

Also appointed the following persons, Engine Men for the
ensuing year viz—

For Engine N^o 1.—

Amasa Jackson	Lewis Upham
Isaac Robbins	Alpheus Cutter
Charles Coolidge	Asa Pratt
George Newhall	Rufus Lee
Henry Bright	Francis Bush
Benjamin Stevens	Charles Swift
Nathan Fuller	T.— Jefferson Farrar
Charles Bent	Daniel Rice Jun.

For Engine called the Relief

Gilbert Nichols	Nath ^l R. Whitney Jun.
James Robbins	Elijah Ray

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Thomas Soden	Charles H. Chandler
Coolidge P. Wood	John M. Harris
Benjamin F Farrar	Hezekiah Bacon
Francis Leathe	G— Alexander Meacham
Joseph Reed	John Daniels
Dana P. Hooker	Horatio Nichols
Benjamin Dana	Constantine V. Swan
	Roland Rose .

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha
Stratton Feb^y 17, 1823 they allowed the following accounts
& drew an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the
same Viz—

To the City of Boston for the support of Mary } Warren &c. — — — — — }	\$32,, 38
To Sumner Hudson the amount of his* — — —	28,, 42

*Editorial Note:—script illegible.

To Levi Thaxter his acct. of fees in prosecuting the suit in favour of the Town vs Draper & others —————	} 15,, 00
To Widow Hannah Farrar for supporting Benj ^a Whitney 13 weeks ending Feb ^y 1 1823 ———	} 19,, 50
To Jerome Hearsey for setting Glafs ———	} 17,, 70
To Nath ^l Cutler for 5 ½ Cords of Wood deliv'd Charles Nutting & W ^m Winchester @ 33/—	} 30,, 25
To Gilbert Kirker for Boarding Robert Saunders 13 weeks to February 3 ^d 1823 ———	} 19,, 85
To Mrs. Adams for keeping House for William Winchester 22 ½ Weeks to February 17 th —	} 16,, 87
To Thomas Clark for sundries delivered Charles Nutting & William Winchester ———	} 3,, 87

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To Isaac Patten for timber for the Bridge ———	} 1,, 63
To Daniel Bond for sundries ———	} 35,, 76
To John Clark for sundries delivered, for the support of the Poor &c. —————	} 191,, 95
To Thaddeus Cole for Refreshment furnished at the Burning of the Factory ———	} 39,, 90
To Luke Bemis for Repairs of Bemis Bridge so called —————	} 1,, 50
To Nath ^l Bemis Jr. for Medicine & attendance for sundry of the poor the last year ———	} 17,, 00
To Coolidge P. Wood for three Ladders ———	} 18,, 00
To David Hagar in part of his acct. for Boarding Miles Greenwood —————	} 25,, 79
To Joseph Robbins for Boarding Chloe Fiske 13 Weeks to 14 February 1823 ———	} 13,, 00
To Elisha Stratton for Selectmen's Expences the last year —————	} 30,, 00
They approbated Luke Bemis as a Retailer for the remainder of the year ———	} ———

They drew the following Order for the abatement of Taxes viz—

Watertown Feby 17th 1823—To Levi Thaxter Treasurer of the town of Watertown—

You are hereby required to allow to Sam^l Learned Collector of Taxes for said Town the amount of the following Taxes which have been abated by us viz

William Raymond	12.41	William Leathe	9,, 61
Heirs of Elbridge Gerry	2,, 51	Elbridge Jones	6,, 83
William Leathe	9,, 08	Moses Woods	2,, 46
Levi Woodson	1,, 66	Joseph P. Dana	1,, 66

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Nath ^l Bond 2 ^d	2,, 46	Nath ^l Bridge	4,, 05
Asaph Whitcomb	3,, 78	Samuel Latch	4,, 21

Amounting in all to the sum of sixty Dollars and seventy two cents

Thomas Clark	} Selectmen of Watertown
Luke Bemis	
Daniel Bond	
Moses Chenery	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	

Thomas Clark	} Afsefsor of Watertown

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

At the above time and place the Selectmen ifsued the following warrant viz—

To Joseph Peirce one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown _____ Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Common-L.S. wealth of Mafsachusetts to Summon, Notify and Warn the L.S. Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Water-L.S. town qualified by Law to vote in the Election of Town L.S. Officers and in Town affairs to asemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of March next, at ten O clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles Viz—

1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting
2. To choose all Town officers required by Law to be chosen in the Months of March or April annually
3. To Choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his services—
4. To determine whether Swine and Neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year, and act any thing thereon

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5. To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year and act any thing thereon—
6. To grant Money to open make and repair the Highways in said Town and act any thing thereon—
7. To hear and examine the accounts of those Persons to whom the Town are indebted, grant Money to pay the same and act any thing thereon—
8. To hear the report of the Committee for making an estimate of the expences, of the Town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon—
9. To hear the reports of any other Committees and act any thing thereon—
10. To know what method the Town will take to support their Poor for the year ensuing, to grant Money to pay for the same & act any thing thereon—
11. To hear the Statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasury, and act any thing thereon—
12. To know what method the Town will take to collect their Taxes for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon
13. To know if the Town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain Birds & act any thing thereon
14. To know what method the Town will take to dispose of their Pews in the Meeting house and act any thing thereon
15. To know if the Town will excuse the Committee appointed to oppose the Road to be laid out from the Hay Scales to the Arsenal Wharf from any further duty and act any thing thereon—
16. To know if the Town will procure a New Bell for the Meeting house and act any thing thereon
17. To know if the town will take any measures to repair the Roof of the Meeting house and act any thing thereon—

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18. To know if the Town will procure Blinds for any of the Windows in the Meetinghouse and act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty three

Thomas Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Luke Bemis		
Daniel Bond		
Moses Chenery		
Joshua Coolidge Jr		

Attest William Whitney Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. Watertown March 3^d 1823—Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up two copies of the within warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting

Joseph Peirce Constable

March }
Meeting }
1823 }

Agreeably to the warrant aforesaid the inhabitants assembled March 3^d 1823, and proceeded to act by articles as follows. viz

Art. 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter, Moderator.

2^d Voted & chose Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk & was sworn into said office by Levi Thaxter Just. of Peace

Voted and Chose Levi Thaxter Esqr. Town Treasurer

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Voted & chose for Selectmen	}	Abijah White
		Gilbert Nichols
		Amos Livermore
		Moses Chenery
		Joshua Coolidge Jr

Voted & chose for Afseforsors { Thomas Clark
Amos Livermore
Levi Thaxter

Voted to adjourn this meeting 'till two oclock in the afternoon then to meet at this place—

Agreeably to adjournment the meeting was opened and proceeded as follows.—

Voted & chose for Constables { Thaddeus Cole
Joseph Bird

Voted & chose for Fence viewers { Paul Learned
William Stone
Nath^l Bright
Peter Clark—

Voted & chose for Tythingmen— { Miles Sprague
Elisha W. Dana

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market { Constantine V. Swan
Luther Barrett

Voted & Chose for Field drivers { John H. Clark
William Horn
Phin^s Sanderson
Joseph Bird
William Stone
James Gilpatrick
George Coolidge—

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Voted & chose for Hogreeves— { Clinton Thayer
Abraham Farwell
Joseph Young
George Robbins
Edw^d Fogg
Nath^l Broad

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways— { Samuel Learned
Luke Bemis
Luke Robinson
Daniel A. Tainter
Fran^s Brown
William Stone

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber— { Isaac Dana
Coolidge P. Wood

- Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Isaac Dana
William Horn
- Voted & chose for Firewards { John Hunting
Levi Thaxter
Nath^l Bright
John Clark
Abijah White
Elisha Livermore
Eliakim Morse
Joshua Coolidge Jr.
Seth Bemis
- Voted & chose for Fish Committee { George Coolidge
John Clark
William Nichols
- Voted & chose for Pound keeper Nath^l Woodward

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- 3^d Voted that the choice of Sexton be refered to the Selectmen.
- 4th Voted that swine shall not go at large the ensuing year and it was also voted to let neat Cattle go at large—
- 5th Voted to grant the sum as reported by the Selectmen & Treasurer see by their estimate under Article 8th and the sum to be appropriated in the several districts as last year—
- 6th Voted to grant the highways, twenty five Cents upon every rateable poll, and other estates in proportion,—each man to be allowed, twelve & half Cents per. hour and a good team the same as a Man, and that the Afsefsors, afsefs the highway tax before the first of April next.—
- 7th Voted, that all the Accounts against the town shall be presented to the Selectmen for their allowance—
- 8th Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen & Treasurer of the estimates and grant the following sums for the year ensuing. Viz—

For opening & repairing highways	25 Cts on a poll	
& other estates in proportion—		
For Supporting the poor	— — — — —	1300,, —
For Support of Schools	— — — — —	1200,, —
For Support of Ministry	— — — — —	570,, —
For all contingent expences	— — — — —	<u>500,, —</u>

Amounting in the whole to the sum of

See report on file—

- 9th Voted that this article be postponed for the present.—
- 10th No order taken thereon—
- 11th Voted to Accept the Treasurers Account as examined and reported by the Selectmen, they being a Committee for that purpose, and to be placed on the files of the town, the result of which is—

Levi Thaxter as Treasurer is charged with the

sum

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Sum of ————— \$7420,, 78
 and is credited with the sum of ————— 7048,, 29

leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer }
 as will appear on file, the sum of ————— } \$372,, 49

- 12th Voted to farm out the taxes in the usual way, viz. to the lowest bidder, and that when this meeting be adjourned, it be at Luke Robinsons house, at 6 'Oclock this evening solely for that purpose & the choice of Collector—
- 13th Voted to take off all the restrictions relative to the law for shooting all kinds of birds—
- 14th Voted to refer the letting of the pews to the Selectmen and to be leased at Auction—
- 15th Voted that this article be dismissed—
- 16th Voted to choose a Committee to examine the present Bell, and take the subject under Consideration and report at the adjournment of this meeting—

Chose for said Committee { Elisha Livermore
 Joseph Peirce
 Adam Brown—

- 17th No order taken thereon.—
- 18th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to procure as many blinds at the meeting house as they shall think necessary—
 Voted to adjourn this meeting to Luke Robinson's house, this evening at six O'clock, for the sole purpose of farming out the taxes and choosing Collector

Attest Nathl R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the adjournment of the foregoing meeting met at Luke Robinson's—The taxes were put up on the same terms and conditions as last year, and were struck off to Thaddeus Cole for One Cent on the dollar—

Voted and Chose Thaddeus Cole.—Collector

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next, then to meet at the Meeting house at four O'clock in the afternoon

Attest Nath^l R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Oaths
of
town
officers }

March 3^d 1823. Amos Livermore, Gilbert Nichols, Moses Chenery and Joshua Coolidge Jun^r were sworn as Selectmen John H. Clark, William Horn, Joseph Bird &. George Coolidge were sworn as Feild drivers—

Isaac Dana & William Horn were sworn as Cullers of Hoops & Staves—

Isaac Dana and Coolidge P. Wood were sworn as Surveyors of lumber—

Luke Robinson and Francis Brown were sworn Surveyors of highways—

Thomas Clark was sworn as an Afsefsor—

All the above by Nath^l R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

March 7th William Stone took the oaths of Surveyor of Highways, Fence viewer and Feild driver—;

before Nath^l R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk—

March 11th Abijah White was sworn as Selectman

Amos Livermore was sworn as an Afsefsor—

Thaddeus Cole and Joseph Bird were sworn as Constables—

Clinton Thayer was sworn as Hogreeve—

before Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 March 11 }
 1823 }

A meeting of the Selectmen was held at Elisha Stratton March 11th 1823 when the following business was transacted Viz. The list of voters for April meeting was revised and approved—

Thaddeus Cole was appointed Auctioneer 'till the first of May next—

George Coolidge was appointed sealer of weights and Measures—for the year ensuing—

Thaddeus Cole Luke Robinson and Isaac Dana were appointed Measurers of Wood and Bark—

Attest. Nath^l R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 March 17th }
 1823 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton March 17th 1823. they proceeded as follows—

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. Viz

To Nath^l R. Whitney for his services as an }
 Afsefsor for the year 1822 — — — — — } 34.50

To Samuel Puffer for the support of Ann }
 Green from Feb^y 16th 1822 to Feb^y 16th 1823. — } 52,, —

To Thomas Clark for his services as an }
 Afsefsor for the year. 1822. — — — — — } 27.25

To Clinton Thayer for his Acc^t for ½ hund. }
 Clapboards for the poor house—in 1819— } 1,, —

To Amos Livermore for his services as an }
 Afsefsor for the year 1822. — — — — — } 21,, —

To Luke Robinson for boarding Nursing & }
 finding her a room and fire Wood, lfor M^{rs} }
 Cunningham while sick from December 22^d 1822 }
 to Jan^y 26th 1823 — — — — — } 20,, —

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To William Whitney for his services as Town Clerk for the year 1822 —————	} 25,, —
To Doct. Nath ^l Bemis for reducing and at- tending Mary Cunninghams fractured leg, from Dec ^b 23 ^d 1822 to Jan ^y 26 th 1823 —————	} 8,, 75
To Levi Thaxter for his services as Treasurer for the year 1822 —————	} 30,, —
To Samuel Puffer for Clothing furnished Ann Green —————	} 5.08
To Eben ^r Smith for Mason Work done at the South School house —————	} 1.75
To Leonard & Jonas Bond for 2 years house rent and land privileges for Cha ^s Nutting from April 1 st 1821 to April 1 st 1823 —————	} 30,, —
To Joseph Peirce for his services as Con- stable from March 4 th 1822 to March 3 ^d 1823 and for Notifying town officers for 1823 —————	} 15,, —
To G. H. Coolidge for Sundries delivered men employed to clear the ice from the bridge —	} 2,, —
To G. H. Coolidge for supplies for Engine C ^o N ^o 1 at the fire of Harris's Shop in Jan ^y 1820 — — —	} 2,, 50
Amasa Jackson, Elisha W. Dana & Adolphus Cannon were appointed Beef Weighers for the year ensuing————	

Oaths}

Levi Thaxter was sworn as an Afsefsor and George Coolidge was also sworn as Sealer of weights and Measures before Nath^l R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

March 28th 1823 Luke Bemis was sworn as surveyor of Highways

by Nath^l R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Warrant }
for }
April }
Meeting }

At the foregoing Meeting the list of voters was revised for April Meeting and the following warrant ifsuued.—Viz.

Middlesex fs. To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables
for the town of Watertown—— Greeting

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L S. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
L S. of Massachusetts to summon, Notify and warn the free-
L S. holders, and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown,
L S. qualified agreeably to the Constitution of this Common-
L S. wealth, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on
Monday the seventh day of April next at two of the Clock
in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieu-
tenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors——

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn the free-
holders and other inhabitants of the aforesaid town of
Watertown qualified by law to vote for Representatives to
meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday
the seventh day of April next at three of the Clock in the
afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting——
2^d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with
your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the
times appointed for said meetings.

Given under our hands & seals at Watertown this
seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1823.↵

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Moses Chenery	
Gilbert Nichols	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	

Middlesex fs. Watertown April 7th 1823 Pursuant to the
within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders
and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein
expressed to meet at the time and place for the purposes
within mentioned by posting two copies of the within
warrant at the public meeting house

two

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Two Sundays prior to said meetings

Thaddeus Cole Constable

April }
Meeting }

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the meeting was held April 7th 1823—The votes for Governor Lieut. Governor & senators being called for, were brought in, sorted, and counted & were as follows

For Hon. William Eustis	115	Votes
“ Hon. Harrison G. Otis	71	“
“ Hon. James Lloyd	1	“ —
For L ^t Gov ^r Hon Levi Lincoln	114	“
“ “ “ Hon Daniel Noble	72	“ —
“ “ “ Clinton Thayer	1	“
For Senators Joel Cranston	124	“
“ Levi Thaxter	125	“
“ Will ^m Austin	116	“
“ John Wade	114	“
“ John Keyes	112	“ —
“ Samuel Hoar Jr.	68	“
“ Timothy Walker	55	“ —
“ John Abbot	67	“ —
“ Abner Wheeler	25	“ —
“ William Hilliard	53	“ —
“ Benjamin Wheeler	28	“ —
“ Marshall B. Spring	1	“ —
“ Seth Knowles	9	“ —
“ William Whittemore	1	“ —
“ Edmund Foster	1	“ —
“ Abiel Haywood	1	“ —

The votes were thus accordingly declared, and sealed up in open town meeting

Attest—Nath^l R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Meeting }
for }
County }
Treasurer }

The meeting agreeably to the warrant, for the choice of County Treasurer was opened—when

Levi Thaxter Esq^r was chosen Moderator

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The votes being called for, sorted and counted were
 For John Keyes..... 58.
 “ Abiel Heywood..... 16.

Attest. N R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Adjournment }
 of March }
 Meeting }

The adjournment of the March meeting being opened the inhabitants proceeded as follows—

Levi Thaxter Esqr. presided as moderator

The trustees of the ministerial fund made a report which was accepted and placed on file, it was as follows

The trustees of the Watertown Ministerial fund, ask leave to lay before the town the following statement of their proceedings the last year, and of the existing state of their funds—

Since the last statement, the trustees have elected Abijah White Esquire to fill the vacancy that at that time existed at the board.—

The parsonage house and land that was conveyed to the Corporation by the town, has lately been sold for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. This measure is thought to be judicious, in as much as the interest arising from that sum will exceed the net amount of rent which could be obtained for the place, and being now owned by an individual will be subject to taxation and produce a revenue to the town—The residue of the real estate remains in the same situation as the last year.—The funds of the Corporation beside the real estate amounts at this time to the sum of Four thousand, six hundred & fifty six dollars & fifty cents which is loaned on interest with sufficient security. The annual interest of which is two hundred and seventy nine dollars and thirty nine Cents and the annual rent of the real estate is one hundred & fifty four dollars and fifty Cents, making a net amount of

income

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Income of four hundred and thirty three dollars and eighty nine Cents—All which is respectfully submitted—

By order of the Trustees

Levi Thaxter. Treasurer.

Watertown April 7th 1823—

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the town, at their last meeting, voted to let neat Cattle go at large—

Voted that three additional Feild drivers be chosen for the ensuing year—

Voted & Chose for Field drivers—

{	Elisha Whitney
	Asa Pratt
	Daniel Sanger—

The Committee who were chosen to examine the Bell and to report the expediency of procuring a new Bell made the following report— Watertown April 4. 1823

We the subscribers a Committee chosen by the town for the purpose of examining the Bell in the meeting house to see whether it would be necessary to exchange the same or procure a new one, have attended said service, and are of opinion that the Bell is not of much service to large portion of the inhabitants of the town, and we believe is not satisfactory to any—Therefore your Committe have applied to Mr Holbrook the Bell Founderer at Medway and do hereby annex his terms on which a new one can be procured; should the town think it expedient to exchange the old for a new the terms will probably be as favourable now or more so than can be obtained at any future period—All which is submitted

Elisha Livermore	}	Committee
Jos. Peirce—		
Adam Brown—		

M^r Holbrook made the following statement in writing
George H. Holbrook will give the town of Watertown 25 Cents a pound, expecting said Bell to weigh 1134 lbs which will be \$283,,50; for the new Bell of the same weight will be 40 Cts a pound, amount of the same \$453.60—the difference between

said

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Said Bells will be \$170,,10; but for Cash down will take \$150,,00; if the new Bell should fall short of the weight of the Old Bell I will allow 25 Cts a pound; but if it over runs, shall charge 40 Cts a pound—probably I can come within 30 or 50 lbs of the Old Bell, I will deliver said Bell to them at my own expence, and take their Old Bell, my being at no expence there while doing said businefs—

George H. Holbrook

Medway March 26. 1823.

The same Committee were directed to procure a Bell as near 1200 lbs as possible—

Voted to grant One hundred & eighty dollars for the purpose

Voted also that the Committee shall be at liberty to get a Bell exceeding 1200 lbs and not exceeding 1500 lbs provided it shall be no expence to the town—

Art. 17th Voted to dismifs this article—

Under Art. 5th Voted to Choose a Committee for the purpose of Visiting and examining all the Schools in the town—

Voted & Chose for said Committee—

Levi Thaxter
Nath ^l Bemis Jr
Walter Hunnewell
Thomas Clark

Voted to difsolve this meeting—

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Apr. 7. }
 1823 }

A meeting of the Selectmen was held at Elisha Strattons April 7, 1823 when the following businefs was transacted—
 viz.

The Hay Scales were leased to John Tucker for the same sum, in proportion to the time as last year 'till the first of June next—

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The pews in the Gallery of the meeting house were leased at Auction viz. the pew in the west Gallery at the north west corner next to the wall being considered N^o 1.—

N ^o 1	To Thomas Dana .. for	3,, 37 ½
2	“ Benjamin Wood .. “	3,, 50
3	“ Abijah White.... “	3,, —
4	“ Alpheus Cutter .. “	3,, 25
5	“ Dan ^l Waters “	2,, 75
6	“ Dan ^l Bond..... “	2,, 75

East side beginning next to the Singers—

N ^o 1	To Nath Bright..... for	3,, 62 ½
2	“ Hugh Hall “	3,, —
3	“ Sam ^l Learned ... “	2,, 62 ½
4	“ George Coolidge . “	3,, 12 ½
5	“ David Stone “	3,, 25
6	“ Abijah White.... “	3,, 25

The above pews were leased for the term of one year from the 1st day of May, 1823—

Isaac Dana was sworn as Measurer of Wood by N. R Whitney Jr Town Clerk—

Attest Nath^l R. Whitney Jr Town Clerk

April 7, 1823 Daniel A. Tainter was sworn as Surveyor of highways—by Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk—

Selectmens }
Meeting }
Ap^l 21, }
1821* }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton April 21st 1823 they proceeded as follows viz.

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—

To John Tucker for repairing Fire buckets } in 1822 & 1823 — — — — —	1,, 75
To Luke Robinson for Oxen and work on } the Bridge Nov ^r 1821 — — — — —	1,, 50

*Editorial Note—Probably meant 1823.

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To Mehitable Segar for one years weekly's allowance from Apr^l 3, 1822 to Apr^l 3^d 1823 at 4/6 pr W^k ————— } 39,, —

To Samuel Hyde for the support of Jon^a Nutting & Sundry Clothing from March 30th 1822 to March 30, 1823 ————— } 118,, 82

To Larkin Smith for a pair of boots for M^r Winchester Feb^y—22^d 1823 ————— } 3,, 25

To David Hager the balance of his acc^t for the support of Miles Greenwood from Feb^y 15, 1821 to May 4, 1822 ————— } 62,, 21

To the estate of Thomas Richardson for taking care of David Barnard one year from May 1st 1822 to May 1, 1823 ————— } 20,,

To Mary Cook for Clothing for Hannah Cook ————— } 5,,

To Hannah Nutting in full for her services nursing her Father and Mother ————— } 20,,

To Coolidge P. Wood for his services as sexton one year to May 1, 1823 ————— } 35,, —

To Widow Hannah Farrar for supporting Benjamin Whitney 13 Weeks to May 1, 1823 — } 19,, 50

To Thomas Whitney for the support of Lucy White 1 year to March 2^d 1823 ————— } 39,,

Asa Pratt was appointed Sexton for one year from the 1st of May 1823—@ \$30,, being a compensation for his services for ringing the Bell, putting up and taking down the Stoves & Funnels, Sawing Wood sweeping the meeting house &c.—for attending funerals of adults three dollars & fifty cents in the Summer and four dollars in Winter, and for Children in proportion—

Thaddeus Cole & Samuel Learned were appointed Auctioneers for one year from the first of May 1823—

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Hawes & John M. Peirce were appointed Engine Men for the year ensuing—
Asa Pratt was sworn as Field driver by Nath R. Whitney Jr
Town Clerk—

Attest Nath^l R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant }
for }
May }
Meeting }

At the foregoing Meeting the following Warrant was issued—Viz.

Middlesex fs. To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables
L. S for the town of Watertown—Greeting.—

L. S You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
L. S wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders
L. S and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified
L. S agreeably to the Constitution to meet at the public Meeting
house in said town on Monday the twelfth day of May next
at three of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of
choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at
the General Court appointed to be convened and held at
Boston on the last Wednesday of May next—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant
with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before
the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under our
hands and seals this twenty first day of April A D. 1823—

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Moses Chenery	
Gilbert Nichols	
Joshua Coolidge Jr.	

Middlesex fs. Watertown May 12. 1823 Pursuant to the
within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders
and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein
expressed to meet at the time and place for the purpose
within mentioned by posting two copies of the within War-
rant

at

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At the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said meeting— Thaddeus Cole Constable—

May }
Meeting }
1823— }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants assembled May 12. 1823 and gave their votes as follows—Viz.

For Abijah White Seventy nine votes
 “ Marshall B. Spring fifty “
 “ Thomas Clark One “

Abijah White Esq^r was thereupon declared chosen to represent the town the year ensuing—

Attest Nath^l R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
June 2. }
1823 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton June 2. 1823. The following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—Viz.—

To Daniel Jackson for the support of Fred.)
 Remington one year to June 1. 1823 — — — — } \$30,, —

To Gilbert Kirker for the support of Rob^t)
 Saunders from Feb^y 3 to June 2. 1823 17 Weeks }
 at 1,,75 and for wire ,,29 Cts — — — — — } 30,, 04

To Joseph Robbins for the support of Chloe)
 Fisk 3 Months from 4th Feb^y 1823 to May 14. }
 1823 — — — — — } 13,,

To Benjamin Wood for work and lumber for)
 Bridge, attending funeral of Miles Greenwood }
 and for supporting Sally Berry to June 2. 1823 — } 21.95

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Oaths—

May 1823. Samuel Learned was sworn Surveyor of high-ways & Phinehas Sanderson was sworn as Field driver before Levi Thaxter Justice of the peace—

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Selectmen's }
 Meeting }
 Augst 4. }
 1823 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Elisha Stratton August 4. 1823. The following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—Viz.—

To Sullivan Sawin for boarding Newton }
 Baxter from Nov. 28. 1822 to May 28. 1823 and }
 for sundries supplied during that time — — — } 27.75

To Reuben Gragg* for boarding M^{rs} Mary }
 Clark from May 5 to August 6. 1823 13 weeks— }
 @ 90 Cts — — — — — — — — — — — — — } 11,, 70

To the town of Cambridge for the support of }
 Joel Wellington in gaol from August^t 9th to }
 September 9th 1822 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks— @ 2.50 — — } 9.30

To Elijah Hager for boarding Lucy Hager }
 from Dec^r 1. 1822 to June 1. 1823 26 Weeks at 7/6 }
 and Nursing—\$3. — — — — — — — — — } 35.50

To Joseph Robbins for the support of Cloe }
 Fisk 3 Months from May 14 to August 14 1823 — } 13,, —

To M^{rs} Francis Hager for labour & assistance }
 on the day of C. Nuttings funeral — — — — — } 1,, —

To M^{rs} Benj^a Gardner for labour & assistance }
 at the funeral of C. Nutting — — — — — } 1,, —

To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of }
 Benjamin Whitney 13 Weeks from May 1. to }
 August 1. 1823 — — — — — — — — — — } 19,, 50

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Agreement }
 with sundry }
 persons— }

On the 2^d June 1823. The Selectmen agreed with Daniel Jackson, to support Fred. Remington one year to June 1st 1824 for \$30,, said Jackson to clothe him, except two shirts, one pair Shoes and 2 pair of Socks—

*Editorial Note:—Original script spelling is Gragg; possibly the name referred to by town Clerk was Gregg.

Also agreed with Mark Vose to support John Remington one year to May 1. 1824 for sixty dollars—

Also agreed with said Vose to support Jefse Sanger one year to May 13. 1824 for \$50,, in sickness and in health, the town to have the privilege to take him away if they can do better—

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Agreed also with Joseph Bright to support David Barnard to May 1, 1824 and also to clothe him for the sum of \$20,,—

Attest Nath^l R. Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
Sep^t 1, }
1823 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Spetember 1, 1823, The following businefs was transacted viz.↵

Moses Whitney Jr was appointed an Engine man for the year ensuing for Engine N^o 1.—

The following persons were approbated as Innholders and Retailers—viz.

Luke Robinson	}	Innholders
Elisha Stratton		
Mary Bellows		
John Clark	}	Retailers
Thadd ^s Cole		
Geo. Coolidge		
Luke Bemis		

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
Oct. 6, }
1823 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Elisha Stratton October 6, 1823, The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. viz.

To Samuel Puffer for boarding Mrs Green } from February 16, 1823 to September 16, 1823 } and for Clothing supplied her during that time — }	32.70
To Hugh Gragg* for labour on the great } bridge — — — — — }	2.25
To Josiah Kendall for Meal dld. Wm Win- } chester — — — — — }	10.37
To Amasa Jackson his a/c for repairs on the } Engine &c. — — — — — }	5.78

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To Joseph Robbins for nursing Cloe Fisk —	5,, —
To Jeremiah Stimpson for Medical Advice } for Cloe Fisk — — — — — }	5,, —
To Gilbert Kirker for boarding Robert } Saunders from June 2 to Sept. 2, 1823 — — — — }	26.50
To Mrs Benj ^a Gardner for assistance &c. at } the funeral of Mrs Nutting — — — — — }	1,, —

The following order was drawn on the Treasurer

Watertown Oct. 6, 1823

To Levi Thaxter Esquire Treasurer of Watertown

You are hereby directed to allow Samuel Learned in part payment for the Taxes Committed to him to collect for the year 1822; the following abatements as hereto annexed—viz.

Water Adams	1.95	John Gardner Jr.	1.70
Amos Albee	3.84	Andrew Hemenway	1.70
John Avery	4.02	Joseph Hartwell	1.70
Horatio Brigham	1.70	Welcom Hathaway	1.70
Geo. Blackman	1.70	Sam ^l Hubbard	1.70
Sam ^l Bigelow	1.70	Aaron Harrington	1.70
Jofhua Brown	1.70	Nich ^s W. Kelton	1.70
Oliver Champlin	1.70	George Knight	1.70
Jonas Collins	1.70		— 57.64
Nath ^l Cole	1.70	Sam ^l Latch	1.70
Charles Chenery	1.70	Joshua Merritt	1.70
Gardner F. Davis	1.70	Hartwell Melvin	1.70
Guy Drake	1.70	Thom ^s C. Marsh	1.70

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Jacob Day—	1.70	Jacob Nichols	1.70
Will ^m Ellis	7.03	Farley Newcomb	1.70
Newbury Eddy	1.70	Moses Paine	1.70
Thomas J. Flanders	1.70	Joseph Pritchard	1.70
Sewell Fiske	1.70	Gardner Putnam	1.70
Gilman Fox	1.70	Dan ^l Rice—	1.70
Andrew Gragg*	1.70	John Powers	1.70

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Lynde Parker	1.70	Asaph Whitcomb	6,, 22
Sam ^l Rockwood	1.70	George Warner	1.70
Wid. Ami Sanger—	,, 93	Andrew White	3.40
Sam ^l Sanderson	1.70	Will ^m Worth	5.18
John Smith	1.70	W ^m J. White	1.70
Samuel Smiley	1.70	Stephen Westcott	1.70
Dan ^l Smith—	1.70	John Wentworth	1.70
John Simmons—	1.70	Horace Whitney	4,, 02
James Townsend	1.70	Joseph Young—	1.70
Will ^m Vose	1.70		

62.25

Amo^t bro^t over— 57.64\$119.89Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Oct 6th 1823 Samuel Barnard & Andrew Cole were appointed Engine Men, for the engine called the Relief—

Attest NR Whitney Jr. T. Clerk

Selectmen's
Meeting
Dec. 1,
1823

At a meeting of the Selectmen, held at the house of Elisha Stratton Decbr 1, 1823.— the following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same, viz.—

To Widow Hannah Farrar for the support of
Benj^a Whitney one quarter ending Oct. 31, 1823} 19,, 50

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To Asa Pratt for Coffins and attending the funerals of Charles Nutting and his wife — — — }	15,,
To Elijah Hager for supporting Lucy Hager from June 1, 1823 to Dec. 1, 1823—26 weeks @ 7/6 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — }	32,, 50
To —————Hart for support of Ann Green 3 months from Sept. 18, 1823 to Dec. 18, 1823 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — }	6.50

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To David Hager for transporting Mrs Green from Westminster to Boston — — — — — — — — — }	4,, —
To Jos. Robbins for support of Chloe Fisk one quarter ending Nov. 14, 1823 — — — — — — — — — }	17.50

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen, at the house of Elisha Stratton Jan^y 5, 1824.—The following accounts were allowed, and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same. viz. —

To Will ^m Hills for boating and rafting plank from Boston to Watertown for Bridge — — — — — }	12,, —
To W ^m K. Barnard for plank for Bridge —	144.36
To Sullivan Sawin for boarding Newton Baxter from May 28, 1823 to Nov. 28, 1823 and for extra trouble — — — — — — — — — — — }	31,, —
To Phin ^s Sanderson for Shaving Miles Greenwood & Charles Nutting &c. — — — — — }	2,, —
To J. & D. Kendall for Meal supplied W ^m Winchester from Sept. 8, to Dec. 25, 1823 — — — }	7.87
To Abijah White his acc ^t for sundries sup- plied the poor, wood for meeting house &c. — — — }	81.09
To Adam Brown for Highway plough — —	6,, —
To Zacheus Pond for boarding Widow Mary White from Jan ^y 1, 1823 to Jan ^y 1, 1824 and for repairing highway plough & pick — — — — — }	105.12

To James Robbins for carting lumber for }
 Bridge &c. — — — — — } 6.50

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Also at said meeting Nath^l R. Whitney & Elisha W. Dana were appointed for leasing the Fishery the ensuing year

The following persons were appointed Engine men for the Engine called the Relief.—viz.

James Robbins	John Daniels
Thomas Soden	Horatio Nichols
Charles H. Chandler	Benj ^a Dana
John M. Harris	Roland Rose
Benj ^a F. Farrar	Andrew Cole
Francis Leathe	Sam ^l Barnard ↵
Giles A. Meacham	

Also for Engine N^o 1 the following persons were appointed viz.

Isaac Robbins	Daniel Rice Jr.
Charles Coolidge	John Bond
Henry Bright	Giles H. Hawes
Lewis Upham	William Johnson
Alpheus Cutter	Moses Whitney Jr.
Asa Pratt	C. V. Swan
Rufus Lee	Henry Kendall
Charles Swift	John M. Peirce ↵
Jefferson C. Farrar	

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Warrant for }
 town Meeting }
 Feb 4, 1824 }

The Selectmen issued the following Warrant Jan^y 30th 1824. viz. ↵

Seal. To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables of the town
 Seal. of Watertown ————— Greeting

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Seal You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
Seal of Massachusetts forthwith to summon and notify the free-
 holders and other inhabitants of said town of Watertown,
 qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the public
 meeting house in said town on Wednesday, the fourth day
 of February next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to
 act on the following articles. viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting.—
 2^d To know if the town will take any measures to oppose the
 petition of the town of Brighton relative to the Fishery,
 now pending before the Legislature of this Commonwealth,
 and act any thing thereon.—

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with
 your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at or before the time
 appointed for said meeting.—

Given under our hands and seals this thirtieth day of
 January AD. 1824

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown—
Amos Livermore	
Gilbert Nichols	
Joshua Coolidge Jr.	

Watertown Feb^y 2, 1824

Middlesex fs. Pursuant to the within warrant I have sum-
 moned and notified the inhabitants of said town qualified
 as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and
 for the purposes within mentioned.—

Thaddeus Cole Constable

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants assem-
 bled Feb^y 4, 1824 and proceeded as follows.

- 1st Voted & Chose Thom^s Clark Esqr. Moderator
 2^d Voted that a Committee be chosen to appear before the
 Committee of the Legislature, to oppose the petition of
 Brighton, and prevent if possible the repeal of the law
 regulating the preservation of the fish, called Shad and
 Alewives and other fish in Charles River—

Voted and Chose } Levi Thaxter
for said Com- } Abijah White
mittee — } Thomas Clark

Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Wednesday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place. —

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

Wednesday, the day of adjournment, being very inclement the meeting was not attended; consequently nothing transpired relative to the object of adjournment

Attst NR Whitney Jr. Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the house of Elisha Stratton Feb^y 16, 1824. —

The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same viz.

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To Gilbert Nichols, his account for sundries supplied the poor and for making cartridges and for bridge repairs — — — — —	} 14,, 66
To Joshua Coolidge Jr his acct. for sundries supplied the poor & for bell rope — — — —	} 21.60
To Jonathan Whitney Jr. his account for laying out Mr Nutting & for work cutting ice —	} 1.25
To Doct. Nath ^l Bemis for medicine and attendance on the poor the year past and all demands to date — — — — —	} 13.50
To Widow Hannah Farrar for support of Benj ^a Whitney one quarter ending Jan ^y 31, 1824 }	} 19.50
To the City of Boston for the support of Mrs Warren, Jesse Sanger, and for the funeral expenses Dodge — — — — —	} —
To Newell Bent for 2 Sticks of timber for the great bridge — — — — —	} 9.08

To Abijah White for Men and oxen getting plank for bridge out of the river and for transporting Jefse Sanger to Westminster — — — — — }	9,, —
To J. & D. Kendall for meal supplied W ^m Winchester's family — — — — — }	4.10
To C. P. Wood his acct for making doors for School house; boarding over the bell at meeting house & for planking bridge — — — — — }	33.50
To Samuel Bird his acct. for fixing funnel for meeting house, & straitening spikes for bridge — — — — — }	2.51
To Eben ^r Smith for Mason work at East district School house — — — — — }	,, 50

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To Richard Sanger for four posts for ministerial land — — — — — }	,, 56
To Samuel Walker for the support of Tabby Learned from Oct. 1 to date—20 weeks @ .50 — }	10,, —
To Amos Livermore for Shoes supplied W ^m Winchester & D. Barnard — — — — — }	3.60
To Amos Livermore his acct. for setting glafs in east district School house — — — — — }	9.30
To Nath ^l Broad for boarding Jefse Sanger &c. — — — — — }	11. 8
To Jerome Hearsy for setting glafs in School houses and meeting house & painting ladder — — }	12.42
To John Clark for sund ^s supplied the poor —	44.22
To Elisha Stratton for Selectmen's expences the past year — — — — — }	20,, —
To M ^{rs} Hannah Adams for keeping house for W ^m Winchester 1 year from Feb ^y 17, 1823 to date 52 weeks— @ 4/6 — — — — — }	39,, —
To Jo. Robbins for the Support of Chloe Fisk 3 M ^o ending Feb ^y 14, 1824 — — — — — }	17,, 50

Attest Nath^l R Whitney Jr Town Clerk

At the foregoing meeting the Selectmen issued the following warrant.—

To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables for the town of Watertown—————Greeting

L. S You are hereby required in the name of the Com-
L. S monwealth of Massachusetts, to summon, notify and warn
L. S the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the town of
L. S Watertown qualified by law to vote

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In the election of town officers, and in town affairs, to assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the first day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.—
- 2^d To choose all town officers required by law to be chosen in the months of March or April annually.—
- 3^d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his services.—
- 4th To determine whether swine and neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & act any thing thereon.—
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year and act any thing thereon.—
- 6th To grant money to open make and repair the highways in said town & act any thing thereon.—
- 7th To hear and examine the accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted, grant money to pay the same, and act any thing thereon.—
- 8th To hear the report of the Committee for making an estimate of the expences of the town for the year ensuing & act any thing thereon.—
- 9th To hear the reports of any other Committees and act any thing thereon.—
- 10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor, for the year ensuing, to grant money to pay for the same and act any thing thereon.—
- 11th To hear the Statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasury & act any thing thereon.—

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- 12th To know what method the town will take to collect their taxes, for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon.—
- 13th To know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain birds & act any thing thereon.—
- 14th To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the meeting house and act any thing thereon.—
15. To know if the town will dispose of the Hay Scales and act any thing thereon.—
- 16 To know if the town will take any measures to preserve the Fish in Charles River and act any thing thereon.—
17. To know if the town will accept of the Bell procured by their Committee and act any thing thereon.—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said meeting

Given under our hands and seals this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & twenty four

Abijah White	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore		
Moses Chenery		
Gilbert Nichols		
Joshua Coolidge Jr.		

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Middlesex fs. Watertown March 1st 1824, Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up two Copies of this warrant at the public meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Thaddeus Cole } Constable—

Agreeably to the Warrant issued the Inhabitants met in open town meeting March 1st 1824, and proceeded to act by articles as follows. viz.—

March }
Meeting }
1824 }

Article 1st Voted and Chose Levi Thaxter Esq. Moderator.
2nd Voted & Chose John Clark, Town Clerk. And
was sworn before Levi Thaxter Justice of the
peace.

Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq. Town Treasurer—

Voted & Chose for Selectmen {
Abijah White
Amos Livermore
Joshua Coolidge Jr.
Peter Clark
James Robbins

Voted & Chose for Assessors {
Thomas Clark
Amos Livermore
Levi Thaxter

Voted to Adjourn the Meeting till Two O clock in the
afternoon then to meet at this place—

Agreeably to Adjournment the meeting was opened and
proceeded as follows—

Voted that Constables shall not receive any pay except for
Special services—

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Voted & Chose for Constables {
John H Clark
Gilbert Nichols

Voted & Chose for Fence Viewers {
Samuel Learned
Paul Learned
Nathaniel Bright
Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Tything Men {
Asa Pratt
George Coolidge

Voted & chose for Clerks of the {
Market {
Nathaniel Broad
Constantine V. Swan

Voted & chose for Field Drivers {
Phineas Sanderson
Joseph Bird
William Horn
James Gillpatrick
Nathaniel Broad
Luke Bemis

Voted & chose for Hog-reeves	}	Thomas Dana Jotham Keyes Joseph Bird John H. Clark
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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways	}	Elisha Stratton Luke Bemis Nathaniel Broad Daniel A. Tainter James Gillpatrick Moses Chenery
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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber	}	Isaac Dana Coolidge P Wood
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Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves	}	Isaac Dana William Horn
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Voted and chose for Fire Wards	}	John Hunting Levi Thaxter Nathaniel Bright John Clark Abijah White Elisha Livermore Eliakim Morse Joshua Coolidge Jr. Seth Bemis
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Voted and Chose for a Com- mittee to protect the rights which the town have to the Shad & Alewife Fishery	}	Samuel Learned Elisha W. Dana Edward Lowd David Stone 2 nd Samuel Somes
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Voted to choose a Committe to examine the records of the town relative to the Fishery for ten Years last past and report a statement of facts at the next Town meeting relative to the same

Voted and chose for said Committee { Jeremiah Fowle
Levi Thaxter
Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Pound Keeper, Nathaniel Woodward

3rd Voted that the choice of a Sexton be refered to the Selectmen

4th Voted that the town take no order respecting Swine
Also Voted that neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing
Year.——

5th Voted to Grant the sum as reported by the Selectmen &
Treasurer see by their estimate under Article 8th the sum to
be appropriated in the several districts the same as last
year.——

Also Voted to grant the sum of Seventy five Dollars for the
purpose of keeping a Singing-School the ensuing Year.——

Voted & Chose for Said Committee { Samuel Barry
Isaac Patten
Elisha Livermore

6th Voted to grant for opening & repairing Highways twenty
five cents upon every rateable pool, and other estates in
proportion.——each Man to be allowed, twelve & half
Cents per hour, and a Good team the same as a Man.——

7th Voted that all Amounts against the town shall be presented
to the Selectmen for their allowance.——

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8th Voted to Accept the report of the Selectmen and Treasurer
of the estimates and grant the following sums for the Year
ensuing. viz.——

For opening & repairing Highways 25 Cents on a pool
and other estates in proportion

For Supporting the poor. — — — — —	1200,, —
For Support of Schools. — — — — —	1200,, —
For Support of the Ministry	570,, —
For all contingent expences	500,, —
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See report on file

9th pafsed, no Committee made any report.——

- 10th Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Poor.—
- 11th Voted that the town Accept the Account of the Treasurer as examined by the Selectmen, they being a Committee for that purpose, and place the same on file, the result of which is—

Levi Thaxter as Treasurer is charged with
 the sum of — — — — — 7580,, 39
 and is Credited with the sum of — — — — — 6372,, 65

leaving a balance in the hands of the Treas- }
 urer (as will appear on file) the Sum of — — } 1207,, 64

- 12th Voted to farm out the Taxes in the usual way and that when we do adjourn it be to the House of Luke Robinson, for that purpose.—
- 13th Voted to dismifs this Article.—
- 14th Voted to refer the letting of the pews in the Meeting House to the Selectmen to be let at Auction.—
- 15th Voted that the Selectmen be A Committee to dispose of the Hay-scales in any way which they shall think best

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- 16th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committe to prosecute any person or persons who may violate the laws respecting the taking of fish in Charles river—
 Also that they pursue the Cause now in Court to a final Judgement
- 17th Voted to Grant the sum of one Hundred dollars to defray expences of the new Bell.—
 Also Voted that the town disapprove of the present bell and desire the Committee to exchange the same once more with Mr George H Holbrook, Agreeably to their contract.—
 Voted to Adjourn the Meeting till 7 Oclock, then to meet at the House of Luke Robinson.—

Agreeably to Adjournment of the foregoing meeting they met at the House of Luke Robinson and proceeded to farm out the taxes on the following terms and conditions. viz—, the purchaser to Give good and sufficient bonds to Acceptance of the Selectmen for the faithfull performance of his duty, and that, if the taxes are not collected within one year from the time of receiving them he (the purchaser) is not entitled to receive any premium for Collecting.—

The taxes were then put up and Struck off to Thaddeus Cole for one & half cent on a dollar, he being the lowest bidder

Voted & chose Thaddeus Cole Collector

Voted to difsolve the meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Oaths of }
Town Officers }

March 1st 1824 Abijah White, Amos Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jr., Peter Clark, and James Robbins, were sworn as Selectmen.—

Thomas Clark, Amos Livermore and, Levi Thaxter were sworn as Afsefsors—

John H. Clark and Gilbert Nichols, were Sworn as Constables—

Samuel Learned Nathaniel Bright and, Peter Clark were sworn as fence Viewers—

Phineas Sanderson, William Horn and, Nathaniel Broad, were sworn as Field drivers—

Jotham Keyes and, John H. Clark, were Sworn as Hog-reeves—

Nathaniel Broad, was Sworn as Surveyor of Highways—

Isaac Dana, was Sworn as Surveyor of Lumber—

Isaac Dana and, William Horn were Sworn as Cullers of Hoops & Staves—

All the above before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
March 15 }
1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Cap^t Elisha Stratton March 15th 1824 the following businefs was transacted

To Levi Thaxter Esquire Treasurer of Watertown. You are hereby directed to pay out of the Treasury to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed to their names Viz.

To Mahitable Segars for one Years } Weekly allowance from April 3 1823 to } April 3 1824 ————— }	\$39,, 00
To Gilbert Kirker for the support of } Robert Saunderson from December 2 nd } 1823 to March 2 nd 1824 it being 13 Weeks }	26,, 00
	\$65,, 00
	carry'd over

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To Thomas Clark Esquire for his serv- } ices as Afsefsor for 1823 ————— }	22,, 80
To Levi Thaxter Esquire for his serv- } ices as Treasurer & Afsefsor & for Station- } ary for 1823 ————— }	66,, 00
To Amos Livermore Esquire for his } services as Afsefsor for 1823 ————— }	13,, 50
To Silas Goodnow, in full for the Sup- } port of————Furlong while lame, it } being the amount received from the Com- } monwealth ————— }	8,, 10
To Thomas Clark, Amos Livermore } and Nathaniel Bright, for their services as a } Committe to oppose the Road leading over } the U. S. Arsenal Land, the same includes } the amount paid S. P. P. Fay Esqr as Coun- } cil ————— }	26,, 00
	201,, 40

Thaddeus Cole, Samuel Learned and John H Clark, were appointed Auctioneers for one Year from the first of April next

George Coolidge, was appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures for the ensuing Year——

Elisha W. Dana, Adolphus Cannon, Thomas Gookin and Amasa Jackson, were appointed Weighers of Beef for the Year ensuing.——

Isaac Dana, Luke Robinson, & Thaddeus Cole were appointed Measurers of Wood and Bark, for the ensuing year

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Warrant for }
April }
Meeting }

At the foregoing Meeting the following Warrant was issued—

Middlesex fs To Gilbert Nichols, one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown. Greeting.

LS You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
LS wealth of Massachusetts, to summon notify and warn the
LS freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Water-
LS town qualified agreeably to the Constitution of this Com-
LS monwealth, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and, Counsellors.—

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the aforesaid town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles, viz

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.—

2nd To Give in their votes for County Treasurer.—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, on or before the time Appointed for said Meeting.—Given under our hands and seals at Watertown the fifteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord 1824

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	
Peter Clark	
James Robbins	

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

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Notice to }
perambulate }
the town }
lines }

Also They gave notice to the Selectmen of Newton, Waltham, Cambridge and West Cambridge, to meet them or such persons as they should appoint, for the purpose of perambulating the town lines agreeably to a law passed March 23 AD. 1786, in the following manner. viz—

To the Selectmen of Newton, to meet them at Bacons tavern at Newton Corner on Thursday the 25th March Instant at 8 O'Clock A.M. & Abijah White & Joshua Coolidge Jr were appointed a Committee to perambulate said lines with them.—

To the Selectmen of Waltham, to meet at the house of Moses Bright in Watertown on Thursday the 25th March Instant at 11 O'Clock A.M. & Abijah White & Joshua Coolidge Jr were appointed a Committee to perambulate said lines with them.—

To the Selectmen of Cambridge, to meet at Mrs Bellows' Tavern in Watertown on Friday the 26th March int. at 8 O'Clock A. M. & Abijah White & Peter Clark were appointed a Committee to perambulate said lines with them.—

To the Selectmen of West Cambridge to meet at the house of Peter Clark in Watertown, on Friday the 26th March Inst. at 2, O'Clock P.M. & Abijah White & Peter Clark, were appointed a Committee to perambulate the lines with them.—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Notices & Appointments the Selectmen of the Several towns aforesaid met, and perambulated the lines between said towns and made the following reports, viz—

Report of the }
Committees }
Appointed to }
perambulate }
the town lines }

We the undersigned subscribers, Selectmen of Watertown and Waltham, hereby Certify that we have this twenty fifth day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and twenty four Perambulated the lines between the said towns, and found the former bounds in some instances defaced & nearly distroyed and we have agreed to renew the same in the following manner (viz)

- 1st At a Stone Marked W.W. on the North bank of Charles River, at the West corner of Watertown in land of the Hon Christopher Gore, from thence to the 2nd which is a stone standing in the

back

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Back road by the side of said Gores wall near the gate south of his House, from thence to the 3^d which is a button Wood tree marked W.W. in land of the said Gore near the small Bridge or Sluiceway across the Great road leading from Watertown to Waltham, from thence to the 4th which is a small heap of Stones in the Bemis lane (so called) by the side of Jonathan Coolidges wall, from thence to the 5th which is a Stone Mark'd W.W. Standing on a Small heap of Stones against Barns' wall about fifteen Rods, east of his House, from thence to the 6th which is a great Oak tree marked W.W. in land of Jonas White, from thence to the 7th which is a Stone Marked W.W. in the road leading from Watertown to Lexington, by the side of Leonard & Jonas Bonds wall, called the Tom Harrington place, from thence to the 8th which is a heap of Stones near a small Ceder tree, in land of Jonas White formerly belonging to Phineas Stearnes, from thence to the 9th which is a heap of Stones on a flat rock in land of Capt Charles Wellington, and formerly owned by Samuel White, from thence to the 10th and last which is a Stone Marked W.W. in land of Peter Clark, and on the line that divides Watertown & Waltham, from West Cambridge. ↪

Abijah White	}	Selectmen of Watertown.
Joshua Coolidge Jr		
Luke Fiske	}	Selectmen of Waltham
Abijah Whitney		

Recorded by John Clark, Town Clerk

We the undersigned Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown and Cambridge, hereby certify that we have this Twenty sixth day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and twenty four, Perambulated the lines between said Towns, and found on examination some of the Ancient marks and monuments destroyed, And we have agreed to renew the same in the following manner. viz. 1st A locust post on the southwest side of a ditch, which is a dividing line between land of the late Elbridge Gerry

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& the late Mofes Stone deceased on the northerly bank of Charles River, Thence northerly by said ditch to the 2nd which is a post at the Shore of the Marsh on the upland in the dividing line aforesaid marked W.C. from thence northerly nearly in a Straight line to the 3rd which is a button wood tree in the line aforesaid marked W.C. thence curving a little as said dividing line runs to the 4th which is a post on the westerly side of a Stone wall marked W.C. thence curving as said wall runs, to the 5th. which is a post at the corner thereof marked W.C.C. from thence making nearly a right angle, and running westerly in a Straight line to the 6th. which is a post marked W.W.C. in the Corner of land of the heirs of the late Moses Stone deceased, then running northerly to the 7th which is a post marked W.C.C. on the South side of the road leading from Watertown to Cambridge and in land of the Hon William Gray, and nearly opposite said Grays house thence running westerly by the Southerly side of said road to the 8th which is a post marked W.W.C. from thence crofing Said road and running northerly between lands of Coburn & Bird and Land of Jonas Wyeth Jun^r in a Straight line to the 9th. which is a post on the shore of fresh Pond marked W.C. in the line between land of Coburn & Bird & lands of the late Elbridge Gerry deceased, from thence in a Straight line untill it comes to the dividing lines in said pond between Cambridge, West Cambridge & Watertown. ↵

Abijah White	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Peter Clark		

Newell Bent	}	Selectmen of Cambridge
Samuel F. Sawyer		

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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We the under signed Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown and West Cambridge, hereby Certify that we have this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, Perambulated and run the lines between said Towns and found the Ancient marks and monuments in some instances destroyed and in others defaced. And we have agreed to renew the same in the following manner. viz—1st Beginning at a Stone in land of Peter Clark at the Corner of Watertown & Waltham, and adjoining West Cambridge thence running to the 2nd bound mark, which is a White Oak tree on the South side of Cambridge & Concord Turnpike in land of Peter Clark, marked C^W. Thence running northeasterly and crossing said Turnpike to the 3rd bound mark, which is a Swamp white oak tree in land of Jonas & Leonard Bond marked C^W. Thence turning a right angle and crossing said turnpike about eight rods from said tree to the 4th bound-mark, which is a Stone marked C^W. in land formerly belonging to Solomon Prentifs—thence running to the 5th. bound mark which is a small Elm tree marked C^W. in the end of the wall on the South side of the aforesaid turnpike, at the northeast Corner of land belonging Leonard Stone. Thence running to the 6th bound mark which is a post marked C^W. in land of M^r Smith and formerly owned by Richard Richardson And from thence to the 7th. and last bound mark, which is a post marked C^W. Standing on the north-west side of fresh Pond (so called) and on the Division line of lands belonging to M^r Foster, and formerly belonging to John T. Apthrop and land of William Gay, and formerly owned by Elizabeth Prentifs. ↪

Abijah White	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Peter Clark		

Thomas Rufsell	}	Selectmen of West Cambridge
Jonathan Frost		

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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We the undersigned Subscribers, Selectmen of Watertown and Newton, hereby certify that we have this twenty fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, perambulated the lines between said Towns, and found on examination, the bound marks to be perfectly plain, and as follows, Viz—1st A Stone Marked W.N. Standing on the South side of Charles River in land belonging to the heirs of the late Nath^l Weld deceased; from thence Southerly to the second which is a Stone Marked W.N. Standing on land of John Richardson, which bound makes a corner; from thence westerly crossing the great Road leading from Watertown to Newton, to a Stone Marked W.N. Standing on the afore said road in land of Eliakim Morse which is the 3rd; from thence to the fourth which is a Stone Marked W.N. Standing in land lately belonging to Cornelius Lenox deceased, and a little easterly of s^d Lenox's house which stone makes a Corner; from thence to the 5th in a northerly direction to a stone on the south Shore of Charles River in land of Isaac Griner marked W.N. all of which bounds we have agreed to; And also that the dividing point between the said Towns on the Bemis Bridge so called shall be at the north end of the Middle Stone pier in said bridge which is the same as agreed to, by the Selectmen of said Towns October 18th 1819. —

Abijah White	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Joshua Coolidge Jr		

William Jackson	}	Selectmen of Newton
James Fuller		

Attest John, Clark Town Clerk

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Watertown April 5th 1824

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place & for the purpose there exprefs'd, by posting two Attested Copies of the within Warrant at the public Meeting house in said town, two Sundays prior to the date hereof

Gilbert Nichols, Constable

April }
Meeting }
1824 }

At a public town Meeting held Agreeably to the Warrant issued March the 15th 1824 the Inhabitants of Watertown Met April 5th to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, the result of which is as follows Viz. —

for Governor	{ For	His Excellency William Eustis	121 Votes
	{ For	Samuel Lathrop Esq	83 Votes
for Lieut Governor	{ For	Marcus Morton Esq	121 Votes
	{ For	Richard Sullivan Esq	83 Votes
		Hon Levi Thaxter	120 Votes
		“ John Keyes	121 “
		“ John Wade	120
		“ Micah M. Rutter	122
		“ Seth Knowles	121
Senators	{	Abial Heywood	77
		William Blanchard Jr	79
		William Hilliard	76
		Edmund Parker	79
		Cyrus Baldwin	80
		William Austin	1

The Votes were then Accordingly declared and Sealed up in open town meeting

Attest John, Clark, Town Clerk

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The Meeting for the choice of a County Treasurer was then opened, and Levi Thaxter Esqr Chosen Moderator

The Votes being called for, Counted and sorted were for John Keyes 38 votes

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
April 5 1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson on Monday the 5th of April 1824 the following business was transacted Viz. The pews in the Gallery of the Meeting house belonging to the town were leased on the

following conditions for one Year from the first of May next. The purchaser to pay Cash down, or give a note payable on the said first day of May at which time he takes possession.—

Beginning at No 1 which is the pew in the West Gallery being at the northwest Corner next to the wall

No 1 to John Hunting	For 3,, 25
2 " Amasa Jackson	" 2,, 87 ½
3 " George Long	" 2,, 50
4 " Rufus Lee	" 2,, 12 ½
5 " Daniel Waters	" 2,, 62 ½
6 " Daniel Peirce	" 2,, 50

East Side beginning next to the Singers

No 1 to James Robbins	" 3,, 87 ½
2 " Abijah White	" 3,, 25
3 " Levi Whitney	" 3,, 50
4 " Hugh Hall	" 3,, 50
5 " George Coolidge	" 3,, 37 ½
6 " Abijah White	" 3,, 37 ½

\$36,, 75

Attest John,,Clark Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
Apl 5 1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6th 1824, they sold the Hay-Scales belonging to the Town to John Richardson for the sum of Eighty one Dollars \$81,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmen's }
Meeting Apl }
12th 1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Capt Elisha Stratton April 12 1824.—The following businefs was transacted

To Levi Thaxter Esq^r Treasurer of Watertown, You are hereby directed to pay out of the Treasury, to the persons hereafter named, the Several Sums annex'd their respective names—viz.

To Samuel Hyde, for the support of Jonathan Nutting one Year to March 30th, 1824 and for clothing supplyd the same — — — — — } 106,, 25

To Lois Curtis for Grave Gown for Charles Nutting and for Cap & Hkf for his wife, at the time of their death — — — — — } 3,, 75

To ————— Hart for Support of Mrs Greene three months from december 18th, 1823 to March 18th 1824 — — — — — } 6,, 50

To Thomas Whitney for the Support of Lucy White one Year to 2nd March 1824 — — — } 39,, 00

To the Widdow Hannah Farrar, for the Support of Benj^a Whitney one quarter ending April 30th 1824 — — — — — } 19,, 50

To Nathaniel R Whitney J^r for his Services as Town Clerk for the past Year. — — — — — } 25,, 00

\$200,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Also at the above Meeting the following persons were appointed Engine Men for the engine called the Relief viz—

Jonathan B. Harrington
Noah Wyeth
Frederic A. Bemis

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Oath Apl 12 1824

Daniel A. Taintor Sworn as Surveyor of Highways before John Clark, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 26th 1824, the following businefs was transacted

viz. Asa Pratt was appointed Sexton for one year from the 1st of May 1824.—Twenty dollars being a compensation for his services for ringing the Bell, putting up and taking down the Stoves and Funnels, Sawing wood, sweeping the Meeting house &c—For attending the funerals of adults, three dollars and fifty cents in the Summer and four dollars in the Winter, and for Children in proportion.—

Also The following Warrant was issued

Warrant }
for May }
Meeting }

Middlesex fs. To Gilbert Nichols, one of the Constables of Town of Watertown—Greeting —————

LS You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
LS wealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders
LS and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified
LS agreeably to the Constitution, to meet at the public Meeting
LS house in said town on Monday the tenth day of May next, at Three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them at the next General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next—

Also You are alike required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public meeting house in said town, on Monday the tenth day of May next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon to Act on the following articles—Viz—

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2nd To know if they will take any measures to ascertain what right the town has to any lands or pafsways, not at present occupied by them, and act any thing thereon—
- 3rd To hear the report of any Committe, and Act any thing thereon
- 4th To Know if the Town will hear the petition of Luke Bemis, and others respecting widening the back road leading to the Waltham

Factories

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- Factories, And Act any thing thereon.—
- 5th To Know if the town will hear the Request of Jeremiah Fowle and act any thing thereon.—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time Appointed for said Meeting.—Given under our hands and seals this twenty Sixth day of April AD. 1824—

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	
Peter Clark	
James Robbins	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Watertown May 10th 1824

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the male Inhabitants of Said town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting two attested copies of the within warrant at the public Meeting house two Sundays prior to the date hereof

Gilbert Nichols, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants assembled May 10th 1824, And proceeded to vote as follows Viz—

Voted to Send two Representatives; the votes being then called for were

For Abijah White Eighty Nine Votes
 “ Thomas Clark Sixty Seven Votes
 “ Marshall B. Spring Twenty Eight Votes

Abijah White & Thomas Clark were Accordingly declared to be Chosen

The Meeting for the transacting of Town Affairs was then opened Agreeably to the warrant—

Article 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Moderator—

2nd Voted to Choose a Committee to ascertain what right the town has to any Lands, or passways not at present Occupied by them—
 Voted & Chose the Selectmen for said Committee

3rd The following report was made.—

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Watertown May 10th 1824

To the Inhabitants of Watertown in Townmeeting assembled

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of said Town, at a public Town meeting held on the 4th of March AD. 1822, together with Capt John Fowle of late deceased for establishing the boundaries near Treadaways bridge (so called) between Jonathan Coolidge Esqr & others, and the Town & to pass quit claim deeds; which has not been done; considering the circumstance of the death of said Fowle, we think it incumbent on us to give you this information that you may act on the subject as you may judge expedient

All which is Submitted by Joseph Peirce
Nath^l R. Whitney

4th Voted to dismifs this article

5th Voted to dismifs this article

Voted to difsolve the Meeting

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

April 27 1824 William Lock of Newton applied and received a certificate that he was a member of the Congregational religious Society in Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

April 30 Josiah Tilden of Newton Applied and received a certificate that he was a Member of the Congregational religious society in Watertown

From John Clark, Town Clerk

Certificate }
of Allen }
Ward }

This may certify that Mr Allen Ward of the Town of Watertown is a Member of the first Universal Society in Newton, Newton April 12 1824, By order of the Standing Committee

George Murdock, Clerk

Certificate
of Jo^s Mead }
Dan^l Damon }
J D. Park }

This certifies that Joseph Mead, Daniel Damon, & John D Park all of Watertown are Members of the Congregational religious Society in the West precinct in Newton

Joseph Jackson prcnt. Clerk

Newton-West Precinct Apl 29 1824

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May 1st 1824 Nathaniel Woodward Sworn as pound Keeper
before John Clark, Town Clerk

May 3 1824 Elisha Stratton, Sworn as surveyor of Highways
Before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
May 12 1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton May 12th 1824 The following warrant was drawn for Town Meeting.—

Warrant }
for }
Town Meeting }

Middlesex fs, To Gilbert Nichols one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, to summon, notify & warn the freeholders other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the thirty first day of May Instant at five of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, Viz—

1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting.—

2nd To Know if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen & Act any thing thereon.—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with Your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for said meeting.—

Given under our hands and seals this twelfth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twenty four.

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Peter Clark	
James Robbins	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein exprest to asemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting two copies of this warrant at the public Meeting house two sundays prior to the date hereof

Watertown May 31-1824 Gilbert Nichols Constable

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Town }
Meeting }

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown assembled and proceeded to Vote by articles as follows—

Article 1st Voted & Chose Thomas Clark, Moderator

Article 2nd Voted to Accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen May 12th 1824—

Voted to difsolve the meeting—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Oaths }

May 22 1824 James Gillpatrick was sworn to the Office of Highway Surveyor for the Year ensuing Before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

May 24 1824 Luke Bemis was Sworn to the Office of Highway Surveyor for the year ensuing Before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

June 1 1824 Moses Chenery was Sworn to the Office of Highway Surveyor for the year ensuing

Before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens }
Meeting }
May 31 1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House Elisha Stratton May 31 1824, the following Accounts were Allowed, and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same (Viz)

To the east district School House Committee }
for Stove & Funnel for School House, which they }
Bought of J P. Bradlee ————— } 28,, 41

To Joseph Robbins for the Support of Chloe }
Fisk 3 m^o from Febry 14 1824 to May 14, 1824 — } 17,, 50

To Asa Pratt for his services as Sexton One }
Year to 3^d May 1824 & for Sundries paid for by }
him for house ————— } 35,, 87

To Daniel Jackson for the Support of }
Fredrick Remmington one year to June 1 1824 & }
Clothing Supplied ————— } 30,, 00

\$111,, 78

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens }
Meeting }
July 12 1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton July 12 1824 the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer for the same (Viz)

To Elijah Hager for the Support of Lucy Hager }
from December 1, 1823 to June 1 1824 26 }
weeks ————— } \$32,, 50

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To W ^m Wait for the Support of Ann Green 3 mo ^o from March 18 to June 18—1824 — — — — — }	6,, 50
To Samuel Walker for the Support of Tabby } Learned from February 16 1824 to July 8th } 1824 20 weeks — — — — — }	10,,
To S Sawin for the Support of Newton Baxter } from Novr 28 1823 to May 28 1824—26 } weeks & for Support of Jefse Sanger 14 } weeks — — — — — }	66,, 50
To the Widdow Hannah Farrar for the Support } of Benjamin Whitney three months from } April 30 to July 30—1824 — — — — — }	19,, 50
To Gilbert Kirker, for the Support of Robert } Saunders from March 2 nd to June 2 nd 1824 and } for Making a Shirt for him — — — — — }	26,, 66

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Also at the foregoing meeting the following persons were appointed Engine Men for Engine No 1 (Viz)

Hiram Steele
Asa Thayer Jr
Levi Whitney

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
August 2 }
1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton August 2nd 1824, they proceeded as follows Viz. The following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same—

To Joseph Robinson for the support of Chloe }
Fisk 3 Months to August 14th 1824 — — — — — } \$17,, 50

To Mark Vose for his Account for the Sup- }
port of John Remington Two Years from May }
1st 1822 to May 1st 1824, & for Clothing Sup- }
ply'd him to the said 1st May 1824 & for boarding }
Jefse Sanger from May 14 1823 to Sept 7 1823 }
Also, for boarding & Clothing Supply'd Dyer }
Loverage a pauper }

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Of Deerfield from October 15th 1822 to Nov 5, }
 1822 & for Supporting Sally Barry from June 9th }
 182* to June 9 1824 making in all the Sum of — } \$188,, 50

Also Elisha S. Lyman was appointed an Engine Man for Engine No 2

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

August 2 1824 Isaac Dana was Sworn as Measurer of Wood & Bark before

John Clark Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
 Meeting }
 Sept 6 1824 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Sept 6 1824. The following business was transacted

George Lawton & Frederick A. Sumner were appointed Engine Men for Engine No. 1.—

Also, the following persons were Aprobated as Innholders & Retailers Viz

Luke Robinson	}	Innholders
Elisha Stratton		
Nathaniel Broad		

John Clark	}	Retailers
Thaddeus Cole		
Luke Bemis		

Likewise, the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same

To Josiah Mason Jr & Co for Lumber for Bemis' Bridge -----	} 161.97
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To J & David Kendall for Meal for William Winchester to August 28 1824 -----	}
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To William Rogers for one days work on Bemis' Bridge -----	} 1.60
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To Ebenezer Hayward for Stones & Labour Making and securing the Main sills of Bemis' Bridge -----	} 42,,09
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To the Town of South Reading for the Support of Joseph Prentifs from October 1 1823 to Oct 1 1824	-----}	76,, 20
To Phineas Cary for Stones & Labour on Bemis' Bridge	-----}	62,, 83
To David Hager for services rendered at the death of Mrs Nutting	-----}	1,, 50
To Gilbert Kirker for the Support of Robert Saunders, from June 2 nd 1824 to Sept 2 1824	-----}	26,, 00
To Jotham Keyes for Labour & Stones Repairing Sluiceway at Cooks Pond & Treadaways Bridge	-----}	26,, 70
To Joseph Bright, a balance due him for the Support of David Barnard one year to May 1, 1824	-----}	15,, 97

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

The following Warrant was drawn by the Selectmen and handed to the Constable to warn the Inhabitants for a Special town Meeting.—

Warrant for }
Town Meeting }

Middlesex fs—To Gilbert Nichols one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown.—Greeting

LS You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to summon Notify and LS warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of LS Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet LS at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of October next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following articles (Viz)

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator for Said meeting.—

2nd To Know if the town will excuse the Selectmen who were a Committee Appointed in may last and appoint another in their stead for the purpose of ascertaining what right the town has to any lands or pasways not at present

occupied

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Occupied by them, and Act any thing thereon——

3nd To know if the town will do any part of making another Sluice way near Treadaways bridge, and give liberty to the proprietors of the Cambridge port Turnpike to raise the Road from the east end of said Turnpike to the square near the pump, and Act any thing thereon.——

4th. To hear the request of George Coolidge and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the time Appointed for said Meeting——

Given Under our hands and seals this Twenty eighth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Peter Clark	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	
James Robbins	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose therein Mentioned.——

Watertown Octr 4 1824 G. Nichols, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants assembled and proceeded to vote as follows October 4 1824

Voted & Chose Thomas Clark Esqr Moderator

2nd Voted not to excuse the Selectmen who were formerly chosen A Committee to ascertain what right the town has to any lands or passways not at present occupied by them from acting on the same——

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Voted to add three to the Committee

Voted & Chose
 Nath^l Bemis
 Tyler Bigelow and
 Nath^l R Whitney Esqrs

and that they be directed to attend to the business and make report of their doings at the next town Meeting

3rd Voted to Choose a Committee to widden Treadaways Bridge
 Voted & Chose for Said Committee the Selectmen together

with Nath^l Bemis
 Tyler Bigelow and
 Nath^l R Whitney Esqrs

and that they be directed to widden Treadaways Bridge or Sluiceway to such width as may be deemed Sufficient to prevent an overflow of water in time of freshet, either by contract or any otherway they shall think most for the interest of the town, and draw their order on the Treasurer for money to defray the expence of the same

Voted that the remaining part of this article be refered to the same Committe. (Viz) and give liberty to the proprietors of the Cambridge port Turnpike to raise the Road from the east end of said Turnpike to the square near the pump

4th Voted that the Committe be directed not to pafs any quit claim deeds as requested by M^r George Coolidge
 Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the First Monday in November next then to meet in this place at two of the Clock in the afternoon

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Oct 14 }
 1824 }

At A meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton October 14 1824—The following Accounts were allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Zacheus Pond for Spikes & Iron posts for Bemis' Bridge —————	} 5.33
To Gilbert Kirker for boarding & attendance on Robert Sanderson from the 2 nd Sept to the 10—1824 —————	} 5,, 50

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To Samuel Walker for the Support of Tabby Learned from July 8 to October 8 1824—13 Weeks —————	} 6,, 50
To Hugh Gragg for 3 days Labour on Bemis' Bridge —————	} 5,, 25
To Samuel Somes for 14 days labour on Bemis' Bridge —————	} 26—85
To Thomas Soden for 5 ½ days Labour on Bemis' Bridge —————	} 11—
To Daniel Waters for Nine days Labour on Bemis' Bridge —————	} 15—75
To Elisha Livermore Joseph Peirce & Adam Brown, the Committe Appointed to procure a new Bell for the Town, the balance of expensures for said purpose as per Account certified at this time —————	} 136.48

Also—the following Warrant was drawn for Town Meeting—

Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives to Congress & Electors of President &c—

Middlesex fs To Gilbert Nichols, one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown.————— Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by law to vote
L S for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth, to Assemble at the public Meeting house in said
L S town on Monday the first day of November next at two of
L S the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Representatives of the people of said Commonwealth in the
L S Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district.—

Also,—in like manner to assemble at the same place at three of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before

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Before the time Appointed for said meeting.—

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Peter Clark	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	
James Robbins	

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town of Watertown, qualified as therein expres'd, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting at the public Meeting house two Copies of the within two Sundays prior to the date hereof

Watertown Nov^r 1st 1824 Gilbert Nichols, Constable

Meeting for	} the choice of Representative Electors &c
the choice of	
Representative	

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants qualified as therein expres'd, met at the public Meeting-house in said Watertown on Monday the 1st day of Nov^r 1824 at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon and proceeded to give in their votes for a Representative to represent the Middlesex district in the Congress of the United States, the Votes being sorted and counted by the Selectmen were declared by them to be as follows (viz)

For Mr Edward Everett one Hundred and four votes 104
 For Levi Thaxter Esquire Twenty one votes— 21

Votes for Electors were then called for, which were brought
 in counted and Sorted and declared to be as follows

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Electors at Large

Hon William Gray, one Hundred and fifteen Votes	115
Hon Levi Lincoln, one Hundred and fifteen Votes	115
“ William Baylies, Twelve Votes	12
William Reed Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Suffolk district

Hon Thomas L Winthrop, of Boston, one Hundred and fifteen votes	115
“ Samuel Hubbard Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Essex South District

Hon Nathaniel Silsbee, of Salem one hundred and fifteen votes	115
William Sutton Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Essex North District

Hon Thomas Kittredge, of Andover, one hundred & fifteen votes	115
David How Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Middlesex district

Augustus Tower, Esqr. of Stow one hundred & fifteen	115
Edmund Foster Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Worcester South district

General Jonathan Davis of Oxford one hundred & fifteen	112
Daniel Shurber Twelve Votes	15

Electors for Worcester North District

Col Edmund Cushing, of Lunenburg one hundred & fifteen votes	115
Hon Solomon Strong Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Franklin district

Oliver Smith, Esqr. of Hatfield	one hundred & fifteen votes	115
Gen. Samuel Porter	Twelve Votes	12

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Electors for Hampden district

Enos Foot, Esquire, of Southwick,	one hundred & fifteen votes	115
Timothy Horton	Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Berkshire district

Hon. William Walker of Lenox	one hundred & twenty seven votes	127
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Electors for Norfolk district

Hon John Endicott, of Dedham	one hundred & fifteen votes	115
Hon Benjamin Reynolds	Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Plymouth district.

Hon Thomas Weston, of Middleborough,	one Hun- dred & fifteen votes	115
Benjamin Hobart, Esqr.	Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Bristol district

Cornelius Grinnell, Esqr. of New-Bedford	one hundred & fifteen votes	115
Hon John M. Williams	Twelve Votes	12

Electors for Barnstable district

Hesekiah Barnard, Esq. of Nantucket,	one hundred & fifteen votes	115
Nymphas Morton, Esqr.	Twelve Votes	12

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Adjournment
of Town
Meeting of
Oct 14th
1824

Agreeably to adjournment of the Town Meeting October 4, 1824 the Inhabitants assembled at the public Meeting-house Nov. 1, 1824 at 4 O'Clock in the afternoon, the meeting was opened by the moderator and following report and resolves were read and ordered to be accepted & reported at length on the Town records

The committee chosen by the Town of Watertown to ascertain what rights the town has to any lands or passage ways—to investigate

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The subject & report their doings to the town—have in pursuance of their appointment attended to the subject & ask leave to report in part viz

That they have investigated the rights of the town to the lands lying easterly of the Stream passing under Treadway bridge the mill creek & Charles river, from the great road leading to the Meeting house down to the John Sanger estate, so called, now owned by Mr Isaac Patten—and they find—that the land easterly of said stream mill creek & Charles river, & adjacent thereto, from the said great road down to the said Sanger estate, has been common & uninclosed from time immemorial—& been used & improved by all the inhabitants and the public for the purposes of passing & repassing, common landings—wharfage &c—That the late Mr David Sanger owned & improved the lands lying easterly of those above described and used for public purposes as aforesaid—That as early as the year 1739 & at divers times afterwards the town took measures to let the said lands & actually let the same, as appears by the records of the town—That it appears also by the same records that the said David Sanger at divers times between the year 1740 & the year 1780 petitioned the town to sell to him the said lands & that the town uniformly refused to grant his petition—excepting about the year 1750, when the town voted to sell him “five rods for a wharf” but it does not appear that any deeds were ever given of the same nor that any part of said land was ever exclusively occupied

and improved by him—That the site or line of the old wall to which the said Sanger improved is now visible from the garden of the Rev. M^r Francis southwardly for many rods.—

Your Committee further find that after the division of the estate of the said David Sanger to & among his heirs, that part of his estate lying easterly of the lands used by the public

as

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As aforesaid—came into the possession of Jonathan Coolidge Esqr of Waltham & M^r Isaac Patten as tenants in common That said Coolidge & Patten about the year 1808—without any legal discontinuance of the rights easements & privileges belonging to the public as aforesaid, or Special license from any person, erected a Sea or river wall from where the said Treadway Stream entered the mill creek, down to what is now called the Gap or landing place & filled up the same with gravel, thus changing what was before the natural shore or landing place of the river, into a wharf or landing place in the state it now presents itself— That this was the first attempt exclusively to appropriate any part of the lands used & improved by the public as aforesaid—That said Coolidge & Patten since that time have occasionally taken pay or wharfage of persons using that portion of said land filled up by them as aforesaid— particularly of the Boston Manufacturing Company— That they however never inclosed any part of said lands but the same have remained open & uninclosed & have been used by said inhabitants for the purposes of pafsing & repafsing—landing from canoes—mud* from boats &c &c —That during the present year the said Coolidge & Patten have made partition—& the land easterly of those used & improved by the public as aforesaid—& south of the Garden of Mr Francis now belongs to the said Jonathan Coolidge—

Your Committee further find that the business done on Charles River from the Country—& which may be called the descending business of the river & which consisted of the transportation of lumber—Ship timber—&c &c & which required Spacious landings has quite ceased—that the ascending business of the river, or transportation from

Editorial Note:—"mud" or "much"; original script is illegible.

the Capitol into the country & from the lands & marshes below is now very considerable & may hereafter become

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Very great & extensive—It is therefore highly expedient & necessary that the rights of the Town & of the public to the wharves & common landings upon said river & the rights of passage to & from the same should be carefully guarded & protected from encroachment—upon the whole therefore your Committee are unanimously of opinion that the town ought to pass the following resolves viz—

- 1 Resolved—That the Inhabitants of the Town & the public now enjoy & from time immemorial have enjoyed the right to all the lands lying easterly of the Stream passing under Treadway bridge so called, the mill creek & Charles river down to the John Sanger estate so called—now owned by Mr. Isaac Patten—& westerly of the lands now owned by Mr. Thaddeus Cole—The Rev. Convers Francis and the site or line of the old wall southerly of the garden of said Francis, to which the late David Sanger improved—
- 2nd Resolved—That no person whatever has the right to inclose build upon or exclusively appropriate any part of the said lands aforesaid—
- 3rd Resolved—That—
be a committee to defend & protect the rights of the Town to the lands aforesaid—to remove all incumbrances which may be placed there—& to prosecute for any trespasses thereon—to finish the lower end of the Wharf—& fix the gap so as it shall be most convenient for passing in & out of the river—& that any expenses which may be incurred in effecting the foregoing objects shall be paid by the Town
- 4th Resolved—That this report shall be recorded at

length

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Length upon the Town records—& plased upon the files

October 14th 1824

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Peter Clark	
Joshua Coolidge J ^r	
James Robbins	

Nathaniel Bemis
Tyler Bigelow
Nath^l R Whitney

Voted to choose a Committee to carry the foregoing Resolves into effect

Voted and chose Tyler Bigelow
Abijah White and
Nathaniel Bemis, Esqrs—

For said Committee

Voted to difsolve the meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
Decem 6 }
1824 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton December 6 1824, The following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz).

To the Widdow Hannah Farrar for the support of her Son Benjamin Whitney from July 30— 1824 to the 30 1824 — — — — —	} \$19,, 50
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To William Hart for the support of Mrs Green Six Months from June 18, 1824 to Dec. 18 1824 — — — — —	} 13,, 00
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To Elijah Hager for the support of Lucy Hager from June 1, 1824 to Decr 1, 1824 — — —	} 32,, 50
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To Joseph W. Gay for the Support of Edmund Wellington from April 1 1824 to De- cember 1 1824 —————	} \$35,, 00
To Joseph Robbins for the Support of Chloe Fisk three Months from August 14 1824 to Nover 14 1824 —————	} 17,, 50
To John Clark for attendance as Witnefs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper — — —	} 14,, 62
To Isaac Dana for attendance as Witnefs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper — — —	} 8,, 62
To Luther Barrett for Attendance as Wit- nefs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper	} 14,, 62
To George Coolidge for attendance as Wit- nefs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper	} 28,, 28
To Joseph Peirce for attendance as Wit- nefs &c in the Fish cause against Daniel Draper	} 14,, 62
To Levi Thaxter for 2 Sticks Timber for Bemis' Bridge —————	} 15 30
To Daniel Bond for Pig deld W ^m Winchester	4 04

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens
Meeting }
Janury 3 }
1825 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Elisha Stratton January 3rd 1825 the following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same

To Benjamin Stevens for making Catridges for Militia —————	} 5—00
To Lois Curtis for Sundries for Jonas White family —————	} 14,, 25

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To Daniel Jackson for boarding & nursing Fredrik Remington in his last Sicknefs — — —	} 32,, 79
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To Nathaniel Broad for Sundry repairs on & }
 posts & Rails for Ministerial Land — — — — — } 17,, 25
 To Zacheus Pond for Boarding Mary White }
 one year to January 1825 — — — — — } 105 —
 To William Gofs for washing for J Whites family 1—

Also the following persons were appointed engine men
 for Engine No 1— (Viz)

Asa Pratt	Henry Kendall
Rufus Lee	Mofes Whitney Jr
Henry Bright	Asa Thayer
Alpheus Cutter	Hiram Stelle
Lewis Upham	Levi Whitney
Jefferson C. Farrar	George Lawton
John M. Peirce	Orion Broad
William Johnson	James P. Briggs
Constantine V. Swan	

Likewise the following persons were appointed engine Men for Engine called the Relief viz

James Robbins	Roland Rose
John M. Harris	Andrew Cole
Francis Leathe	Samuel Barnard
Benjamin F Farrar	Jonathan B. Harrington
Giles A Meacham	Frederick A. Bemis
John Daniels	Noah Wyeth
Horatio Nichols	Elisha S. Lyman
Benjamin Dana	John Bond

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 24th Daniel Bond and John H. Clark, were appointed agents to lease the Fishery the ensuing year.

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Feby 14th }
 1825 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Elisha Stratton Feb 1825 the following Accounts were allowed

and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz.

To Widdow Hannah Farrar for the support of Benj ^a Whitney three Months ending Feb 1— 1825 —————	} 19,, 50
To Elijah Hagar for boarding Jonas White's Children —————	} 9,, 00
To Luke Robinson for Entertainment for Selectmen &c —————	} 4,, 81
To Jerome Hearsey for Setting Glafs in School-houses & Meetinghouse &c —————	} 7,, 25
To Abijah White for Sundries supplied the poor and Sundries for Bemis' Bridge —————	} 86,, 82
To George Harvey for boarding Sam ^l White, son of Jonas White to Feby 15 1825 —————	} 9,, 00
To John Clark for his Account for Sundries supplied the poor —————	} 79,, 75
To J & D Kendall for Meal deld William Winchester —————	} 8,, 58
To Benj ^a F. Farrar for Carrying the Engine to Roxbury & Returning the same —————	} 3,, 63
To Leonard Daniels for a Scraper — — —	2,,
To Thaddeus Cole for Warning Town Meeting & posts & Rails for Ministerial Land — — —	} 9,, 90
To Joseph Bird for Ironing Scraper — — —	3,, 20

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To Daniel Sangar for Mason work at the West School house —————	} 1,, 50
To Larkin Smith for Shoes for William Winchester & Family —————	} 4,, 76

To Joshua Coolidge Jr for Clothing for } John Remington —————	14,, 69
To Peter Clark for Plough & Sundries for } William Winchester —————	11,, 39
To James Robbins for fenceing Stuff for } Ministerial land & Sundries supplied the poor —	
To Howell Powell for boarding Jonas White's } Children to Feb 14 1825 —————	16,, 25
To Luther Barrett for Painting Herse & } Joists for Hanging the Bell —————	3,, 10
To Asa Pratt for Coffins & for attending } funerals of sundry of the Poor & for Repairing } Engine —————	79,, 45
To Samuel Learned for attending court as a } witness & services as fish agent —————	7,, 50
To Joseph Robbins for the support of Cloe } Fisk 3 Months from Novr 14 1824 to Feb. 14— } 1825 —————	17,, 50
To Nathaniel Bemis Jr for his bill for Meda- } cine & attendance for the Poor —————	
To Walter Hunnewell for his Account for } Medacine & Attendance for Sundry paupers —	43,, 50
To Elisha Stratton for Entertainment for } the Selectmen the last year —————	20,, —

Also the following orders were drawn on the Treasurer-

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Watertown Feb 14, 1825

To Levi Thaxter Esquire Treasurer of Watertown

Sir You are hereby directed to refund and pay over to Samuel Learned Collector of taxes for Watertown, the Amount of the Several persons Taxes hereafter named the several sums annexed their names as the Said Learned has given sufficient evidence to the Undersigned

Selectmen & Assessors of Watertown that he is unable to collect said Taxes (viz)↪

for 1819		1822	68,, 16
Edmund Wellington	6,, 43	Martin Furlong	1,, 70
1820		Reubin Gragg*	1,, 70
Thomas Harrison	1,, 75	Elijah Hagar	2,, 63
Joel Stearnes	6,, 04	Paul Rice	1 70
Daniel Vila	1,, 69	John Reed	1,, 70
Edmund Wellington	6,, 46	Daniel Vila	1,, 70
Elisha Whitney	7,, 23	Flint Sheldon	1,, 70
1821		Edmund Wellington	1,, 70
Amos Albee	3,, 37	Elisha Whitney	5,, 21
John Barber	1,, 51	Charles Morgan	1 70
Abradatus Farrar	4,, 16	Daniel Rice	1,, 70
Elijah Hagar	2,, 82	Elijah Ray	5,, 64
all but pole		Isaac Glynn	1,, 70
Elijah Ray	5,, 29	W ^m H. Sumner	3,, 40
Daniel Vila	1,, 51	Benja Stevens	1,, 83
Edmund Wellington	4,, 75	Aaron Flanders	1,, 70
Asaph Whitcomb	3,, 78	Richard Coombs	1,, 70
Elisha Whitney	9,, 86		
Ebenzer Wells	1,, 51		<u>\$107,, 27</u>
	<u>\$68 16</u>		

Amounting in all to the sum of one Hundred seven dollars and twenty Seven Cents↪

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To Levi Thaxter Esqr Treasurer of Watertown

You are hereby directed to receive the following sums in part payment for the list of Taxes committed Thaddeus Cole to collect for 1823, they being abatements of the several persons Taxes hereafter named (viz)

Hervy Breck	1,, 98	amt Brought up	43,, 73
M ^r Barry	1,, 98	Benjamin Linscott	1.98
Joseph Cole	6,, 71	George Bullard	1.98
Elijah Corlis	1,, 98	Thomas Maclany	1.98
John Danforth	1,, 98	Charles Mann	1.98
Henry Danforth	1,, 98	W ^m G. Raymond	1.98
Fredrick Dodd	1,, 98	Mathew Roach	1.98

*Editorial Note:—Original script spelling is Gragg; possibly the name referred to by town Clerk was Gregg.

Rebecca Frost	5,, 34	Elijah Ray	3.81
Edward Fogg	1,, 98	Daniel Rice	1.98
Stephen Furbush	1,, 98	Benjamin Stevens	1.98
Alpha Guild	1,, 98	Phineas Sanderson	1.98
Nath ^l Hooper (poll)	1,, 98	Amy Sangar	97
Elijah Hagar	1,, 98	J Smith	1.98
James Hildreth	1,, 98	Enoch Wiswall	1.98
Kendall Holt	1,, 98	Andrew White	1.98
William Hitchcock	1,, 98	M Woodward	1.98
Calvin Howard	1,, 98	John Stimpson Jr	1.98
John Thomas	1,, 98		
			<u>\$76,, 23</u>
carried up	<u>\$43,, 73</u>		

Amounting in all to the sum of Seventy Six dollars and twenty three cents

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Also at the same time the following warrant was issued.↵

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Warrant }
for March }
Meeting }
1825 }

To Gilbert Nichols one of the Constables of the Town
of Watertown————Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the
L.S. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon, notify &
L.S. warn the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the town of
L.S. Watertown qualified by law to vote in the election of town
L.S. Officers, and in town affairs, to assemble at the public
Meeting house in said town on Monday the Seventh day of
March next, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on
the following Articles Viz.↵

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting——
- 2nd To Choose all Town Officers required by law to be chosen in
the months of March or April annually.——
- 3rd To Choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his
services.——
- 4th To determine whether swine and neat Cattle shall go at
large the ensuing year and act any thing thereon.

- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year and Act any thing thereon.—
- 6th To Grant money to open make and repair the Highways in said town and act any thing thereon.—
- 7th To hear and examine the accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted, grant money to pay the same and act any thing thereon.—
- 8th To hear the report of the Committee for making an estimate of the expences of the town for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon.—
- 9th To hear the report of any other Committees and act any thing thereon.—
- 10th To know what method the town will take to support their poor, for the year ensuing to grant money to pay for the same and act any thing thereon.—

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- 11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasury and act any thing thereon.—
- 12th To Know what method the town will take to collect their taxes for the year ensuing and act any thing thereon.—
- 13th To Know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain birds and act any thing thereon.
- 14th To Know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the Meetinghouse and act any thing thereon.
- 15th To Know if the town will take any measures to preserve the fish in Charles River, and Act any thing thereon
- 16th To Know if the town will hear the request of Thaddeus Cole and Act any thing thereon.—
- 17th To Know if the town will accept of the Road Layed out by the Selectmen as a private pasway leading from Treadaways bridge, so Called, by the Mill Creek to the John Sanger place, now owned by Isaac Patten and act any thing thereon.—
- 18th To Know if the town will direct their Surveyors to purchase Gravel for the use of the Highways and Act any thing thereon.
- 19th To Know if the town will permit the proprietors of the paper mill to alter their Raceway, opposite the town way below Treadaways bridge, and act any thing thereon.
- 20th To Know if the town will accept of the Engine proposed to be presented them by Mefsr's Seth Bemis & Co and appoint men to manage the same and Act any thing thereon.—
- 21st To Know what method the town will take to repair the fence round the Old burying Ground and Act any thing thereon.—

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22nd To Know if the town will direct their Selectmen to lay out a Road from near the Old burying Ground to the West Boston Bridge Turnpike, and Act any thing thereon

23rd To Know what method the town will take to repair the Meetinghouse and Act any thing thereon.—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time Appointed for said meeting.—

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.~

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Peter Clark	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	
James Robbins	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk.~

Watertown March 7th 1825

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting two copies of said warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to said meeting.—

Gilbert Nichols, Constable

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown assembled March 7th 1825, and proceeded to vote by Articles as follows. viz.~

Article 1st Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator

Voted & chose John Clark, Town Clerk.

And he was sworn before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esqr. Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen	{ Amos Livermore Joshua Coolidge Jr Gilbert Nichols
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Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till two O'Clock this afternoon then to meet in this place.—

Agreeably to adjournment, the Inhabitants assembled and proceeded to vote as follows. viz. ↪

Voted & Chose for Assessors	{ Amos Livermore Gilbert Nichols Charles Whitney
Voted & Chose for Constables	{ John H. Clark Thomas Learned
Voted & Chose for fence Viewers	{ Zacheus Pond Paul Learned Nathaniel Bright Peter Clark.
Voted & Chose for Tything Men	{ Asa Pratt George Coolidge
Voted & Chose for Clerks of the Market	{ Luke Robinson Nathaniel Broad
Voted & Chose for Field Drivers	{ Asa Pratt Joseph Bird William Horn James Gillpatrick Nathaniel Broad Luke Bemis

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Voted & Chose for Hog-Reeves	{ George Long. Joseph Harris. Jalel Baker. Larkin Smith. ↪
Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Highways	{ Charles Whitney. Moses Bright. Nathaniel Broad. David Livermore. Israel Whitney. Leonard Stone. ↪
Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Lumber	{ Isaac Dana Coolidge P. Wood.
Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves	{ Isaac Dana William Horn.

Voted & Chose for Firewards { Levi Thaxter
 Luke Bemis
 Eliakim Morse
 John Hunting
 John Clark
 Elisha Livermore
 Joshua Coolidge Jr
 Charles Whitney
 Abijah White.↵

Article 3rd Voted that this article be refered to the Selectmen

4th Dismifsed.—

5th Pafs'd.—

6th Voted to grant for opening & repairing the Highways twenty five cents upon every rateable pool, and other estates in proportion—each man, to be allowed twelve & half cents per hour, and a good team the same as a man.—

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7th Voted that all Accounts against the town, accept for Support of the poor, shall be presented to the Selectmen for allowance.—

8th Voted to accept the report of the Selectman and Treasurer, it being an estimate of the expences of the town for the currant Year.—viz.↵

For opening and repairing highways twenty five cents on a pool, and other estates in proportion—

For support of the poor	\$1300,, 00
For Support of schools	1200,, 00
For support of the Ministry	570,, 00
For contingent expences	<u>300,, 00</u>

See report on file \$3370,, ..

9th pafs'd

10th Voted to choose three persons for Overseers of the poor↵

Voted & Chose for Overseers of the poor { Nathaniel Bright
 John Clark
 Thomas Learned

Also Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be directed to buy a Farm within the limits of Watertown, such a place as they

shall think most for the intrest of said town, on which to place their poor, and, that they are hereby authorised & empower'd to borrow on the credit of the town such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary to defray the expences arising from the same.—

11th Voted that the town Accept the Account of the Treasurer as examined by the Selectmen, they being a committee for that purpose, and place the same on file—The result of which is that Levi Thaxter as Treasurer is credited with the sum of \$8498.60

and is Charged with the sum of 8470.67

leaving a balance due to him from the town of \$27.93

as will appear by said Account on file ↪

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Also under Article 11th Voted that the town cause all the items of their expences for the last year to be published.—

12th Pafs'd

13th Dismifs'd

14th Voted to refer the letting of the pews in the Meeting house to the Selectmen, to be by them let at Auction.—

15th Voted & Chose for a fish committee { Gilbert Nichols
John Hunting
William Nichols

16th Voted to dismifs this article

17th Voted that the laying out of the way from the Watertown Turnpike to the John Sanger Estate, so called, by the Selectmen, in the manner that the same is hereby reported by them to the town be, and hereby is by said town approved & allowed and that said way be established in the manner as laid out by the Selectmen—and that their report thereof be recorded at length upon the town records—which report is as follows. viz. ↪

Whereas the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown have from time immemorial had used and enjoyed the space or land lying between Charles River on the south west—and the estate of the late David Sanger on the northeast up to the site or line of the old wall of the said David—and from Treadways bridge so called on the north—to the John

Sanger estate now owned by Isaac Patten on the south— as and for a public or Town way and common landing— And whereas the same space or land is still convenient and necessary to be used and enjoyed by said inhabitants as they have heretofore used and enjoyed the same— & will continue to become more & more convenient & necessary in proportion as the business on Charles River shall increase— And the inhabitants of said town become more numerous.— And whereas the right of said inhabitants to the use or enjoyment of said space or land for the purposes aforesaid, is

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Pretended to be drawn in question by George Coolidge of said Watertown.— We the Subscribers Selectmen of said town of Watertown in order more effectually & forever to secure to said Inhabitants the use or enjoyment of said space or land for the purposes aforesaid so convenient & necessary to them— do hereby lay out the said space or land as and for a particular & private way for the use of said town of Watertown and the inhabitants thereof forever— and we do bound and describe the same way as follows. viz. beginning at the Watertown Turnpike road where the same intersects Treadway bridge so called, thence on said bridge to the Mill Creek so called, thence on said Mill Creek and Charles river as the wall or wharf now stands southerly to the John Sanger estate now owned by Isaac Patten— thence easterly across the present traveled road to land late of David Sanger dec^d now owned by Jonathan Coolidge— thence northerly by and along the site or line of the old wall by said land of said Coolidge & land of the Rev. Convers Francis to the said Turnpike— thence westerly on said turnpike to the bound first mentioned and as we know of no person who owns said land, or is injured by the laying out said way as aforesaid— we make no recompense to any one— all which we do hereby report to said town of Watertown at some public meeting of the inhabitants thereof regularly notified and warned to be by them approved and allowed—

February 14, 1825

Abijah White	} Selectmen of Watertown
Amos Livermore	
Peter Clark	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	
James Robbins	

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April then to meet at this place at 4 O'Clock P.M.—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Oaths of
Town
Officers }

March 7, 1825 Amos Livermore, Joshua Coolidge Jr and Gilbert Nichols were sworn as Selectmen.—
before John Clark, Town Clerk. ↵

March 12, 1825 Asa Pratt was sworn as field driver.—
before John Clark, Town Clerk. ↵

March 15, 1825 John H. Clark was sworn as Constable
before John Clark, Town Clerk. ↵

Warrant
for
April
Meeting
1825 }

Middlesex S^s. To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the town of Watertown—————Greeting.

You are hereby required in the commonwealth of
L S Mafachusetts to summon notify & warn the freeholders
L S and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown, qualified
L S Agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth to meet at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the fourth day of April next, at one of the clock in the afternoon to Give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors.

Also—You are alike required to notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the aforesaid town of Watertown qualified by law to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles. Viz. ↵

1st To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting.—

2nd To Give in their votes for A County Treasurer—

- 3rd To Know if the town will direct the Overseers of the poor to sell the Old poorhouse, and Act any thing thereon
 4th To Know if the town will protect the purchasor of the fishery, in using the banks of Charles River below the dam, in the same manner as they have heretofore

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Been used in taking the fish called shad & Alewives, and act any thing thereon.—

- 5th To Know if the town will grant money to aid the Singing Society & Act any thing thereon.—

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the time Appointed for said meeting.—

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.—

Amos Livermore	}	Selectmen
Gilbert Nichols		of
Joshua Coolidge Jr		Watertown

The foregoing business was transacted at the House of Luke Robinson at a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21st 1825

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Watertown April 4, 1825

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein expressed by posting two attested Copies of the within Warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays prior to the date hereof—John H. Clark, Constable

Pursuant to the above Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town met at the public Meeting house in said town for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators, the whole number of votes Given in were Sorted, counted, and recorded, and were as follows

For Governor

Hon. Levi Lincoln one hundred & four votes

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For Thaddeus Cole two Votes
 “ James Lloyd three Votes
 “ Harrison G. Otis five Votes
 “ Levi Thaxter two Votes

For Lieutenant Governor

For Hon Marcus Morton one hundred & two Votes
 “ Nathaniel Bright one Vote
 “ Jeremiah Fowle one Vote
 “ Elisha Stratton one Vote
 “ William Prescott one Vote
 “ Samuel Lathrop Six Votes
 “ John Clark Two Votes

Senators

For Hon Levi Thaxter, Fifty Seven Votes
 “ “ John Hart, Forty eight Votes
 “ “ Micah M. Rutter Sixty seven Votes
 “ Nathan Chandler Thirty Votes
 “ Luke Fiske Fifty one Votes
 “ John Wade Thirty three Votes
 “ Charles Train Fifty two Votes
 “ John Keyes Thirty one Votes
 “ Luther Lawrance Seventy seven Votes
 “ Samuel Hoar Jr Thirty six Votes
 “ Seth Knowles Sixty one Votes
 “ Abel Jewett Thirty two Votes
 “ Joseph Valentine Seven Votes
 “ Constantine V. Swan one vote

The votes were then Accordingly declared and sealed up in open town Meeting.—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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The Meeting for the choice of a County Treasurer was then opened, and

Article 1 Levi Thaxter Esquire was chosen Moderator

2nd the votes were then given in for County Treasurer, sorted, & counted, and were

- For Nathan Brooks Forty seven Votes
- “ William Whitney Twenty six Votes
- “ John Keyes Sixteen Votes

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Article 3 Voted that the overseers of the poor be directed to Sell, Let, or otherwise dispose of the Old poor house in such way or manner as they shall think most for the intrest of the town.—

4th Voted that the town will protect and completely indemnify the purchaser of the fishery the present year for any expences that may arise in consequence of his using the banks of Charles River below the dam, provided he uses them in the same manner they have heretofore been used.

5th Voted that the town raise twenty five dollars for the use of the Singing Society—

Under Article 4, It was Voted that

Tyler Bigelow,
Abijah White, and
Nathaniel Bemis Esquires

be a Committee to ascertain what right the town have to use the banks on the South side of Charles River below the dam for the purpose of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

March Meeting was then opened Agreeably to Adjournment

Voted and Chose George Rufsell pound Keeper

- Article 18 Dismifsed—
- 19 Dismifsed—
- 20 Dismifsed

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Article 21 Voted to Choose a Committee to view the fence round the Old burying Ground and report thereof to the town.—

Voted and Chose for Said Committee { David Livermore
Moses Coolidge
Elisha Livermore

22nd Voted to Choose a Committee to view the rout of the Contemplated from near the Old burying ground to the

West Boston Bridge Turnpike and make report thereon.—
Voted and Chose George W. Coffin, Leonard Stone and
Seth Bemis for said Committee

Voted to excuse Nathaniel Broad from serving as Highway
surveyor.—

Voted & Chose John Hunting, Highway Surveyor for the
year ensuing.—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nath^l
Broad for the sole purpose of farming out the taxes this
evening at 6, O'Clock.—

Agreeably to Adjournment the Inhabitants met at the
House of Nath^l Broad, and proceeded to farm out the taxes
on the following conditions.—(Viz)

The purchaser to Give Good and sufficient bonds to the
satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithfull performance
of his duty, and that if the taxes are not collected within
one year from the time of receiving them, he, the purchaser
is not to receive any premium for collecting the same.—

The taxes were then put up and struck off to
Thaddeus Cole, for two Cents on a dollar.—

Voted & Chose Thaddeus Cole, Collector.—

Voted to difsolve this meeting.—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Article 23 Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to
repair the Meeting house.—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Na-
thaniel Broad, April, 4, 1825 the following businefs was
transacted, (Viz) John H. Clark, & Thaddeus Cole were
appointed Auctioneers for One Year.—

William Lynch was appointed Engine man for the Engine
called the Relief, also, David Hager Jr & Samuel Harvey
were Appointed Engine men for Engine No 1.—

Likewise the pews in the gallery of the Meeting house were let at Auction for one year from the first of May next, on the following conditions. The purchaser to pay cash down, or give a note payable on the said first day of May at which time he takes possession. Beginning at No 1 which is the pew in the West Gallery at the northwest corner next to the wall, and were struck off to the following persons

No 1	To Benjamin Wood for	3,, 50	p ^d
2	“ Coolidge P. Wood “	4,, 00	
3	“ David Hager “	3,, 25	note
4	“ Tristram Knight “	3,, 00	p ^d
5	“ William May “	2,, 75	p ^d
6	“ William H. Lawton	3,, 00	p ^d

East side beginning next to the Singers

No 1	To Frederick A. Bemis	4,, 75	p ^d
2	“ Abijah White	4,, 25	
3	“ Alpheus Cutter	4,, 00	p ^d
4	“ Thomas Learned	4,, 00	
5	“ George Coolidge	4,, 25	
6	“ Benjamin Wood	4,, 50	p ^d

\$45,, 25

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Oaths }

April 4, 1825 James Gillpatrick was sworn as Feild driver—
Peter Clark & Nathaniel Bright were sworn as Fence
viewers——

Thomas Learned was sworn as Constable——

Before John Clark, Town Clerk

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Oaths }

April 4, 1825. Isaac Dana & Coolidge P. Wood, were
sworn as Surveyors of Lumber, Isaac Dana was sworn as
Culler of Hoops & Staves——

Nathaniel Broad was sworn as Field driver——

Levi Thaxter Esqr as Town Treasurer & John Hunting as
Surveyor

Before John Clark, Town Clerk——

Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 April 4 }
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Middlesex SS.

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the town
 of Watertown—————Greeting.——

Warrant }
 for }
 Town }
 Meeting }

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to summon and notify
L S the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town of
L S Watertown, qualified to vote in town Affairs to assemble
L S at the public Meeting house in said town on Friday the eighth day of April at four of the Clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles, Viz.↵

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for Said Meeting.——
 2nd To hear the report of any Committee and Act any thing thereon
 3rd To Know if the town will Accept of the Farm purchased by the Overseers of the poor, and Grant money to pay for the same.——Also—to grant money to make the necessary repairs & additions to the House, to purchase furnature, build a new barn, purchase Stock and farming utensils, together with such other Articles as may be necessary for the carrying into effect the object of the town in purchasing a Farm on which to place their poor and Act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time Appointed for said Meeting.——

Given under our hands and seals, this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.↵

Amos Livermore } Selectmen
 Gilbert Nichols } of
 Joshua Coolidge Jr } Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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The foregoing Warrant was drawn by the Selectmen at a Meeting at the house of Nathaniel Broad, April 4th 1825

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants qualified as within expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned by notifying them in person or leaving word at their usual places of abode Watertown April 8, 1825

John H. Clark, Constable

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown met at the public Meeting house in Said town on Friday the 8th day of April 1825.—and proceeded to Act on the Warrant by Article—as follows

Article 1st Voted and Chose Walter Hunnewell, Moderator.

Article 2 Dismissed—

Article 3rd Voted that the Town approve of the doings of the Overseers of the poor in contracting with Israel Whitney for the purchase of his Farm for the sum of Thirty Eight hundred dollars

Voted—That the Treasurer of the town be authorised & directed to receive of Israel Whitney a Good & sufficient deed of his farm & to give the said Whitney in payment therefor, in behalf of the Town a Note of hand for Thirty eight hundred dollars payable the 1st day of April next with Interest.—

Voted—That the Overseers of the poor be Authorized as soon as convenient to build a new Barn, make such repairs and Additions to the buildings on said Farm, & procure such Furniture, Farming Utensils, Stock & other articles as may be in their discrefsion necessary for the accommodation, management & support of the poor; and to draw on the Treasurer for money to defray the expences of the same—

Voted—that the Treasurer of the town be Authorized and

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Directed to Borrow for the use & upon the credit of the Town the sum of Twenty two hundred dollars—for such length of time & upon such terms as he in his discretion shall think expedient.—

Voted—that the Overseers of the poor be directed forever hereafter to make an Annual report in the months of March or April of all the expences for the support of the poor the preceeding year.—

Voted to difsolve the meeting—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Oath }

April 8, 1825 Leonard Stone, was sworn as surveyor of highways before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 11th 1825—the following business was transacted, viz—

Asa Pratt was Appointed Sexton for one year from the 1st of May 1825—Twenty five dollars being a compensation for his services for ringing the Bell, puting up and taking down the Stoves & Funnels, sawing the wood, building the fires, sweeping the Meetinghouse &c—For attending Funarels of Adults Three dollars & fifty cents in sumer, and four dollars in the Winter season—and for Children in proportion—

Also—the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same.—Viz.—

To Levi Thaxter for his Services as Afsessor & Treasurer the last year — — — — —	} \$61,, 30
To Thomas Clark for his services as Afsessor for ditto — — — — —	} 19,, 50
To Amos Livermore for his services as Afsessor last year — — — — —	} 12 —
To Mahitable Segar for her weekly allowance for one year up to April 1 st 1825 — — — — —	} 39 —
To John Clark for his services as Town Clerk the last year — — — — —	} 25 —

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To Samuel Walker for the Support of Taba } Learned six months up to April 8th 1825 — — — — — }	\$13 —
To Joseph W. Gay for the support of Edmund } Wellington from Decr 1, 1824 to April 1, 1825— } being 17 Weeks @ 1.5\$ — — — — — }	17,, —
To Ashael Stearnes for Cost of suit against the } town in favour of Ebenezer Stedman & others — }	97,, 29
To John Lenox, for shaving Robert Saunder } deceased — — — — — }	1,, 00
To Samuel Hyde, for board & Clothing for Jon ^a } Nutting for one year to the 30th March 1825 — }	110,, 33
To the City of Boston for Cash furnished Mary } G. Warren to March 19, 1825 — — — — — }	20,, 00
To Howell Powell, for boarding Jonas White's } Children to April 18th 1825 — — — — — }	18,, —
To Samuel Bird for Blacksmith work — — — — —	
To Hiram Hosmer, for Medacine & Attendance } for Clarissa White — — — — — }	6. —
To Nathaniel Bemis Jr for Medacine & Attend- } ance on Sundry of the poor — — — — — }	10 —
To Thomas Whitney for the support of Lucy } White for one year to the 2 nd March—1825 — — }	39. 00
To Luke Bemis for repairs & work on Bemis } Bridge — — — — — }	9. 00
To the Town of Cambridge for the support of } Andrew White in Jail — — — — — }	
To Gilbert Nichols for his services as Constable } the last year — — — — — }	10 —
To Catherine Hunt for services rendered Jonas } Whites Children & Robert Saunders — — — — }	5,, 29

Likewise the following persons were Appointed Engine men for the Engine furnished by Mefsr. Seth Bemis & C^o Viz. Jacob Baldwin, Robert E. Bemis, Solomon R. Bullard, Levi Bigelow, Dana Bullard, Asa R. Burnham, Jarvis G. Farrar, Samuel Farwell, Samuel Hortham, J W C Jones,

Leonard Fuller, Joel Stone, Cyrus B. Thayer, Josiah Tilden, Osgood Putnam, Ebenezer Dunham.

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 20th 1825 the following Warrant was drawn—

Warrant }
for }
May Meeting }

Middlesex S^s To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown.—Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders
L S and other inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified
L S agreeably to the Constitution, to meet at the public Meeting
L S house in said town on Monday the second day of May next at three of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the next General Court Appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Monday in May next

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the said town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of May next at four of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles—Viz—

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2nd To hear the report of any Committee and act any thing thereon—
- 3rd To Know if the town will petition the Legislature for leave to sell their fishery, for more than one year and Act any thing thereon.—
- 4th To Hear the request of Thaddeus Cole and act any thing thereon—
- 5 To Hear the request of Artimas Rogers and act any thing thereon—Hereof fail not and make return with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time Appointed for said meeting.—

Given under our hands and seals, this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand

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Eight hundred and twenty five—

Amos Livermore	} Selectmen of Watertown
Gilbert Nichols	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Middlesex Ss. May 2nd 1825

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Watertown as within directed by posting an attested copy of the within at the public Meeting house in said town two sundays prior to said meeting—

John H. Clark, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants assembled May 2nd 1825, and gave in their Votes, which were Sorted and counted & were as follows—viz—

- For Marshall B. Spring One hundred & thirty four votes
- “ Thomas Clark Thirteen votes—
- “ Abijah White Eleven votes—
- “ Constantine V. Swan two votes—

—Attest John Clark—

Also the inhabitants met at 4, O’Clock and proceeded to Vote as follows—viz—

Article 1 Voted and Chose Walter Hunniwell Moderator

Article 2 The Committee Appointed to view the rout for the proposed road leading from the Old burying Ground to the West Boston Bridge Turnpike made a report, for which see file—

Article 3rd Voted that the Selectmen be directed to petition the Legislature for an alteration in the fish act—

Article 4 dismissed—

Article 5 dismissed—

Voted to disolve the Meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for said meeting—

Given under our hands and seals, this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five—

Amos Livermore } Selectmen
Gilbert Nichols } of
Joshua Coolidge Jr } Watertown

Middlesex Ss. May 30th. 1825

Pursuant to the warrant within I notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up attested Copies of this warrant two Sundays in succession at the public Meetinghouse in said town—

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown met at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 30th day of May 1825 and proceeded to vote by article as follows—Viz—

Article 1st Voted & Chose Walter Hunnewell, Moderator—

2nd. dismissed—

3rd dismissed—

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }
May 3* 1825 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House Nathaniel Broad May 30th 1825—the following accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same—Viz—

To the Town of Reading for the support of }
Joseph Prentifs from August 14—1824 to April }
9th 1825 34 Weeks — — — — — } \$57., 00

*Editorial Note:—probably meant May 30th.

To the widow Hannah Farrar for support of Benjamin Whitney 13 Weeks to Apl 30, 1825 —	19,, 50
To Joseph Robbins for Supporting Cloe Fisk 3 Months to 15 May 1825 — — — — —	17,, 50
To Mark Vose for Boarding John Remington one year ending May 1, 1825 — — — — —	60,, 00
To Francis Bowman for Surveying Road layed out by the Selectmen — — — — —	2,, 25
To Asa Pratt for repairs on Engine & for his services as Sexton for one year ending May 3, 1825 — — — — —	23,, 46

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad July 4th 1825
the following business was transacted Viz—Samuel Blanchard was Aprobated as a Retailer

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Also the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same viz

To Hannah Adams for Keeping house for William Winchester — — — — —	45,, 00
To George Harvey for boarding Nath ^l White Nine Weeks & three days to Apl 23 1825 — — —	7,, 08
To Amasa Jackson for boarding Fredrick Remington 4 weeks & 4 days — — — — —	4,, 39
To Abijah White for Cash paid for Wood & — —	11,, 56
To Mark Vose for boarding Sally Barry & Shoes for J Remington &c — — — — —	17,, 00
To Elijah Hager for Support of Lucy Hager from Decr 1—1824 to June 1.—1825 — — — — —	32,, 50
To Samuel Barnard for Plough for Highway —	9,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
 Meeting }
 Sept 12 }
 1825 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath^l Broad September 12 1825 the following business was transacted Viz. William Bright was appointed an Engine Man

Also the following Accounts were allowed (Viz)

To Charles Bird for an Iron bar — — — — —	\$1,, 25
William Hart for the support of Mrs Greene } from Decr 18, 1824 to March 18—1825 — — — — }	6,, 50
To Josiah Mason Jr for Plank for the Great } Bridge — — — — — }	55,, 22
To Luther Barrett for painting posts round the } pump, Trough, Guide boards &c — — — — }	14,, 50
To J. M. Peirce for work on Engine No 1 — — —	1. 50

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To James P. Briggs for repairs on Engine No 2 —	\$7,, 83
To James P Briggs for repairs on Engine No 1 —	13,, 72
To William Johnson for repairs on Engine No 1	3. 60
To Coolidge P. Wood for repairing fence on } Treadaways bridge, Making Trough for } pump and putting down posts — — — — }	35,, 13
To George Domet for Long Hose for Engine No 1 } & repairing Short Hose — — — — }	
To Isaac Dana for Labour on bridge — — —	13. 00

Also the following persons were Aprobated as Innholders & Retailers (Viz)

Luke Robinson } Elisha Stratton } Nathaniel Broad } Jonas Wyeth }	Innholders
John Clark } Thaddeus Cole } Luke Bemis } Mason Hunting }	Retailers

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
 Meeting }
 Oct 3rd }
 1825 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad October 3rd 1825, the following business was transacted—Viz—Luther Adams was appointed an Engine man for Engine No 1

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmen's }
 Meeting }
 Novr 14 }
 1825 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath^l Broad Novr. 14, 1825 the following business was transacted viz—

To Levi Thaxter Esqr Treasurer of Watertown

You are hereby directed to receive the following sums in part payment for the list of Taxes committed Thaddeus Cole to collect for 1823 & 4 they being abatements of the several persons Taxes hereafter named, viz—

Norcrofs Wright	86	Amount Brought up	\$33. 00
Joshua Blanden	1,, 72	D Fuller	1,, 72
Charles Bradbury	1,, 72	Benjamin Gardner	1,, 72
Maxfield Bond	1,, 72	Thomas Glaser	1,, 72
Calvin Bailey	1,, 72	Joseph Goodridge	1,, 72
Samuel Bosington	1,, 72	Kendall Holt	1,, 72
Caleb Cheeney	1,, 72	M ^r Hastings	1,, 72
Thomas Cox	1,, 72	M ^r Hyde	1,, 72
Thomas Cox Jr	1,, 72	Alexander Jemison	1,, 72
Joseph Chesley	1,, 72	Paul Kendall	3,, 91
Joseph Cole	6,, 34	George Langdon	1,, 72
Orin Clark	1,, 72	Jonas Livermore	1,, 72
J. P. Cutler	1,, 72	Silas Morse	1,, 72
Atherton Chaffee	1,, 72	Benjamin Moreson	1,, 72
George Ellis	1,, 72	Jacob Mead	1,, 72
Abraham Farwell	1,, 72	Thomas B. Osgood	1,, 72
Jeremiah Fuller	1,, 72	William Price	1,, 72
Carried Up	\$33. 00	Carried Over	\$62,, 71

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Amt Brought Over	\$62,, 71	Amount Brought up	\$83. 35
Bela W Putnam	1,, 72	Samuel Welsh Jr	1,, 72
John Pease	1,, 72	Abel Whitney	1,, 72
Elijah Ray	1,, 72	Asa Williams	1,, 72
Thomas Sera	1,, 72	Jonas White 2 nd	1,, 72
Benjamin Stevens	1,, 72	John Barnard	0. 50
John Stimpson	1,, 72	Willard Johnson	1,, 46
John Stimpson Jr	1,, 72	Lydia Harrington	0 59
Daniel Turner	1,, 72	Samuel Currier	1,, 72
Daniel D Thompson	1,, 72	Thomas Cheeney	1,, 72
George Teague	1,, 72	Josiah Tilden	25
Andrew White	1,, 72	Abial Rufsell	1,, 72
Samuel Walker	1,, 72	Artemas Rogers	1,, 72
		Daniel Price	1,, 72
Amt Carried up	\$83—35		
			<u>\$101,, 63</u>

Amounting in all to the sum of One hundred and one dollars and Sixty three cents.—

Also James Annis and Ebenezer Mead, were appointed Engine men for Engine No 1.—

Likewise, the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same Viz—

To Zacheus Pond for the Support Mary White } from the first of January to 19 Apl — — — — — }	31. 00
To Jonathan B. Harrington for Books and paper } for the use of the Afsessors— — — — — }	6. 34
To the Town of Cambridge Supporting Andrew } White in Jail — — — — — }	9 90
To Caleb Lincoln for work on Bemis Bridge — —	26. 12
To Elijah Ray to Afsist him to Remove to the } State of Maine — — — — — }	10 —
To Artimas Rogers for Repairing Engine — — —	3

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
 Meeting }
 Novr 28 }
 1825 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad November 28—1825—the following business was transacted Viz—Amasa Jackson & Elisha W. Dana were appointed Weighers of Beef

Also—Isaac Dana, Luke Robinson and Thaddeus Cole were Appointed Measurers of Wood and Bark

Also—Artemas Rogers was appointed Sealer of weights and Measures—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
 Meeting }
 1826 }
 January 2 }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad January 2nd 1826—the following persons were Appointed Engine Men for Engine No 1—

(Viz)	Asa Pratt	Moses Whitney Jr
	Rufus Lee	James P Briggs
	Henry Bright	David Hager Jr
	Lewis Upham	Samuel Harvey
	John M Peirce	Elmer Meid
	William Johnson	James Annis
	Henry Kendall	William V. Lynch

Also for Bemis' or No 3

Robert E. Bemis	Leonard Fuller
Jacob Baldwin	William Bright
Cyrus B. Thayer	Solomon R. Bullard
Josiah Tilden	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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1826 January 7th Luke Robinson and Isaac Dana were Sworn as Measures of Wood & Bark

before John Clark, Town Clerk

1826 January 9th Artemas Rogers was Sworn as Sealer of Weights and Measures——

Before John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
Jany 30— }
1826 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 30 1826——
Levi Thaxter and John Clark were appointed Agents to lease the Fishery the ensuing year——

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
Febry 6th }
1826 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Broad on Monday the 6th February 1826——the following Accounts were allowed and an Order drawn on the Treasurer directing him to pay the same (Viz)

To Henry Craft for Stone for Treadaways Bridge	9,, 75
To Asa Brooks for Blinds for Meeting House —	14 —
To Susan Sanderson for making cloths for the } White Children — — — — — — — — — — }	1,, 13
To Asa Pratt for Wood for Meeting house — —	9,, 20
To Isaac Dana for Stone for Treadaways Bridge	7,, 25
To Henry Craft for Repairing Treadaways } Bridge — — — — — — — — — — }	53,, 50
To Jotham Keyes for Work on Treadaways } Bridge — — — — — — — — — — }	4 8

To William May for Catridge paper, Tax Bills, &c -----	} 14,, 41
To Rev. Convers Francis for a five Dollar Bill of the Eagle Bank -----	} 5,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb. 22—1826—the following warrant was drawn for March Meeting. Viz—

Warrant
for March
Meeting
Feb. 22
1826

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the town
of Watertown-----Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the Sixth day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to Act on the following Articles—Viz—

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2nd To choose Town Officers for the ensuing Year—
- 3rd To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his services.—
- 4th To determine whether swine and neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing Year and Act any thing thereon—
- 5th To agree what schools shall be kept the ensuing year and Act any thing thereon—
- 6th To grant money to open make and repair the highways in said town and act any thing thereon—
- 7th To hear and examine the Accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted, grant money to pay the same and act any thing thereon—
- 8th To hear the report of the Committee for making an estimate of the expences of the town for the Year ensuing and Act any thing thereon—

- 9th To hear the report of other Committees and act any thing thereon—
- 10th To Know what method the town will take to support their Poor, for the year suing to Grant money to pay for the same and Act any thing thereon—

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- 11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasury and Act any thing thereon—
- 12th To Know what Method the town will take to collect their Taxes for the Year ensuing and act any thing thereon—
- 13th To Know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain Birds & Pickerel & act any thing thereon
- 14th To Know what method the town will take to dispose of their Pews in the Meeting house & Act any thing thereon
- 15th To Know if the town will take any measures to preserve the fish in Charles River and Act any thing thereon.—
- 16th To Know if the town will indemnify Moses Whitney & George Coolidge for expences in defending a suit brought against them by the town of Brighton for fishing in Charles River above the dam, and act any thing thereon
- 17th To Know if the town will purchase a new set of Hymn Books for the use of the Singers & Act any thing thereon—
- 18th To Know if the town will choose a Committee to confer with the town of Brighton relative to the fishery, And act any thing thereon
- 19th To hear the statement of Jefse Bird and others relative to the laying out a road from near the town burying ground to the West Boston Bridge Turnpike, and Act any thing thereon
- 20th To Know what Method the town will take to raise money to pay for the Poor House farm and act any thing thereon—

And you are further requested by the Authority aforesaid, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said town of Watertown qualified to vote for Representatives to meet and assemble at the public Meeting-house in

said

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Said town on Monday the Sixth day of March next at two of the clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for County Register & Treasurer—

Copies of said warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays in sucefsion prior to said meeting—

John H. Clark, Constable

Dated at Watertown March 6—1826

Pursuant to the warrant Issued February 22,—1826 the Inhabitants of Watertown Asembled March 6th 1826, and proceeded to vote by article as follows. Viz—

Article 1st Voted and chose Levi Thaxter Esq Moderator

2nd Voted and chose John Clark, Town Clerk and he was sworn before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

Voted and chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Town Treasurer—

Voted and chose for Selectmen { Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Joshua Coolidge Jr

Voted and chose for Overseer of the Poor { John Clark
Nathaniel Bright
Thomas Learned

Voted and chose for Assessors { Amos Livermore
Gilbert Nichols
Charles Whitney

Voted and chose for Constables { Isaac Dana
John H. Clark

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Voted and chose for Tything Men { Asa Pratt
Thomas Learned

Voted and chose for Fence Viewers { Zacheus Pond
Paul Learned
Nathaniel Bright
Peter Clark

Voted and Chose for Clerks of the Market { Luke Robinson
Nathaniel Broad

Voted and Chose for Field drivers { Joseph Bird
Henry Bright
George Harvey
William Horn
James Gillpatrick
Nathaniel Broad

Voted and Chose for Hogreeves	{ Nathaniel G. Bailey Avery Clark Abraham Lincoln Samuel Blanchard
Voted and Chose for Surveyors of Lumber	{ Isaac Dana Coolidge P. Wood
Voted & Chose for Cullers of Staves and Hoops	{ Isaac Dana William Horn
Voted and Chose for Firewards	{ Elisha Livermore Joshua Coolidge Jr Abijah White Charles Whitney Levi Thaxter Eliakim Morse Seth Bemis John Hunting John Clark

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Article 3rd Referred to the Selectmen

Voted and Chose for Surveyors of Highways	{ John Clark Nathaniel Bright Thomas Learned
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Article 4th dismissed

5th Voted that the money be divided as heretofore, and that each district keep their windows and seats & Benches in repair out of the money received.—

6th Voted to pass this article—

7th Referred to the Selectmen—

8th Voted to Accept the report of the Selectmen & Treasurer it being an estimate of the expences of the town for the currant Year—viz—

For Support of the Ministry — — —	560—00
For Support of public Schools — —	1200 —
For Support of the Poor — — — —	1000 —
For the Interest on the towns debt —	360 —
For Contingent expences — — — —	330
For Making & Repairing Highways	700
For the purpose of discharging in part the towns debt — — — — — — —	1000

see report on file

5150,, —

9th Pafsed—

10th pafsed—

11 Voted to Accept the Account of Levi Thaxter Esq Treasurer as examined by the Selectmen, they being a committee for that purpose, And place the same on file, the result of which is that Levi Thaxter as Treasurer is Credited with the

sum of — — — — —	\$9504.52
And is Charged with the sum of — — — — —	9409.70

leaving a Balance due him from the town of — \$ 94.82
as will appear by the account on file—

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12th Voted to Farm out the Taxes as usual—

13th Dismifsed—

14th Referred to the Selectmen—

15 Voted and Chose for Fish Agents { George Coolidge
Isaac Dana
John H. Clark

16th Voted that the town Allow Moses Whitney and George Coolidge the sum of forty four Dollars and grant Money to pay the same.—

17th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to purchase three Doz Hymn Books for the use of the singers—

18th Voted and Chose { Abijah White
Luke Bemis
Thomas Clark for a Committee to confer with the town of Brighton relative to the fishery

Voted to Adjourn to 3 O'Clock then to meet at this place

The Meeting for the Choice of County Register & Treasurer was then Opened the Votes were given in for County Register counted and sorted and were for William F. Stone Fifty three Votes

The Votes for County Treasurer were then given in, were sorted & counted and were for Nathan Brooks, fifty One votes

Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants met and proceeded as follows—

Under Article 7th Voted to allow the Overseers of the Poor the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars for their time and expences in purchasing the Poorhouse Farm, and superintending the repairs on the same—

19th Pafsed—

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20th Voted that the Treasurer be, and is hereby Authorised and directed to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of thirty eight hundred dollars for such length of time and upon such terms as he shall think expedient, for the purpose of discharging the note which Israel Whitney holds against the town—

Voted to adjourn to the house Nathaniel Broad for the purpose of farming out the Taxes at 6 O'Clock—

Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants met at the House of Nathaniel Broad and proceeded to farm out the taxes on the following conditions. Viz. —

The purchaser to give good and sufficient Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithfull performance of his duty—And, that if the taxes are not collected within one year from the time of receiving them, he the purchaser is not to receive any premium for Collecting the same.—

The taxes were then put up and Struck off to John H. Clark for one cent and six eights of a cent on a dollar—
Voted and chose John H. Clark Collector—

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next to meet at the public Meeting house at 4 O'Clock in the Afternoon—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Watertown March 6th 1826

Oaths

Isaac Dana and John H. Clark were sworn as Constables—

Levi Thaxter was sworn as town Treasurer—

George Harvey & Henry Bright were sworn as field drivers

Zacheus Pond was sworn as fence viewer—

Isaac Dana was sworn as surveyor of Lumber & Culler of Hoops & Staves

said town of Watertown two sundays next preceeding the third day of April John H. Clark,

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown Met at the public Meeting house in said town for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Counsellors, the whole number of votes given in were Sorted, counted and recorded and were as follows.—

For Governor

His Excellency Levi Lincoln Fifty Seven Votes——
 Samuel Hubbard Twelve Votes——
 H. G. Otis one Vote——
 James Lloyd one Vote——

For Lieutenant Governor——

Thomas L Winthrop Sixty Votes
 Alden Bradford Eight Votes

For Senators & Counsellors

Leonard M Parker Sixty two Votes
 Abel Jewett Sixty three Votes
 Charles Train Forty three Votes
 Luke Fiske Fifty five Votes
 Benjamin F. Varnum Sixty three Votes
 John Keyes Seventeen Votes
 Nathan Brooks Five Votes
 Luther Lawrence One Vote
 Samuel Hoar three Votes
 David Townsend One Vote

The votes were Accordingly declared and sealed up in open Town Meeting——

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

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Watertown April 3 1826

Adjournment
of March
Meeting }

Agreeably to adjournment the March Meeting was then Opened, and the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund made a report which was accepted and put on file

Under Article 18th It was Voted that the committee chosen to Confer with the Town of Brighton, or any Committee said Town may choose for the purpose of uniting the Fisheries of Watertown & Brighton & preventing future collissions & disputes relative to said fisheries, be authorised and have full power and authority to agree with the said town of Brighton to unite the Fisheries of the two towns, and agree upon the proportion of the proceeds of the Fisheries each Town shall receive, fix the time, places & manner of taking the fish—to Join with said town of Brighton in a petition to the Legislature for a law to carry their agreements into effect, & to do & perform all such acts and things relative thereunto as they may think best for the Town.—

Voted to choose a committee to look into the doings of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund

Voted and chose for said Committee { Nathaniel Bemis
Tyler Bigelow
Thaddeus Cole

Voted to Choose a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Overseers of the poor

Voted & Chose for said Committee { George Coolidge
Abijah White
Thomas Clark

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Voted to Excuse John H. Clark from being a Collector of Taxes—

Voted that the Fish Committee Viz George Coolidge Isaac Dana and John H. Clark, be Authorised to procure the consent of the owners of land over which the Brighton Fishermen pafs in drawing for Shad & Alewives, and when procured prosecute for the same—

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the House of Luke Robinson, till Six O'Clock this evening for the purpose of Farming out the Taxes—

Agreeably to Adjournment the inhabitants met and proceeded as follows—

Voted & Chose Jeremiah Rufsell pound keeper—

Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants met at the house of Luke Robinson, and proceeded to farm out the Taxes on the following conditions, viz—the purchaser to give Good and sufficient bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful performance of his duty, and that if the Taxes are not Collected within one year from the time of receiving them he the purchaser is not to receive any premium for collecting the same.—The Taxes were then put up and struck of to Thaddeus Cole for three Cents on a Dollar—

Voted & Chose Thaddeus Cole, Collector—

the Meeting was then dissolved

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Selectmens }
Meeting }

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 3rd 1826—the following business was transacted (Viz)

The pews in the side Galleries of the Meeting house were let at Auction beginning at North west pew in the West Gallery next to the Wall, for one year from the first of May next when the purchaser takes possession, the purchaser to pay cash down or a Note payable on the said first day of may, and they were struck off to the following persons

No 1 to	George Robbins for	\$3,, 25 paid
2 "	Thomas Livermore	2,, 75 paid
3 "	John Frost	2,, 75
4 "	George Coolidge	2,, 62½
5 "	Asa Pratt	2,, 50 paid
6 "	T. Cole	2,, 50 paid

on the East side beginning
next to the Singers

No 1 To Chester Bullard	3,, 50 paid
2 " John Hunting	3,, 25
3 " Levi Whitney	3,, 50 paid
4 " Thos Learned (use of Town)	3,, 37½
5 " Luther Barrett	3,, 00
6 " Thos Learned (use of Town)	2,, 62½
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	\$35,, 62½

Also the following persons were Appointed Engine Men for
Engine No. 1. Viz. ↪

George Tucker
John Broad
John Marble Jr
Phineas A Johnson
John Robberts

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Also the following persons were Appointed Engine Men for
the Engine belonging to Mefsr's Seth Bemis & Co—Viz. ↪

Alpheus Cutter	Daniel F. Emery
Asahel G Allen	George Mosman
Levi Whitney	Oliver Farnsworth
W ^m T. Baldwin	J W. C. Jones
Reuben Spaulding	Henry Eustis
Luther B. Pierce	Barton Varnum
Luke C. Pierce	Heman Wheeler

Likewise the following persons were Appointed Engine
Men for Engine No 2 (Viz) ↪

James Robbins	John Bond
John M. Harris	Allen Ward
Benjamin F. Farrar	George Harvey
Giles A. Meacham	Nathaniel Bright Jr
John Daniels	Leonard Sanderson
Benjamin Dana	Luther Adams
Andrew Cole	Samuel Bright
Samuel Barnard	Ebenezer Fuller
Frederick A. Bemis	Emery Hartshorn
William Dana	

Also Asa Pratt was appointed Sexton for one year from the
1st of May 1826—Twenty five Dollars being the compensa-

tion for his services for ringing the Bell, taking down and putting up stoves sweeping the house &c &c. For attending Funerals the same price as he had the last year, and to render every service as he heretofore has done

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Watertown April 18, 1826 Isaac Dana & Thaddeus Cole were sworn as Measurers of wood & Bark before

John Clark T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson April 18, 1826—the following business was transacted (Viz).—

Peter Harrington
Elijah W. Luce and
Miles Sprague Jr were appointed

Engine Men for Engine No 1.—

Also the following Accounts were allowed and an Order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz).—

To Gilbert Nichols for his services as Assessor the last year & for Attending before A Courts Committee —————	} \$42,, 00
To John H. Clark for his services as Constable the two last Years —————	} 10. 00
To Amos Livermore for his Services as Assessor the last Year —————	} 13,, 50
To John Clark for his services as Town Clerk the last Year —————	} 25,, 00
To Levi Thaxter for his services as Treasurer the last year & Blank Book —————	} 40. 50
To Asa Pratt for his services as Sexton the last year —————	} 25,, 00

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

Watertown May 1 1826 Amos Livermore was sworn as
Selectman

before John Clark, Town Clerk

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Warrant }
for May }
Meeting }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke
Robinson April 18—1826, the following Warrant was
issued.—

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the Town of
Watertown —————Greeting —————

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male
Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of Age
and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes to
vote for Representatives to meet at the public Meeting
house in said town on Monday the first day of May next at
three of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of
choosing one or more Representatives to represent said
town in the General Court, Appointed to be convened and
held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.—

And You are further required by the Authority
aforesaid to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said
town Watertown qualified to vote in town Affairs, to meet
and assemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town at
four of the Clock in the Afternoon on said day, to Act on
the following Articles—

- 1st to Choose A Moderator for Said Meeting
- 2nd To Know if the town will Authorise the Committee who
have in charge the subject of the Road and landing place
near Charles River—to settle & fix the line between said
Road & landing place & lands of the Rev Convers Francis &
Doctor Hiram Hosmer, and Act any thing thereon.—

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Hereof, fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with
your doings thereon to the subscribers, at the above men-
tioned time and place

Given under our hands and seal, at Watertown this eighteenth day of April AD. 1826—

Amos Livermore	}	Selectmen
Gilbert Nichols		of
Joshua Coolidge Jr		Watertown

Middlesex Ss. May 1st 1826, Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet at the times and place and for the purpose above mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at the public Meeting house in the town of Watertown two sundays next preceeding the first day of May within mentioned John H. Clark Constable

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants assembled May 1st 1826—and proceeded as follows—

Voted to send one Representative—

the Votes were then given in Sorted & counted and were as follows

For John Clark	Forty Nine votes
“ Seth Bemis	Forty Six votes
“ Abijah White	Twenty eight votes
“ John Hunting	Twenty two votes
“ Thomas Clark	Six votes
“ Levi Thaxter	One vote

there was a motion then made to reconsider the vote to send one Representative—and after counting the Inhabitants sitting

and

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And Standing, the Selectmen declared it to be a vote to reconsider the former Vote, which was immediately doubted by a large number of the Inhabitants who requested them to make it certain by dividing the house which they, the (Selectmen) refused to do, saying they were satisfied & that was enough

It was then moved that the meeting be dissolved, but the Selectmen refused to put the motion, It was then observed by Eliakim Morse Esqr that if they considered the

vote reconsidered which they first took, that the town stood as they did when they first commenced, but the Selectmen refused to act any further saying that the Meeting had died of itself—

The Meeting for the transacting of town Affairs was then Opened, and the Inhabitants proceeded as follows.—

Article 1st Voted and chose Walter Hunnewell Moderator and ascertaining that he was absent they Voted & chose Seth Bemis Esqr—Moderator

Article 2nd Voted that the whole subject relative to the boundry lines between lands of the Rev Convers Francis & Doct Hiram Hosmer And the Road and landing place near Charles River be refered To Tyler Bigelow Abijah White and Nathaniel Bemis Esqr to establish the same as they shall think most fit and proper and for the best intrest of the Town—

Voted to difsolve the Meeting.↵

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Petition }
for Town }
Meeting }

To Amos Livermore Gilbert Nichols & Joshua Coolidge Jr Selectmen of Watertown.—

The Subscribers Inhabitants & freeholders of said Town request that a Meeting of the Inhabitants may be called on the 15th day of May Instant to know the minds of the town whether they will send one or more Representatives to represent them in the next General Court to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of the present month

Watertown May 3rd 1826↵

Samuel Learned	Nathaniel Bemis Jr
Adam Brown	C. P. Wood
Isaac Dana	Ziba Bridges
Luther Barrett	Benjamin Wood

Luke Robinson
Eliakim Morse
George Coolidge
Jotham Keyes

Richard Sanger
Jalel Baker
Marshall S. Fowle
Francis Leath

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson May 4th 1826—the following warrant was drawn for a town Meeting—

To John H. Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one years of Age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes, to vote for Representatives, to meet at the public Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the fifteenth day

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Of May Instant at three of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent said town in the General Court, Appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednefday of May.—

And You are further required by the Authority aforesaid to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town of Watertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town at four of the clock in the Afternoon of said day, to Act on the following Articles Viz

- 1st To Choose A Moderator
2nd To hear the report of any Committee and act any thing thereon,—Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, at the above mentioned time and place

Given under our hands and seal, at Watertown this fourth day of May AD. 1826—

Amos Livermore	} Selectmen of Watertown
Gilbert Nichols	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Middlesex Ss May 15th 1826

pursuant to the above warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the time & place & for the purposes above mentioned by posting up Attested Copies of this warrant two sundays next preceeding said fifteenth day of May

John H. Clark, Constable

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Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants Assembled at the public Meetinghouse May 15th, 1826—and proceeded as follows—

Voted to send two Representatives

The Selectmen then directed that there should be but one voted for at a balloting—

The votes were then brought in and were as follows (Viz)

For Seth Bemis One hundred & fourteen votes
John Hunting Nine votes
John Clark Sixteen votes
George Coolidge one vote
Amos Livermore one vote
Levi Thaxter Two votes
Thomas Clark fourteen votes
Nath^l Bright Thirteen votes—

Seth Bemis was then declared to be elected

They then proceeded to a second ballot which was as follows

For John Clark Sixty eight votes
Levi Thaxter one vote
Thomas Clark Twenty Seven votes
John Hunting Seven votes
Amos Livermore One vote
Nath^l Bright Sixty votes

There not being any choice it was Voted to reconsider the vote to send two Representatives and send but one

Voted to dissolve this meeting—

The Meeting for the transacting of town affairs was then opened

Article 1st Voted & chose Seth Bemis Moderator
 Voted to difsolve the Meeting

Attest John Clark Town Clerk

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Oaths

Watertown June 5th 1826, Amos Livermore Gilbert
 Nichols & Charles Whitney were sworn as Assessors for the
 ensuing Year before John Clark, Town Clerk

June 15 1826 Nathaniel Bright was sworn as surveyor of
 Highways & as Fence viewer for the ensuing year before
 John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
 Meeting }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke
 Robinson on Monday the 4th day of September 1826 the
 following business was transacted,—Viz—

To Levi Thaxter Esq Treasurer of Watertown,

You are hereby directed to receive the following sums in
 part payment for the list of Taxes committed Thaddeus
 Cole to collect for the year 1824 & 5 they being abatements
 of the several persons Taxes hereafter named

for 1824		Brought up	19,, 27
Michael Green	1,, 72	Thomas Cox Jr	1. 45
Martin Blanden	1,, 72	Joseph Cole	5,, 31
Gilbert Kirker	1,, 72	Daniel Cummings	1,, 45
1825		Henry Cooms	1. 45
Rodman Davis	1. 45	M ^r Cowly	1. 45
Lydia Harrington	,, 56	Thomas Daniels	1. 45
David Woodman	2,, 36	Nath ^l Eaton	1. 45
Asa Sumner	1,, 20	Martin Furlong	1. 45
Heirs of David Stone	1,, 29	James Floid	1. 45
George Harvey	1,, 45	Michael Green—	1. 45
1825		M ^r Carlton	1,, 45
Ebenezer Ayers	1,, 45	Benjamin Gardner	1,, 45
M ^r Bowers	1,, 45	William Griffin	1,, 45
William Bartlet	1. 45	Francis Hager	1. 45
Thomas Cox	1. 45		
Carried up	\$19—27	Carried up	\$43,, 43

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Amt Brought Up	43. 43	Amount Brought up	\$62,, 28
M ^r Hoyt	1,, 45	Elijah Ray	1,, 45
Leonard Hall	1,, 45	Benjamin Rice	1,, 45
M ^r Harpam	1. 45	Amos Rice	1,, 45
M ^r Hart	1,, 45	Miles Sprague Jr	1,, 45
Gilbert Kirker	1,, 45	Nath ^l Sumner	1,, 45
Edward Magee	1,, 45	John Snow	1,, 45
Nahum Morse	1,, 45	John Stimpson Jr	1,, 45
John Morse	1,, 45	Sam ^l Walker	1,, 45
John Prichard	1,, 45	Aaron Whitney	1,, 45
Mr Priest	1,, 45	Benjamin Stevens	1,, 45
James Prichard	1,, 45	Samuel Welsh Jr	1,, 45
Osgood Putnam	1,, 45	Daniel Wellington	1,, 45
Daniel Rice	1. 45		
	\$62,, 28		\$79,, 68

Amounting in all to the sum of Seventy Nine Dollars and Sixty eight Cents—also on Seth Bemis Tax for 1825 \$15,,79—Also—Daniel Cary, was appointed Engine Man for Engine No 1.—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

The following letter was received from the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund—

Watertown Sept 4 1826

Letter from }
the Trustees }
of the }
Ministerial }
Fund }

Gentlemen, I am directed by the trustees of the Watertown Ministerial Fund to inform you that a vacancy has recently taken place in their board, by the death of Nath^l R Whitney Esqr and that in pursuance of the vote of the Town passed on the 4th day of March AD 1822 the remaining trustees have proceeded & elected Nath^l Bemis Esqr to fill the vacancy.

I am Gentlemen very Respectfully your Obt Sert

Levi Thaxter, Clerk of s^d Corporation

To the Selectmen of Watertown

Copy Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson on Monday Sept 11, 1826 the following Warrant was drawn.—

Warrant }
for Town }
Meeting }

To Mr Isaac Dana one of the Constables
of the Town of Watertown————Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of September Instant, at three of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz).

- 1st to Choose A Moderator for said Meeting——
2nd to know if the town will take any measures to oppose the Trapilo Road (so called) & act any thing thereon——
3rd To know if the town will Accept a Road laid out by their Selectmen, leading from West Boston Bridge Turnpike beginning near the east end of Charles Bird's Shop, from thence through land of Isaac Patten & the Heirs of Jeremiah Fowle to the great County Road in front of the House Occupied by Miles Sprague Jr. And act any thing thereon——
4th To know if the town will choose a Committee to prepare Bye laws for the town, to regulate the stands for Wood, Fish-Carts & Oysterbords & Co. And Get the same Approbated by the Court of Sefsions, & Act any thing thereon——

Hereof, fail not and make return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk with your doings thereon, at the time and place above mentioned.——Given under our hands & seals the Eleventh day of September AD. 1826

Amos Livermore } Selectmen
Gilbert Nichols } of
Joshua Coolidge Jr } Watertown

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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Watertown September 25th 1826

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by law to vote in town Affairs; to meet and Assemble at the time and place, & for the purposes therein mentioned

Isaac Dana, Constable

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown met at the Public meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of September AD. 1826—and proceeded to vote as follows.—

Article 1—Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esquire Moderator—

2nd Voted to choose a Committee to opose the laying out of the Road as prayed for by Thomas Page & others, from the termination of a new highway at the Waltham line to M^r Bond's house in Watertown, at the road leading to West-Cambridge.

Voted and chose for said Committee { Thomas Clark
Nathaniel Bright, and
Levi Thaxter Esqrs.

3rd Voted that the laying out of a Road, begining forty one & half feet from the east end of Charles Bird's Brick Shop on the West Boston Bridge Turnpike to the great County Road, by the Selectmen in the manner that the same is hereby reported by them to the town be, and hereby is by said town approved & allowed and that said Road be established in the manner as layed out by the Selectmen— And that their report thereof be recorded at length upon the town records—which report is as follows (Viz.↵

Whereas Isaac Patten & others having petitioned the Selectmen of Watertown to lay out a Road or Highway from the West

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Boston Bridge Turnpike Road through land of said Patten & land of the heirs of Jeremiah Fowle deceased to the great County Road leading from Watertown to Cambridge—

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown, having notified the said Patten & Samuel Etheridge of Charlestown, the Father & Guardian of said heirs being all the parties known to us to be interested, met them this day & having heard their several objections & allegations for & against the laying out a road as aforesaid, & having examined the premises do adjudge & consider that a road from said Turnpike to said County road will be of Great use and convenience to the Inhabitants of Watertown, and we do accordingly lay out a Road or Highway for the use of the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown forever, as follows. Viz. Beginning forty one & half feet from the east Corner of Charles Bird's Brick Shop on said Turnpike Road and running northerly a straight line through said Patten's land to land of said Fowle's heirs at a Stake, thence through land of said Fowle's heirs to the said County road at a stake ten feet from the west corner of the House owned by said Heirs & now occupied by Miles Sprague Junr, the road to be twenty five feet wide & to lay wholly on the Westerly side of said bounds. And we consider that the laying out said road will be of greater benefit than injury to the said Fowle's Heirs & the said Patten—we therefore do not award damages to any person—All which we do hereby report to the town to be Approved & allowed at some public meeting of the Inhabitants thereof regularly notified & warned.

Watertown Sept 11th 1826—

Amos Livermore	}	Selectmen
Gilbert Nichols		of
Joshua Coolidge Jr		Watertown

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Article 4th Voted to choose a Committee to prepare Bye laws for the town to get them approbated by the Court of Sessions, and to lay the same before the Inhabitants of said town for their Acceptance

Voted & chose for said Committee	}	Co ^l Thomas Learned
		Co ^l John Hunting, and
		John Clark

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

To John H. Clark, one of the Constables of the town of
Watertown—Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet and assemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town on the sixth day of November next being the first Monday of said month, at two of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex district.—

And you are further required by the Authority aforesaid to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town of Watertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at four of the Clock in the afternoon on said day, and at the above s^d place to Act on the following Articles Viz:—

- 1st To choose a Moderator—
2nd To Know if the town will reconsider the vote passed

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March 4—1822 Authorising the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund to fill any vacancy in their board, and act any thing thereon.—

- 3rd To hear the report of any Committee & act any thing thereon
4th To Know if the town will take any measures erect Hay scales, and Act any thing thereon—

Hereof, fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the subscribers at the time Appointed for said meeting—Given under our hands and seal, at Watertown the twenty third day of October AD. 1826.—

Amos Livermore	} Selectmen
Gilbert Nichols	
Joshua Coolidge Jr	

The fore going Warrant was drawn at a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson October 23, 1826

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Middlesex fs November 6th 1826

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within directed by posting Attested Copies of the within warrant at the public Meetinghouse in said Watertown two sundays next preceeding the said six day of November

John H. Clark, Constable of Watertown

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants qualified as therein exprest, met at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the 6th day of Novr 1826— and proceeded to open the meeting and givin the votes for a Representative to represent the Middlesex district in the Congress of the United States, the Votes being sorted and counted by the Selectmen & Town

Clerk

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Clerk and were declared to be as follows Viz—

For the Honorable Edward Everett, Thirty one votes—31

The Meeting for the transacting of town Affairs was then opened, and they proceeded as follows. Viz—

Article 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark, Moderator

Article 2nd Voted that the order pafsed March 4th 1822 Authorising the Trustees of the Ministerial fund to fill any vacancy that may happen in their board—be, and the same is hereby resinded, and, that they are hereby directed to notify the Selectmen, when any such vacancy may happen Agreeably to the Act of incorporation

Article 3rd two Committees made reports for which see file

4th Voted that the Town will not erect Hay scales Also Voted to choose a Commitee to confer with the Guardian of the Heirs of M. B. Spring relative to the purchase of their Hay scales the use of the town—and to ascertain what scales can be erected for—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Luke Bemis
John Hunting, and
Samuel Learned, Esqrs

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson November 13th 1826, the following Accounts were allowed (Viz)

To George Coolidge for his services as a Witness in the Action Against Daniel Draper — — — — }	6., 24
To Luther Barrett for his services as do. — — —	3. 12
To John Clark for his services as Witness Against do — }	3. 12
To Isaac Dana for his services as a Witness Against do — }	3. 12
To Hesekiah Bacon for his services as a Witness against do — }	3. 12

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To John Tucker for 64 Knapsacks furnished for the Militia of the town \$74.67 ↵

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Selectmen's }
Meeting }
January }
1st 1827 }

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson, on Monday evening January 1st 1827 the following business was transacted (Viz) ↵

The following persons were Appointed Engine Men for Engine No 1.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Henry Bright | Elmer Mead |
| Henry Kendall | James Annis |
| John M. Peirce | Peter Harrington |
| Phineas A. Johnson | Daniel Carey |
| Moses Whitney Jr | Asa Pratt |
| David Hager Jr | Rufus Lee |

Also the following persons were appointed Engine Men for Engine called the Relief or No 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Benjamin F Farrar | Nathaniel Bright Jr |
| Giles A. Meacham | Samuel Bright |
| John Daniels | Ebenezer Fuller |
| Benjamin Dana | Amory Hartshorn |
| Andrew Cole | William F. Dana |
| John Bond | Allen Ward |
| George Harvey | |

Likewise the following persons were Approbated Engine Men for the Engine belonging to Mefsr's Seth Bemis & Co or No 3

R E Bemis	C Bullard
Jacob Baldwin	Luke C. Peirce
Levi Fuller	Luther B. Peirce
Solomon R Bullard	Daniel F Emery
William Bright	J. W. C. Jones
Alpheus Cutter	Heman Wheeler
A. G Allen	Godfrey Wheelock
Wm T. Baldwin	

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Also the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same. Viz—

To Jonathan B. Harrington for Hymn Books & Stationary —————	19,, 30
To John Clark for Expences incurred in Repairing the Great Bridge &c —————	20,, 42
To Tyler Bigelow to be Accounted for by him in his Settlement with the Town, for expences incurred in defending the suit Geo Coolidge against Thomas Learned —————	250
To Isaac Dana for Repairs on the Meetinghouse	6,, 50

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson January 12 1827, the following persons were appointed Engine Men for Engine called the Relief or No 2—(Viz)

William Davis
Abraham Lincoln
Miles Sprague Jr
H. P. Patridge
Varnum Cooper
John Eastman
A. P. Holt
Charles Williams

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 26, 1827—Levi Thaxter & John Clark were appointed agents to lease the Fishery for the ensuing Year.—

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson Monday evening February 5th 1827 the following business was transacted. (Viz)

To Levi Thaxter Esq Treasurer of Watertown—

You are hereby directed to receive the following sums in part payment for the list of Taxes committed Thaddeus Cole to Collect for the Year 1825 they being abatements of the several persons Taxes hereafter named (Viz)

for 1825 Ezekiel Whitney	\$4,, 39	
Phineas Sanderson	1,, 45	pole Tax
Mary Jackson	4,, 36	
for 1826 Jerome Hearsey	2,, 27	pole Tax

Amounting in the whole to the sum of Twelve Dollars and Forty seven Cents

Also—the following Accounts were allowed (Viz)

To Elisha W Dana for his services as fish Com- mittee Man — — — — —	} \$2,, 00
To Thomas Clark for his services as Committee man to Oppose the Trapalow Road So called —	} 3,, 00
To Charles Whitney for Materials & Labour for repairing the West School House — — — — —	} 61,, 80
To William S. Bright for the support of David Barnard from May 1824 to May 1825 — — — — —	} 20,, 00
To Asa Pratt for his bill of Sundries — — — — —	14,, 15
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	\$100,, 95

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Luke Robinson February 19, 1827 the following business was transacted. (Viz)

Abijah White Esqr
 Levi Thaxter Esq and
 John Clark, were Appointed Fish

Wardens for the Town of Watertown for the ensuing Year

Also—the following Accounts were allowed and an order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same—(Viz)↪

To Nathaniel Bright for his services as Com- mittee man in opposing the Trapalow Road — — — — —	} \$10,, 25
To Levi Thaxter for Ditto — — — — —	} 6,, 00
To Amos Livermore for Glafs set in the East Schoolhouse in 1824, & 5 — — — — —	} 5,, 18
To Luke Robinson for refreshments when the Cotton Factory was Burnt — — — — —	} 6,, 50
To Ditto for refreshments for the Selectmen —	} 10,, 00

Attest John Clark, Town Clerk

Warrant }
 March }
 Meeting }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the house of Luke Robinson Feb^y 19, 1827, they issued the following Warrant

To John H. Clark one of the Constables for the Town of Watertown ————— Greeting↪

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and asemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of March next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the

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Following Articles Viz↪

- 1st To choose a Moderator——
- 2^d To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year
- 3^d To give in the votes of the electors for a County Treasurer

- 4th To choose a Sexton & agree how he shall be paid
- 5th To determine whether Swine & neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year & Act any thing thereon
- 6th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & Act any thing thereon—
- 7th To grant Money to open, make & repair the highways in said town and Act any thing thereon
- 8th To hear and examine the accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted, grant money to pay the same & act any thing thereon—
- 9th To hear the report of the committee for making an estimate of the expences of the town for the year ensuing and Act any thing thereon
- 10th To hear the report of other Committee's & Act thereon
- 11th To know what method the town will take to support the poor & act any thing thereon—
- 12th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning their Treasury & act any thing thereon
- 13th To know what method the town will take to collect their Taxes for the ensuing year & Act any thing thereon
- 14th To know if the town will take any order relative to the destruction of certain Birds & Pickeral and Act any thing thereon—
- 15 To know what method the town will take to dispose of their Pews in the Meeting house & Act any thing thereon
- 16 To know if the town will take any measures to preserve the Fish in Charles River & Act any thing thereon
- 17 To know what method the town will take to raise money to pay for the Poor house Farm & Act any thing thereon

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- 18 To know what method the town will take to enlarge the School house in the East District & Act any thing thereon
- 19 To know if the town will take any Measures to fill the board of Trustees of the Ministerial Funds and Act any thing thereon—Hereoff fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place above mentioned—

Given under our hands at Watertown this nineteenth day of February AD 1827—

Amos Livermore	}	Selectmen
Gilbert Nichols	}	of
Joshua Coolidge Jr	}	Watertown

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein exprefs'd to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned

dated March 5th 1827—John H. Clark Constable

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Watertown met at the public Meeting house in said town & proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Walter Hunnewell Moderator

2^d Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

“ Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Town Treasurer

Gilbert Nichols was sworn as town Clerk before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace

“ Voted to choose three Selectmen

“ Voted & chose for Selectmen { Levi Thaxter Esq^r
Walter Hunnewell

“ Voted to adjourn this meeting to two O Clock this afternoon—

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeably to the adjournment the Inhabitants met & proceeded as follows (Viz)

“ Voted & chose John Hunting Selectman

“ Voted & chose for Overseers of Poor { Nath^l Bright
Thomas Learned
John Clark

“ Voted & chose for Afsefsors { Nath^l Bright
Abijah White

“ Voted to postpone choosing the other Afsefsor to the adjournment of this Meeting—

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- “ Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Overseers of the poor for the last year and report at our next meeting—
- “ Voted & chose for said Committee—

{ George Coolidge
 { Abijah White
 { Marshall S Fowle

The town then took up the 17th Article and Voted that the Treasurer be, and is hereby directed to borrow on the Credit of the town, upon such terms as he shall think expedient the sum of five Thousand Dollars for one year from the first day of April next, for the purpose of discharging the Debts the town owe—

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next, then to meet at this place at nine of the Clock A.M.—

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The following persons appeared and was Sworn as follows—
 Levi Thaxter Esqr, Doc^t Walter Hunnewell, and John Hunting, as Selectmen & Levi Thaxter Esqr as Town Treasurer—

By Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant dated February the 19th 1827 A legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown met, by an adjournment from the 5th day of March last & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & Chose John Clark for an Afsefsor

Voted & chose for Constables—

{ John H Clark
 { George Coolidge

Voted & chose for Tythingmen—

{ Asa Pratt
 { Tho^s Learned

Voted & chose for fence Viewers—

{ Zacheus Pond
 { Paul Learned
 { Nath^l Bright
 { Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Markett—	{ William Blanchard John Hunting
Voted & chose for Field Drivers—	{ Joseph Bird Henry Bright George Hervey William Horn James Gillpatrick Nath ^l Broad
Voted & Chose for Hogreeves—	{ David Hager Jr. Eben ^r Fuller Charles Stone Hiram Hosmore*

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber—	{ Isaac Dana Coolidge P Wood
Voted & Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves	{ Isaac Dana William Horn
Voted & Chose for Firewards—	{ Levi Thaxter Eliakim Morse Seth Bemis John Hunting John Clark Elisha Livermore Joshua Coolidge Jr. Abijah White Charles Whitney
Voted & Chose for Surveyors of Highways—	{ Nath ^l Bright Tho ^s Learned John Clark
Voted & chose for General School Committee—	{ Rev ^d Convers Francis Leonard Stone Walter Hunnewell Levi Thaxter Tyler Bigelow
Voted & chose George Rufsell for Pound Keeper—	
Voted & Chose for Fish Wardens	{ John Clark Luke Bemis
4 th Voted that the Selectmen provide a Sexton—	

*Editorial Note:—probably meant Hosmer.

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- 5th Article Voted to dismiss & let the law remain in force
 - 6th Voted to Grant twelve Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools to be divided as follows (Viz) the West District to have three hundred Dollars the East District to have three hundred Dollars & the Middle or Double District to have Six hundred Dollars, Each District to keep their Windows & seats in repair out of their own money—
 - 7 Voted that the Paupers of the town repair the Highways under the Directions of the Overseer of the Poor who are the Surveyors—
 - 8th that the Accounts against the town be refer'd to the Selectmen for allowance—
 - 9 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen relative To the Town Treasurers Accounts & that the same be placed on the town files the footing of Which stands thus (Viz)
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|---|---|
| Levi Thaxter is C ^r By — — — — — | \$12628,, 8 |
| and stands charged with — — — — — | 12549,, 31 |
| | <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> |
| leaving a ballance due the Treasurer of — — | \$78,, 77 |
- Voted to accept the Report of the Ministerial Funds & place the same on file (the proceeds are \$450.3)
 - 13 Voted to farm out the Taxes at the adjournment of this meeting this evening—
 - 14 Article dismiss'd, law to remain in force
 - 15 leasing of the Pews referd to the Selectmen—

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- 17 Voted to grant three Hundred Dollars to pay the Interest of the town's debts.—
- Voted (under 7th Article) to grant One Thousand Dollars to pay the expence of Poor & repairing highway's
- Voted to grant three Hundred Dollars for Contingent Expences—
- Voted To Grant five hundred & fifty Dollars for the support of the Ministry in Watertown

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine the Accounts & doings of the overseers of the Poor the ensuing year

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to three O'clock then to meet at this place

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting

To John H Clark Constable of the town of Watertown
Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieu^t Governor Senators & Counsellors to meet and assemble at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor Lieu^t Governor Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make a return of

this

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This warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at the time and place above mentioned

Given under our hands this 23^d day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty seven

Selectmen of Watertown { Levi Thaxter
Walter Hunnewell
John Hunting

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeably to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown met at the time & place therein Mentioned, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor, Counsellors, & Senators, on Monday the 2^d day of April being the 1st Monday in said Month—

The whole number of Votes given in were sorted & counted & recorded and were as follows (Viz)

For Governor—

Levi Lincoln had Seventy four Votes — — — — —	74
William C Jarvis—had Fifty three Votes — — — — —	53
James Lloid had four Votes — — — — —	4
Marcus Morton had three Votes — — — — —	3
Joseph Bird had three Votes — — — — —	3
James P Brigs had One Vote — — — — —	1
George Laughton had one vote — — — — —	1
Harrison G Otis had two votes — — — — —	2

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For Lieutenant Governor—

Thomas L Winthrop had Eighty eight Votes — — —	88
Amasa Jackson had One Vote — — — — —	1

For Senators & Counsellors—

John Keyes had ninety seven votes — — — — —	97
Leonard M Parker had One hundred & three — — —	103
Benjamin F Varnum had One hundred & two — — —	102
Luke Fisk had One hundred votes — — — — —	100
Abel Jewett had One hundred & two votes — — — —	102
Timothy Fuller had eleven votes — — — — —	11
Samuel Hoar Ju ^r had eleven votes — — — — —	11
Calvin Sanger had nine votes — — — — —	9
Edmund Parker had eleven votes — — — — —	11
John Abbot had nine Votes — — — — —	9
Levi Thaxter had two Votes — — — — —	2
Sam ^l Dana had two Votes — — — — —	2
Luther Lawrence had one vote — — — — —	1
Joseph Locke had three votes — — — — —	3
Sam ^l P P Fay had two votes — — — — —	2
Nathan Brooks had two votes — — — — —	2
John Wade had two votes — — — — —	2
Charles Train had two Votes — — — — —	2

The Votes were accordingly declared signed & sealed up in open town meeting—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the adjournment of March Meeting (page 583) the Inhabitants being assembled the meeting was opened, & they proceeded as follows

Art 8 Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the School houses & see what repairs are necessary, and report at May Meeting. —

Voted & chose for said committee — { Luke Bemis
Nath^l Bright
Levi Thaxter

Voted that each School District shall choose their own Prudential Committee, or agent —

Voted that the report of the Committee (Viz) Tyler Bigelow, Abijah White & Nath^l Bemis respecting the road in front of Doct^r Hiram Hosmore & the Rev^d Converse Francis, be refer'd to the Selectmen, to act thereon as they shall see fit

19 Article Respecting enlarging the number of Trustees of the Ministerial Funds was dismiss'd —

The Inhabitants were then call'd upon to bring their Votes for County Treasurer which were as follows (Viz).

John Keyes had five votes — — — — — 5
Nathan Brooks had twenty three votes — — 23

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Spring Hotell then to meet at seven O'Clock this evening —

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Agreeably to the foregoing adjournment the Inhabitants met at the Spring Hotell, April 2, at seven O'clock in the evening and proceeded as follows. —

Voted to farm out the Taxes upon the following conditions (Viz) the purchaser to give good & sufficient Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful performance of his duty, & if he does not collect & pay in the Taxes that may be committed to him within one year from the time of

receiving them he shall not be entitled to any Premium for collecting them.—

The Taxes then were put up for the lowest bidder & was struck off to Jotham Keyes for two Cents & five eights of a Cent on a Dollar

Voted & chose Jotham Keyes for Collector

Voted to dissolve the Meeting which was accordingly declared dissolved—

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 2, 1827 The Selectmen then put up the Pews in the gallery of the Meeting house belonging to the town to lease at auction, for one year, from the first of May next, beginning at the north west pew next to the wall (call'd N^o 1.)—
 which was struck off To Ebenezer Fuller for — — \$2,, 75
 N^o 2 To Thomas Livermore — — — — — 2,, 25
 “ 3 Abijah White — — — — — 1,, 76

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N^o 4 pew to George Coolidge for — — — — — \$1,, 62
 “ 5 “ “ Daniel Bond — “ — — — — — 1,, 62
 “ 6 “ “ John Hunting — “ — — — — — 1,, 50
 N^o 1 on the East Gallery next to the Singer's seats was then put up & struck off To Abijah White for — — — — — 2,, 50
 N^o 2 To Levi Thaxter — — — — — 2,, 37
 “ 3 “ Asa Pratt — — — — — 2,, —
 “ 4 “ Nath^l Bright — — — — — 1. 62
 “ 5 “ Comfort Foster — — — — — 1. 62
 N^o 6 “ reserved for paupers — — — — —
 \$21. 61

Also the Selectmen appointed the following persons for Engine men (Viz)

for Engine N^o 3 — { Dudley Winslow
 { Frank S Rogers
 for Engine N^o 1 — { Nath^l O Annis
 { William French
 { Hiram Chase
 { John Broad

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Engine }
Men }

They also appointed the following persons as Engine men
Viz

for Engine N ^o 1.	{ Adolphus Cannon Artemas Ward Joseph Turner
for Engine N ^o 2	{ James P Briggs John Robberts Isaac Robbins George W Tucker Charles Hammond Elezer Rex

Also Artemas Rogers was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures for the ensuing year

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Weighers of }
Beef }

Thomas Gookin and Amasa Jackson were appointed weighers of Beef for the town of Watertown the ensuing year

Measurers }
of Wood }

Luke Robbinson, Isaac Dana, & Thaddeus Cole, were appointed measurers of Wood & Bark for the ensuing year, they also issued the following Warrant—

To John H Clark one of the Constables for the town of Watertown.-----Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the thirtieth day of April Inst^t at three O clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for said meeting—
- 2^d To Choose an Afsefsor in place of Abijah White who declines serveing the present year
- 3^d To hear the report of any committee & Act any thing thereon—

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the town Clerk at the time & place above mentioned

Given under our hands this 16th day of April AD 1827—

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen
Walter Hunnewell		of
John Hunting		Watertown

Atts' Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant to me directed I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the time & place, and for the purposes therein mentioned

John H Clark Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified to vote in town affairs, held April 30th 1827 agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, proceeded as follows

Viz Article 1st Voted & chose Thomas Clark Esq^r Moderator

“ 2 Voted & chose Tho^s Clark Afsefsor—

“ 3 the statement of George Coolidge, concerning the
“ Overseers of the Poor, order'd on file.

“ 4th Voted to accept the list of Jurors presented by the
Selectmen—

Voted that this meeting be disolv'd

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Oaths

April 30th 1827 The following persons appeared and made Oath to the performance of their several duties as town Officers

(Viz) Thomas Clark, Nath^l Bright & John Clark as Afsefsors
Nath^l Bright & Peter Clark Fence viewers—Isaac Dana as surveyor of Lumber & Wood. Nath^l Bright Tho^s Learned
John Clark Surveyors of Highways, Luke Robbinson surveyor of Wood & Bark. George Hervey Fieldriver

Aug^t 8, John Hunting & William Blanchard Clerk's of the
Markett
before Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Aug^t 16 Jotham Keyes was sworn as Collector before
Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held the third day of May,
they issued the following Warrant—(Viz)

To John H Clark one of the Constables for the town of
Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of
said town being twenty one years of age & upwards qual-
ified as the Constitution prescribes to Vote for Representa-
tives, to meet at the public meeting house in said town on
Monday the fourteenth Ins^t at three of the Clock in the
afternoon to choose one or more Representatives, to repre-
sent said town in the General Court, appointed to be con-
vened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May
Ins^t.

Also, You are alike required to warn the Inhabitants of said
town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to meet on
the day above appointed at four of the Clock in the after-
noon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting
- 2^d To hear the statement of Israel Whitney & Act any thing
thereon—
- 3^d To hear the Report of any committee & Act any thing
thereon

Hereof, fail not, & make return of this Warrant with your doings
thereon unto the Selectmen at the time and place appointed
for said meeting—

Given under our hands this third day of May AD
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Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen of Watertown
Walter Hunnewell	
John Hunting	

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a public Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution To Vote for Representatives, held May 14, 1827—agreeably to the foregoing Warrant proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1st Voted to choose two Representatives to the General Court
 2^d Voted to reconsider the above vote to send two Representatives so far as not to send but one
 3 Voted & chose M^r Nath^l Bright for Representative
 Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

The Meeting for town affairs then being opened agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, they proceeded as follows

1st Voted & chose John Clark for Moderator

Article 2^d Voted to refer this Article to the Overseers of the Poor

“ 3^d Voted to accept the Report of the Committee chosen to see what repairs were necessary to be made on the School house's & order'd the same on file—

Voted, to choose a Committee of three to take the number of Children in the whole town under twenty one years of age for the purpose of equalising the School districts

Voted & chose for said Committee { Charles Whitney
 Gilbert Nichols
 Sam^l Barnard

Voted to dissolve the meeting—

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Town bye laws.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex fs.

At a Court of Sefsions began and holden at Cambridge within & for the County of Middlesex on the first tuesday of January being the second day of said month AD 1827—

And now in this term a document is presented to the Court here, of a tenor following

Viz) "the Committee chosen by the town to prepare by laws for said town & C ask leave to report the following for the consideration of the town (Viz) 1st no person shall hereafter put or place any stand, stall or any other thing, from which to sell, or expose for sale any Oysters, Lobsters or any kind of fish within twenty feet of the town pump situated in the public square in said town, or shall any person wash or clense Oysters, Lobsters or any kind of fish at said pump, or within the distance aforesaid, And if any person shall hereafter expose for sale, Oysters Lobsters or any kind of fish or wash or clean the same within said distance of said pump, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five Dollars to the use of said town for each & every offence

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- 2^d the Clerks of the Markett in said town for the time being shall have power to assign suitable and propper places or stands in said town, where Oysters, Lobsters and all kinds of fish may be exposed for sale, and if any person (excepting traveling retailors of fish) shall expose for sale within the limits of said town, Oysters, Lobsters or any kind of fish at any place or stand, other than such as may have been assigned as aforesaid, such person shall forfeit & pay the sum of one Dollar to the use of said town for each and every offence—
- 3^d every person who shall hereafter sell Oysters, Lobsters or any kind of fish in said town shall remove from the place or stand where he shall sell such Oysters Lobsters or fish, and from the public stand & squares in said town, all the shells, scales & other offal proceeding therefrom And if any person shall suffer such shells, scales or other offal to remain over night shall forfeit & pay the sum of One Dollar to the use of said town for each and every offence—
- 4 any of the penalties & forfeitures aforesaid may be recovered, by any Clerk of the Markett of said town for the time being by

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Action of Debt, brought by him before any Justice of the peace proper to try the same

Thomas Learned }
John Hunting } Committee

At a public meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown Nov^r 6, 1826* the foregoing report was accepted

Att^t John Clark Town Clerk

And the same is approved by the Court
Copy of Record Att^t A Bigelow Clerk

Received & enter'd July 9th 1827—(on file)↪

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen held at the Spring Hotel September, 10, 1827 the following accounts were by them allow'd and orders drawn on the Treasurer to pay the Same (Viz)

To Thomas Clark for his services as Afsefsor for } the year 1827 — — — — —	19,, 63
“ Charles Bird for spikes for Bridge — — — —	15,, 12
“ Charles Whitney for work on Bridge — — — —	9,, —
“ Ezekiel Whitney for ditto — — — — —	4,, 67
“ Caleb Lincoln for ditto — — — — —	16,, 50
“ Abraham Lincoln for ditto — — — — —	10. —
“ Overseers of Poor for ditto — — — — —	49,, 75
“ John Clark for salt & Nails for ditto — — — —	31,, 35

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“ Josiah Mason for Lumber for ditto — — —	\$178. 35
“ Elijah Hager for house rent for Jonas White } in the year 1824 — — — — —	5. —
“ William Horn for Work on Bridge — — — —	11. 75
“ Luke Robbinson for ditto — — — — —	2. 25

*Editorial Note:—Nov. 6, 1826; script has been followed as to date given.

Also the Selectmen approbated the following persons as Innholders and Retailers for the ensueing year

Luke Robbinson	}	Innholders
Nathaniel Broad		
Charles Stratton		
Jonas Wyeth		
John Clark	}	Retailers
Luke Bemis		
Benjamin Dana		
Sam ^l Blanchard		
Andrew Cole		

Also, the Selectmen appointed the following persons as Engine men Viz.

Charles Williams	}	for Engine N ^o 2—
William Hersey		
Alva Chandler		for Engine N ^o 1—
John Pike —		for d ^o N ^o 3—

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk ↪

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1828 January 7th the Selectmen this day appointed the following persons named as Engine men for the ensueing year. Viz.

for Engine N^o 1.

Henry Bright	James Annis
Peter Harrington	Oney Annis
Asa Pratt	Adolphus Cannon
Rufus Lee	John Broad
John M Peirce	William French
Moses Whitney	Artemas Ward
Elmer Mead	

for Engine N^o 3. ↪

Robert E Bemis	David Eustis
Solomon R Bullard	Leonard Fuller
William T Baldwin	Luke C Peirce
Jacob Baldwin	Frank S Rogers
William Bright	Henry Sanborn
Alpheus Cutter	Herman Wheeler
Tho ^s M Chandler	John Pike
Henry Eustis	Danford White

To Benjamin Wood for work on Bridge — — —	11,, 00
“ Abra ^m Sanger for boating Lumber — — — —	8,, 00
“ John H Clark for makeing Catriges — — —	2,, 00
“ John Hunting his a/c of servicies — — — —	13. 65

Attest Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen held February 11—1828 held at the Spring Hotel they agreed to allow the following Accounts and drew an order on the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To James P Briggs for Irons for Bridge — — —	\$6. 44
“ Levi Thaxter Esqr for servicies and costs in the suit against E Stedman & others and two suits against Dan ^l Draper — — — — —	150,, 00
“ Levi Thaxter for his fees & expences as wit- nefs at Worcester Court in suit of Sawin against the town of Watertown — — — —	6,, 00
“ Abijah White for his fees & expences as Wit- nefs at Worcester Court and for the Plan of Wharf — — — — —	15. 00
“ Samuel Dana Esqr for his Acc ^t for attending before the General Courts committee and arguing the Action against Dan ^l Draper — —	100. 00
“ Luke Robbinson for the Selectmens expences & accomodation the last year — — — — —	6,, 00

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Abatements of Taxes

At a Meeting of the Selectmen and Afsefsors held June 11th
1828 they proceded as follows in abating Taxes

Viz We the Subscribers have abated the following Taxes which are contained in the list of Afsesments committed to Thaddeus Cole for Collection for the last year (Viz)

	Amount Brot up....	\$34.67
Ezra Alen.....	91	Mr ^s Annis..... 3.65
Henry Burnam.....	2,, 27	Solomon Bullard.... 3.18
Sam ^l Corbit.....	2,, 27	Henry Baker..... 2.27
Mr Farnam.....	2,, 27	Thomas Casady 2.27
David Hager (Pole).	2,, 27	Farrington Hawkes.. 2.27
George Mosman....	2,, 27	E W Luce..... 0.91
Anthony Rugg.....	2. 27	Adanijan Penick.... 2.27
Oliver Rusfell.....	2. 27	Mr Robbins..... 2.27
John Stuart.....	91	John Snow..... 2.27
John Stimpson Jn ^r ..	2. 27	James Scott..... 2.27
Nath ^l Woodard	2. 27	James Vinton..... 2.27
Tobias Wilson.....	2. 27	Ezekiel Whitney 4.56
Nahum P Whitney.	2. 27	Erastus Evens..... 2.27
Eben ^r T Lane.....	2. 27	John Frost (Pole) ... 2.27
Abisha Cottle.....	2. 83	Arthur Williams 2.27
Nath ^l R Whitney... .	51	Mr Noone*..... 2.72
Calvin Honey.....	2. 27	Mary Jackson..... 6.69
	_____	George Coolidge 2.—
am ^t caried up	\$34,, 67	amount carried over <u>\$83.35</u>

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Amount brought over — — — — — \$83.35

To Levi Thaxter Esqr Treasurer for the town of Watertown, you are hereby ortherised and directed to alow the above mentioned sum of Eighty three Dollars & thirty three Cents to the said Cole on his Settlnent with you for said Taxes. —

June 22^d 1827. —

signed — { Thomas Clark
 { John Clark
 { John Hunting

Recorded by Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also. The Selectmen & Afsesors at a Meeting held Jan^y 12th 1828 made the following abatements. (Viz)

*Editorial Note:—script illegible; possibly Noonan.

To Levi Thaxter Esq^r Treasurer of Watertown

We the Subscribers have abated the following Taxes which are contained in the list of Assessments committed to Jotham Keyes for collection the present year (Viz)

James Allen.....	\$1,, 71	Luther Parker.....	1.71
Calvin Harris.....	1,, 71	Bartlett Cushman...	1.71
Thomas Merrill....	1. 71	Robbinson.....	1.71
Mary Jackson.....	2. 52	James M ^c Roy.....	1.71
			\$14.49

amounting to fourteen Dollars and forty nine cents which sum you are orthorised and directed to allow to the said Keyes on his settlement with you for said Taxes.—

January 12th 1828—

Thomas Clark
John Clark
John Hunting

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Also, at a meeting of the Selectmen and Assessors, held Feb 11, 1828 they made the following abatements Viz. in Jotham Keyes list committed to him to collect in the year 1827, and drew an order on the Treasurer to allow the same (Viz)

Farrington Hawkes .	\$1.71	Charles Hammond ..	1.71
Andrew Bailey.....	1.71	David Livermore Jn ^r	1.71
Joseph Cole.....	6.63		
			\$13,, 47

Amounting to thirteen Dollars & forty seven Cents

signed by— { Thomas Clark
Levi Thaxter
Walter Hunnewell
John Hunting

Also they drew an order to abate Thomas Worthington's tax in Thaddeus Cole list of Taxes for 1826 of \$2,,27 directing the Treasurer to allow the same

signed by— { Thomas Clark
Walter Hunnewell
John Hunting

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen held Feb^y 25 1828 they allow'd the following accounts & drew an order directing the Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Luther Barrett for painting Hearse — — — —	\$5.00
“ John Roberts for repairing ditto — — — —	4.87
“ James P Briggs for Iron work — — — —	2.33

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Warrant for March Meeting 1828

To John H Clark Constable of the town of Watertown
Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and, assemble at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting—
- 2 To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year
- 3^d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his services
- 4th To determine whether Swine & Neats Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year, and Act any thing thereon—
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year and act any thing thereon
- 6th To grant money to open, make, and repair Highways in said town and Act any thing thereon
- 7th To hear and examine the Accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted & grant Money to pay the same and act any thing thereon

- 8th To hear the report of the Committee for estimateing the expences of the town the ensueing year, and act any thing thereon
- 9th To hear the report of any committee & act any thing thereon
- 10th To know what method the town will take to suport their poor & act any thing thereon
- 11th To hear the statement of the Selectmen concerning the Treasury and act any thing thereon
- 12th To know what method the town will take to collect their Taxes, and act any thing thereon——
- 13th To know if the town will pafs any relative to the destruction of certain birds & Pickerel, and act any thing thereon
- 14th To know what method the town will take to dispose of their pews in the meeting house, and act any thing thereon——
- 15th To know what method the town will take to preserve the fish in Charles River, and act any thing thereon.——

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- 16th To know what method the town will take to raise money to pay for the poor house and farm, and act any thing thereon.
- 17th To know if the town will grant money for the support of a singing school and act any thing thereon——
- 18th To know if the town will take any measures to provide Hay scales for the use of the town & act any thing thereon——
- 19th To know if the town will take any measures to ascertain their to certain lands & buildings, now in care of Trustees of Ministerial funds, and act any thing thereon
- 20th To know if the town will alter the Road at the south end of the great Bridge leading up by the side of the River & act any thing thereon
- 21st To know if the town will give their committee that were chosen to defend the town's right to the Wharf near Doct^r Hosmere's house any further instructions, and act any thing thereon——
- 22^d To know if the town will choose a committee to examine the doings of the overseers of the poor & their books of original entries from the commencement of the establishment; and take an inventory of all the personal estate in their hands and report at our next meeting and act any thing thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant to the town Clerk with your doings thereon, at the time and place appointed for said meeting.——

Given under our hands at Watertown, this eleventh day of February AD 1828.

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen of Watertown
Walter Hunnewell		
John Hunting		

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. March 3^d 1828 pursuant to the above warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified as above to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes above mentioned by posting attested copies of this warrant at the public meeting house in said town two Sundays next preceeding this 3^d day of March.

signed John H Clark, Constable of Watertown

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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March 3^d 1828, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant (dated Feb^y 11 1828) the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown met at the public Meetinghouse as therein directed on said third day & proceeded as follows (Viz)

- 1^t Voted and chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Moderator
- 2^d Voted and chose Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk
Gilbert Nichols was sworn as town Clerk, by L. Thaxter, Justice peace
- 3^d Voted and chose Levi Thaxter Esqr Town Treasurer
Voted to choose three Selectmen—
Voted & chose for Selectmen Levi Thaxter John Hunting & Leonard Stone.

Voted & chose for Afsefsors { Thomas Clark s
Gilbert Nichols s
Charles Whitney s

Voted & chose for Overseers of Poor { Levi Thaxter
John Hunting
Peter Clark

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill half past two of the Clock this day then to meet at this place

Att^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeably to the above adjournment the Inhabitants met & proceeded as follows (Viz)

- Voted & chose for Constables { George Coolidge
John H Clark
- Voted & chose for Tythingmen { Asa Pratt
Thomas Learned
- Voted & chose for fence viewers { Zacheus Pond
Paul Learned
Nath^l Bright
Peter Clark
- Voted & chose as Clerk's of Market { John Hunting
Thaddeus Cole

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- Voted & chose for field Drivers { Joseph Bird
Henry Bright s
George Hervey (excused)
William Horn
James Gillpatrick
Nath^l Broad
- Voted & chose for Hogreeves { Doct^r Hiram Hosmore
James P Briggs
Andrew Cole
Moses Chenery Jr
Robert E Bemis
- Voted & chose for surveyors of Lumber { Isaac Dana s
Abraham Lincoln
- Voted & chose as cullers of Hoops & Staves { Isaac Dana
William Horn
- Voted & chose for fire wards { Levi Thaxter
Eliakim Morse
Seth Bemis
John Hunting
John Clark
Elisha Livermore
Joshua Coolidge Jn^r
Abijah White
Charles Whitney
- Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways { Levi Thaxter
John Hunting
Peter Clark

Voted & chose for General School Committee	{	Rev ^d Convers Francis Leonard Stone Walter Hunnewell Levi Thaxter (excused) Tyler Bigelow Rev ^d Rufsell Streeter Nath ^l Bemis Jn ^r
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Voted & chose George Rufsell for Pound keeper —

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- 3 Voted to refer to the Selectmen
- 4 Voted to let the law remain in force
- 5 Voted to accept the report of the committee of estimates as respects schools, that is grant twelve hundred Dollars for the support of schools to be divided as last year — \$1200.00
- 6 Voted to pass over
- 7 Voted to refer to the Selectmen the adjustment the Accounts against the town
- 9 Voted that the report of the committee chosen to take the number of Inhabitants under twenty one years of age for the purpose of equalising the school Districts remain on file. —
- 10 Voted to accept the report of the committee of estimates & Grant One thousand Dollars for the support of the poor & the Highways, as therein expressed — — — — \$1000.00
- 11 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen relative to the town Treasurers Accounts & the same be placed on the town Files the footing of which stands thus (Viz)

Levi Thaxter Esq ^r Treasurer stands Credited by sundry payments made to sundry persons as per Rect ^s	\$7005,, 43
outstanding Taxes remaining in the hands of the Collector	— — — — — 1241,, 59
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	— — — — — 9,, 26
	\$8256,, 28

The above sum being the amount of Taxes remaining in the hands of Thaddeus Cole March 6th 1827, & Taxes committed to Jotham Keyes to collect June 1827, and sundries as per Report on file

- 12 Voted to choose Thaddeus Cole—Abijah White Leonard Stone a committee to ascertain the best method to collect our Taxes the ensuing year, & report at our next meeting
- 13 Voted that the restrictions the law provides respecting the distruction of certain Birds & Pickerel be removed
- 14 Voted that the Selectmen be a committe to lease the Pews in the Meeting house.
- 15 pass'd over
- 16 Voted to grant five Hundred Dollars to pay for the poor house & farm in part — — — — — \$500,, 00
 Voted to pay the Interest of the town's Debts & Grant — — — — — 300. 00
 Voted to grant for contingent expences — — — 300. 00

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Voted, that the Treasurer be, and is hereby directed, to borrow on the Credit of the town, upon such terms as he shall think expedient the sum of five thousand Dollars for one year from the first day of April next for the purpose of discharging the debts the town owe — — — — \$5000.—

Voted to grant five hundred & fifty Dollars for the support of the Ministry — — — — — \$550.00

- 17 Voted to grant One hundred Dollars for the support of a singing School, to be afsefs'd in the Ministerial Tax.

- 18 Voted to choose a Committee of three to afsertain the expence of Hay Scales for the use of the town, and the expence of a proper site to place them so as to convene the town & report as soon as may be

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Luke Bemis Esqr
Moses Coolidge
Samuel Learned

- 19 Voted to dismifs this article.—

- 20 Voted to dismifs—

- 21 Voted to dismifs—

- 22 Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the doings of the Overseers of the poor & their books of original entries from the commencement of the establishment, and take an

Inventory of all the personal estate in their hands, & report at our next meeting

Voted & chose for said committee { Abijah White
Tyler Bigelow
Elisha Livermore

Also Voted that said committee be instructed to ascertain as near as may be, the expence of the poor three years previous to the adoption of the late establishment—

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next, then to meet at this place at four O clock in the afternoon—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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March 3rd Thomas Clark Gilbert Nichols & Charles Whitney were sworn as Assessors before Levi Thaxter Justice of the Peace Nath^l Bright & Peter Clark was sworn as fence Viewers and Henry Bright as Fieldriver Isaac Dana & Surveyor of Lumber & culler of Hoops & staves before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held March 25, 1828 They agreed with Asa Pratt & he was appointed Sexton for One Year from the 1st day of May 1828 twenty five Dollars being the compensation for his services for ringing the Bell taking down & putting up the Stoves & funnels, clensing & sweeping the Meetinghouse when necessary & render every service usual for a Sexton to perform—Also they Appointed Artemas Rogers Sealer of Weights & Measures—Thaddeus Cole—Luke Robinson, Isaac Dana Measurers of Wood & Bark—Thomas Gookins, & Amasa Jackson weighers of Beef—

Oaths

Levi Thaxter John Hunting & Leonard Stone was sworn as Selectmen—Artemas Rogers as Sealer of Weights & Measures before

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for April Meeting

April 7, 1828—

To John H Clark, one of the Constables of the town of
Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafachusetts, to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town, qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choise of Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators & Counsellors, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the seventh day of April next at One of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth—

Also to exprefs their approbation or disapprobation by ballot, of Yea & Nay, of the towns of Groton, Shirley Peperell, Ashby & Townsend being taken off from the County of Middlesex and united with the towns of Royalston Winchenden, Athol, Templeton Gardner Westminster, Ashburnham Fitchburgh, Leominster, Lunenburgh Princetown Hubbardston Philipston, Lancaster Bolton & Harvard from the County of Worcester, for the purpose of creating a new County.—You are also alike required to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the

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Seventh day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To chose a Moderator for said meeting
- 2^d To give in their Votes for County Treasurer
- 3^d To hear the report of any committee and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time & place appointed for said Meeting.

Given under our hands at Watertown this 25th day of March AD 1828

signed	Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen of Watertown
	John Hunting		
	Leonard Stone		

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. April 7th 1828. In obedience to the foregoing Warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting attested Copies of this Warrant at the public Meeting house two Sundays preceeding the above date

(Signed.) John H. Clark Constable

At a Public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown held April 7, 1828, agreeably to the foregoing Warrant They proceeded as follows—

The Selectmen Presideing, the Votes were call'd for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, and were brought in sorted & counted and were as follows—

Governor

For his Excellency Levi Lincoln	Sixty one	Votes	—	61
Marcus Morton	Seven	d ^o	—	7
R W Dickinson	One	d ^o	—	1
James Lloyd	One	d ^o	—	1
Abijah White	One	d ^o	—	1

Lieu^t Governor

Thomas L Winthrop	Sixty two	d ^o	—	62
Andrew Cole	One	d ^o	—	1
Nathan Willis	Six	d ^o	—	6
Elu Meacham	One	d ^o	—	1
Tyler Bigelow	One	d ^o	—	1

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For Senators and Counsellors

Hon. Timothy Fuller	Sixty	Votes	—	—	—	—	—	—	60
“ Charles Train	fifty eight	d ^o	—	—	—	—	—	—	58
“ Luther Lawrence	fifty two	d ^o	—	—	—	—	—	—	52
“ Levi Thaxter	twenty three	d ^o	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
“ John Keyes	four	d ^o	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
“ Benjamin F Varnum	nine	d ^o	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
“ Sam ^l Hoar Jn ^r	forty six	d ^o	—	—	—	—	—	—	46
“ Daniel Flint	forty three	d ^o	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
“ William C Jarvis	seventeen	d ^o	—	—	—	—	—	—	17

Hon. Leonard M Parker, nine	d°	— — — — —	9
“ James Lewis Jn ^r five	d°	— — — — —	5
“ John Clark One	d°	— — — — —	1
“ Dan ^l Richardson, eight	d°	— — — — —	8
“ Luke Fisk One	d°	— — — — —	1
“ Agustus Tower One	d°	— — — — —	1
“ Abra ^m Whitney One	d°	— — — — —	1
“ Abijah White One	d°	— — — — —	1
“ Andrew White One	d°	— — — — —	1
“ Benjamin Gardner One	d°	— — — — —	1
“ Tyler Bigelow, One	d°	— — — — —	1

÷ The meeting was then adjourned to seven O clock this evening for the purpose of sealing up the Votes for Governor Lieu^t Gov^r Senators & Counsellors, at which time and place The Inhabitants met at the Spring Hotel, and the foregoing votes for Gov^r L^t Gov^r Senators & Counsellors was sealed up in open town Meeting & directed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, as the Constitution directs.

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

÷ Also, the Inhabitants were call'd upon by the Selectmen agreeably to the Warrant to exprefs their Approbation or disaprobation by Yeas & Nays on ballots of the towns of Groton Shirley, Pepperell, Ashby, & Townsend, being taken from the County of Middlesex & united to the towns of Royalston, Winchenden, Athol, Templeton, Gardner, Westminster, Ashburnham Fitchburgh Leominster

Luninburgh

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Luninburgh, Princeton, Hubbardston, Phillipston, Lancaster Bolton, & Harvard, from the County of Worcester, for the purpose of creating a new County, the ballots were brot in, & were as follows (Viz)

{ Nays	— — — — —	42
{ Yeas	— — — — —	11

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Town Meeting was then opened for the purpose of choosing County Treasurer & hearing the reports of any Committees, agreeably to the foregoing warrant & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Art 1 Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Moderator

“ 2 The Votes for County Treasury was Call'd for & brot in sorted & Counted & were as follows

{	William Whitney	fifty six	————	56
{	Joel Adams	Eleven	————	11
{	John Keyes	five	————	5

Voted to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Ministerial funds, the income of which for the last year which is now due is ————— \$450.3
as p^r Report on file—

The town then proceeded to Act under the March Meeting Warrant by an adjournment from the 3^d day of March last—

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee Chosen to examine the Poor house Accounts & C & the same was ordered to be put on file

Voted, To choose a Committee to take into consideration the best method to collect our Taxes in report at May meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Tyler Bigelow Esq^r
Levi Thaxter Esq^r
John Clark

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint a Pound keeper

Voted, that the Money granted March last to keep a Singing School be paid by the Treasurer to the Committee appointed by the Singing Society

Voted, to adjourn this Meeting to May Meeting.

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen held April 7th 1828, they proceeded to lease the Pews in the Galleries belonging to the town by Auction for one Year from the first day of May

next, begining at the North pew in the West Gallery next to the wall call'd N^o 1↵

N ^o 1	was struck off to	Miles Sprague	for — —	\$0 .75
N ^o 2	“	“ George Robbins	for — —	.75
N ^o 3	“	“ Asa Pratt	for — —	.50
N ^o 4	“	“ Asa Pratt	for — —	.75
N ^o 5	“	“ Asa Pratt	for — —	.87 ½
N ^o 6	“	“ Abijah White	for — —	1,, 12 ½

N^o 1 on the East Gallery next to the Singers

N ^o 1	“	“ Abijah White	for — —	1. 62 ½
N ^o 2	“	“ Asa Pratt	for — —	1. 75
N ^o 3	“	“ R W Dickinson	for — —	1,, 50
N ^o 4	“	“ Francis Leathe	for — —	1,, 50
N ^o 5	“	“ Asa Pratt	for — —	1,, 87 ½
N ^o 6	“	reserved for the use of the Paupers		

\$13,, 00

Engine Men——

The Selectmen then Appointed the following Enginemen
Viz

Simon Lealand	}	For Engine N ^o 1↵
John P Broad		
Joseph Wyeth		
Thomas Lincoln		
John D Glazer		
Joseph Bede		
Almon F Kimball		
Caleb W Wilson		

William Bixby	}	For Engine N ^o 2↵
Sullivan Dean		
Nath ^l Parlow		

Oaths

George Coolidge & John H Clark as Constables and James Gillpatrick as^lfield Driver before——

Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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April 30th At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day, they appointed Samuel Blanchard as an Engine man for Engine N^o 2^d & Dana Stone to Engine N^o 1—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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May 5th At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day they appointed Samuel Cutting and George G Phelps as Engine men for the Bemis Engine—

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1828

May 5th At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day, they appointed Samuel Pond, Edwin Smith & William Emerson as Engine Men for Engine N^o 1—

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

To John H Clark one of the Constables of the town of Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes to vote for Representatives to meet at the public meeting house in said town on Monday the twelfth day of May Ins^t at two of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to Represent said town in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Ins^t

Hereof, fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at the above mentioned time & place.—

Given under our hands this 1st day May AD 1828—

Levi Thaxter	}	Selectmen
John Hunting		of
Leonard Stone		Watertown

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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Return of }
Warrant for }
May Meeting }
1828 }

Middlesex fs. May 12th 1828 In pursuance to the foregoing warrant to me directed I have notified the male Inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within directed, by posting attested copies of this warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays next precedeing said twelfth day of May—

signed John H Clark Constable of Watertown—

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a public town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives held May 12th 1828 agreeably to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded as follows (the Selectmen presiding—

Voted To choose one Representative—

Voted and Chose John Clark for Representative to represent the town the ensuing year at the General Court to be held at Boston—

Voted to dissolve the Meeting—

Attst Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March Meeting by adjournment was then declared by the Moderator to be open and their proceeding were as follows

Voted & chose John M Harris for field Driver who was there sworn to that office—also he was appointed pound keeper—

Voted, that the Overseers of the poor be directed to sell the old poor house at public Auction for the most it will fetch.—

Voted & chose Charles Whitney Collector for the ensuing year upon the following conditions he to give Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for his faithfull performance of the following conditions (Viz) he is to collect & pay in, one third of the Taxes that may be committed to him in

three Months, One third, in six Months & one third in Nine Months, & to receive as compensation for collecting two & five eights of a Cent on every Dollar

Voted to discharge from further service the Committee chosen to ascertain upon what conditions the town could supply themselves with Hayscales—Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to borrow upon the Credit of the town five Hundred Dollars for the purpose

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Of discharging the Debts the town owe to the Overseers of the poor the last year

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

At a Meeting held September 1st 1828 they agree'd to allow the following accounts and drew Orders to pay the same (Viz)

To Gilbert Nichols for his services as town Clerk } one year ending March 3 ^d 1828 — — — — —	\$25,, —
To Asa Pratt for repairing Grave yard—Wood for } Meetinghouse & his services as Sexton One Year } ending May 3 ^d 1828. — — — — —	26. 50
To Levi Thaxter for his services as Town Treas- } urer the last year — — — — —	40. —
To Gilbert Nichols for his services as Afsefsor } the present year — — — — —	27. —
ditto for Cash paid for Tax Bills — — — — —	12. —
d ^o for takeing N ^o Children in Town — — — — —	3. —
To Charles Whitney for ditto — — — — —	3. —
To Samuel Barnard for ditto — — — — —	3. —
To Thomas Clark for his services as Afsefsor } the present year — — — — —	21. —

Also the appointed Jefsee Wheeler & Edwin Robinson Engine Men for Engine N^o 2.—and Isaac Robbins as Auctioneer

Also, the following persons were aprobated as Innholders & Retailers

Viz Luke Robinson	} as Inholders
Elisha Stratton	
Jonas Wyeth	

John Clark	} as Retailers
Andrew Cole	
Luke Bemis	
Benjamin Dana	
Samuel Blanchard	

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk ↪

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1828 September 2^d the Selectmen appointed Josiah H Chamberlain as Engine Man for Engine N^o 1 ↪

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Also the Selectmen Appointed Solomon P Hooker as an Engine Man for Engine N^o 2

1828 September 2^d Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1828 October 21st the Selectmen issued the following Warrant

To John H Clark one of the Constables of Watertown

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said town of Watertown qualified by law to Vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth, to asemble at the public Meeting house in said town, on Monday the third day of November next at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for Representatives of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex District.—

Also in like manner to asemble on the same day and place at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the

United States Agreeably To an Act of this Commonwealth
pafs'd June 10, 1828

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your
doings thereon, unto the Selectmen on or

before

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Before the time appointed for the said meeting

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty first day
of October in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred & twenty eight

	Levi Thaxter	} Selectmen of Watertown
Signed	John Hunting	

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk.

1828 Nov^r 3 the following return was made on the forego-
ing Warrant by the Constable (Viz)

Middlesex fs by virtue of this Warrant I have notified and
warned the Inhabitants of said town of Watertown to
meet at the time and place & for the purpose above men-
tioned by posting up attested copies of the above warrant
at the public Meeting house in said town two sundays next
precedeing the said third of November.—

signed ————— John H Clark Constable

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Agreeably to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants qualified as
therein exprefs'd met at the time and place therein men-
tioned the Selectmen presideing they call'd for the votes
for a Representative for the Middlesex District to the
Congress of the United States, which were brought in, &
declared to stand as follows. Viz

For the Hon. Edward Everett, One hundred & One Votes.

The Selectmen then call'd for the Votes for fifteen Electors

Agreeably

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Agreeably to the Warrant which were brought in counted & sorted & declared to stand as follows

For Electors at large

Hon. Thomas L Winthrop had One hundred
Hon. Samuel Lathrop One hundred d°
Nathan Willis, two ditto
David Henshaw two ditto

For Suffolk District

Hon Jefse Putnam had One hundred d°
" John K Simpson two d°

Essex South d°

Hon Stephen White One hundred d°
" Josiah Newhall had two d°

Essex North d°

Hon. Bailey Bartlett One hundred
John Rufs two d°

Middlesex d°

Hon Nathan Chandler One hundred
" William Austin two votes

Worcester South d°

Gen Jonathan Davis One hundred d°
Hon Jonas Sibley two d°

Worcester North d°

Hon. Silas Holman One hundred
William Williard two votes

Franklin d°

Col Eliel Gilbert had One hundred
John Drury Esqr. two votes

Hampden d°

Hon. Joshua Frost had One hundred
Joseph M Foward had two Votes

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Berkshire d°

Samuel Jones Esqr had One hundred
John Drury Esqr two Votes

Norfolk d°

Hon Edward H Robbins had One hundred
“ Ebenezar Seaver two Votes

Plymouth d°

Hon Seth Sprague had One hundred
Peter H Peirce Esqr. two votes

Bristol d°

Hon Oliver Starkweather One hundred
Elisha Daggett Jn^r had two Votes

Barnstable d°

Hon Braddock Dimmick had One hundred
John P Norton Esqr. two votes

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1829——— }
January 5th }

at a meeting of the Selectmen held this day, they agreed to allow the following Accounts & drew an order for the Town Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Jonathan B Harrington Bill of Stationary for Afsefsors	—————	} \$1,, 38
To Asa Pratt for Wood for Meeting house	— —	7,, 60
“ John H Clark for his servicies as Constable last year	—————	} 10,, —
“ Isaac Dana Ballance of his A/c for repairs on Bridge & Meeting house	— — — — —	} 4. 67
“ James P Briggs for Irons for Bridge & Meeting house	—————	} 2,, 30
“ John Clark for Salt & Nails to repair Bridge		5. 67

To Overseers of Poor for work done on the Bridge	24.	50
“ Levi Thaxter his Bill — — — — —	34.	17
		\$90. 29

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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January 5th }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this date they Appointed

Abijah White	} Fish Wardens
John Clark	
Daniel Bond	

Also, they appointed the following persons as Engine Men for the ensuing year (Viz)

For Engine N^o 1

Peter Harrington	Joseph Wyeth
John M Peirce	John D Glazier
Moses Whitney	Thomas Lincoln
Elmer Mead	Joseph Beedy
James Annis	Almon F Kimball
Adolphus Cannon	Edwin Smith
Simon Lealand	Samuel Pond
John P Broad	Josiah H Chamberlain

For Engine N^o 2

Benjamin F Farrar	John Roberts
Giles A Meacham	George W Tucker
Benjamin Dana	Isaac Robbins
Andrew Cole	Luther G Barrett
George Hervey	William Bixby
Eben ^t Fuller	Jessee Wheeler
William F Dana	Edwin Robinson
James P Briggs	Gilbert Nichols Jn ^r

For Engine N^o 3

Robert E Bemis	Frank S Rogers
Jacob Baldwin	Danford White
Solomon R Bullard	Leonard Fuller
Alpheus Cutter	John Pike
William Bright	George G Phelps
Thomas M Chandler	Charles Cutting

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

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January 26. }

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day they agreed to allow the following Accounts and drew an order for the town Treasurer to pay the same (Viz)

To Mefs ^{rs} Newton ballance of A/c for services in suit of Athol against Watertown — — —	}\$278,, 73
To Asa Pratt makeing Cattridges — — — — —	2,, —
To Nath ^l Broad his A/c ^s — — — — —	1,, 50
To Zacheus Pond for Spikes for Meetinghouse	2,, 53
To Benjamin Dana his A/c — — — — —	,, 56
To John M Harris d ^o — — — — —	4,, 50
To Charles Whitney as Afsefsor — — — — —	18,, 75
To T Cole for Duties p ^d for sale of old Poorhouse	2,, 6

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town ClerkWarrant for March Meeting, 1829

To John H Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown ————— Greeting—————

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Mafachusetts, to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to meet and afsemble at the public Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the second day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.—
2^d To choose all town officers for the ensueing year

- 3^d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Services
- 4th To know or determine whether Swine & neat Cattle shall go at large the ensuing year, or act any thing thereon—
- 5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing year & Grant money for the same & act any thing thereon—
- 6th To Grant Money to open, make & repair the Highways in said town or Act any thing thereon—
- 7th To hear & examine the accounts of those persons to whom the town are indebted and grant Money to pay the same and Act any thing thereon.—
- 8th To hear the report of the Committe for estimateing the expences of the town the ensuing year and Act any thing thereon

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- 9th To hear the report of any Committee & Act any thing thereon
- 10th To know what method will take to support their Poor and Act any thing thereon—
- 11th To hear the statement concerning the state of the Treasury and Act any thing thereon—
- 12th To know what method the town will take to collect their taxes & act any thing thereon—
- 13 To know if the town will pass any order respecting the destruction of certain Birds & Pickerell and Act any thing thereon
- 14 To know what method the town will take to dispose of their Pews in the Meeting house & Act any thing thereon—
- 15 To know what method the town will take to pay for their Poor house & farm & Act any thing thereon
- 16 To know if the town will build a new fence for their Pound or Act any thing thereon
- 17 To know if the town will accept of the persons appointed by the Selectmen to fill up the list of Jurors and act any thing thereon

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk with your doings thereon at the time & place appointed for said Meeting

Given under our hands at Watertown this twelfth day of February AD 1829.

Signed	Levi Thaxter Leonard Stone	}	Selectmen of Watertown
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Atts' Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

Middlesex fs. March 2^d 1829. Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of Watertown to meet at the time & place & for the purposes above mentioned by posting up attested Copies of the above Warrant at the public Meeting house in said town two Sundays preceeding the said second day of March

John Clark, Constable of Watertown

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March 2^d 1829 pursuant to the foregoing Warrant dated Feb^y 12th 1829, The Inhabitants of the town of Watertown meet at the public Meetinghouse as therein directed & proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose John Clark Moderator

Voted & chose Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk who was sworn to the faithful performance of that office before Thomas Clark Esq^r

Voted & chose Levi Thaxter Esq^r Town Treasurer

Voted & Chose for Selectmen ↪ { Charles Bemis
John Clark
William May

Voted & chose for Assessors ↪ { Thomas Clark
Gilbert Nichols
Charles Whitney

Voted & chose for Overseers of Poor { Nath^l Bright
Samuel Barnard
Tyler Bigelow

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday next then to meet at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon

Atts Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 9th agreeably to adjournment from March 2^d the Inhabitants met & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & Chose for Constables ↪ { John H Clark
Asa Pratt ↪

Voted & Chose for Tythingmen ↪ { Asa Pratt
Thomas Learned

Voted & Chose for fence viewers— { Zacheus Pond
 Paul Learned
 Nath^l Bright
 Peter Clark

John H Clark was sworn as Constable p^r Gilbert Nichols
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Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market { Nath^l Broad
 Luke Robinson

Voted & chose for Fielddrivers— { Joseph Bird (sworn)
 Henry Bright
 William Horn
 James Gillpatrick
 John M Harris

Voted & chose for Hogreeves— { Andrew Cole
 R W Dickinson
 Walter Rufsell
 William French
 John Roberts
 Luther E Wright
 Samuel Hervey
 Elijah Pratt
 Nathan Nurse (sworn)
 Benjamin F Farrar

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Lumber { Isaac Dana
 Abraham Lincoln

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Isaac Dana
 William Horn

Voted & Chose for Firewards { Levi Thaxter
 Eliakim Morse
 Seth Bemis
 John Clark
 Elisha Livermore
 Joshua Coolidge Jn^r
 Abijah White
 Charles Whitney
 R W Dickinson

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Voted that the overseers of the Poor be surveyors of Highways (Viz) Nathaniel Bright—Samuel Barnard & Tyler Bigelow

Voted & chose for General Schools Committee

{ Rev^d Converse Francis
Rev^d Rufsell Streeter
Leonard Stone
Tyler Bigelow
Nath^l Bemis Jn^r

Voted & chose John M Harris for Pound Keeper

3^d Article as respects Sexton refer'd to the Selectmen

4 d^o dismiss'd that is the law to remain in force

5th Voted to grant twelve hundred Dollars for the support of School's to be divided as last year — \$1200.00

Voted to grant One hundred Dollars for the Singing Society to be a/sesed in Minister Tax & laid out under the Direction of the Society's Committee. ————— \$100.—

6 Voted to grant One thousand Dollars for the support of the Poor & to repair the Highways — \$1000.00
Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Overseers of Poor's Accounts and take an inventory of all the personal Estate if the Overseers require it—

Voted.& chose for said Committee { Luke Bemis
William May
George Coolidge

8th Voted to grant two hundred & seventy Dollars to pay the Interest of the towns Debts ———— \$270.00

Voted to grant three hundred Dollars for contingent expences ————— \$300.—

Voted to grant for Ministers Sallary five hundred & fifty Dollars ————— \$550.—

Voted to grant five hundred Dollars to pay part of the towns Debt for Poorhouse ———— \$500.—

9 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen respecting the Treasury which stands thus as you may see on file Viz he stands charged for monies Received ————— \$7717,, 63

Credit by sundry payments as pr Rec ^{ts}	5909.74	
Outstanding Taxes in the hands of		
C Whitney —————	1129.22	
Cash on hand in the Treasury — — —	678.67	\$7717.63

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Voted that all the Accounts against the town be refer'd to the Selectmen for adjustment.

10th pafs'd over

12 postponed to the first Monday in April

13 Voted to take off the restrictions made by law as respects certain Birds & Pickerell.

14th Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to lease the Pews

15 Voted to pafs over

16 Voted that the building a New fence around the Pound be refer'd to the Selectmen——

17 Voted to accept the persons appointed to fill the vacancies in the list of Jurors (Viz) Charles Bemis, Amos H Livermore and Benjamin Dana

Voted to choose a Committe to cause the town expences to be printed & posted for the use of the Inhabitants—

Voted & chose for said committee { Jotham Keyes
George Coolidge
R W Dickinson

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1st Monday in April then to meet at this place at four of the Clock in the afternoon

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

March 23^d Charles Bemis, John Clark, & William May were sworn as Selectmen——p^r G Nichols Town Clerk they then appointed, Luke Robbinson Thaddeus Cole, Isaac Dana and Asa Pratt as Measurers of Wood & Bark——Luke Robbinson was sworn as Mesurer of Wood & Bark p^r G Nichols Town Clerk

March 30th Asa Pratt was sworn as Constable p^r Tyler Bigelow Justice of the peace as pr Certificate on file—

Also, they isued the following Warrant for April Meeting——

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1829

To John H Clark one of the Constables of the town of
Watertown. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choise of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, to meet at the public Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators & Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Also, you are alike required to notify & warn the Male Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the public Meetinghouse in said town, on Monday the sixth day of April next at three of the Clock in the afternoon, to Act on the following Articles. (Viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator.
- 2^d To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.
- 3^d To hear the Report of Any Committee & Act any thing thereon
- 4th To know if the town will choose a Committe & ortherise them to sell the town's Wharf & land in Cambridge & Act any thing thereon
- 5th To know if the town will provide suction Hose for their Engine and Act any thing thereon.

Héreof, fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at the time & place appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Watertown, this Sixteenth day of March AD 1829.

signed — — —	John Clark	}	Selectmen of Watertown
	William May		
	Charles Bemis		

Atts Gilbert Nichols, Town Clerk

The above Warrant was duly executed & return'd by——

John H Clark, Constable

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At a public town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Watertown held April 6th 1829—Agreeably to a Warrant for that purpose, they proceeded as follows—the Selectmen presideing—who, call'd for the Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors, which were brought in sorted & counted, and were as follows (Viz)

For Governor

Levi Lincoln had Sixty five votes	— — — — —	65
Marcus Morton had Eight	“ — — — — —	8
Harrison G Otis had Six	“ — — — — —	6
Daniel Webster had One	“ — — — — —	1
Jotham Keyes had One	“ — — — — —	1

For Lieutenant Governor

Thomas L Winthrop had Sixty nine votes	— — — — —	69
Nathan Willis had Seven	“ — — — — —	7
William Prescott had One	“ — — — — —	1
Jonathan Whitney Jn ^r had One	“ — — — — —	1
Adolphus Bates had One	“ — — — — —	1

For Senators and Counsellors

Benjamin F Varnum had Sixty nine	“ — — — — —	69
James Lewis had Seventy	“ — — — — —	70
Charles Train had Seventy six	“ — — — — —	76
Francis Winship had Seventy five	“ — — — — —	75
Thomas J Goodwin had Eighty three	“ — — — — —	83
Leonard M Parker had seven	“ — — — — —	7
William Parmenter had six	“ — — — — —	6
John Abbott had Eight	“ — — — — —	8
Ebenezar Parker had Eight	“ — — — — —	8
Samuel Hoar Jn ^r had Nine	“ — — — — —	9
William Jackson had Eight	“ — — — — —	8
Thomas Clark had One	“ — — — — —	1
Isaac Bemis had One	“ — — — — —	1

The Meeting was then Adjourned to the house of L Robbinson for the purpose of Sealing up the above Votes there to meet at seven O clock this Evening, at which time & place the Inhabitants met & the above list of Votes were sealed as the law directs.

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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1829

April 6th Agreeably to the preceeding Warrant the town meeting was opened for the purpose of Choosing County Treasurer & transacting other businels as exprest in said Warrant

1st Voted & chose John Clark for Moderator who call'd for the Votes for County Treasurer which were brought in sorted & Counted & were as follows (Viz)

2^d for County Treasurer

Elisha Fuller	Esqr.	seventy seven	Votes	— — —	77
John Keyes	“	two	“	— — —	2
William White	“	two	“	— — —	2
George Hervey	“	three	“	— — —	3

3^d Voted, to accept the Report of the Trustees of the Ministerial Funds & that the same be placed on file, which states the Income same as last year which is — — — \$450.— which sum is now due.—

4th Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committe to sell the Wharf & land belonging to the town situated in Cambridge.

5th Voted to refer this Article, respecting suction Hoses for the Engines, to the Firewards for them to report at our next meeting.

March Meeting was then opened by declaration of the Moderator on Motion, it was Voted to choose an overseer of the poor instead of Nath^l Bright (deceased).

Voted, & chose Charles Whitney as Overseer of Poor

Voted, to excuse John M Harris as Pound keeper

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint a Pound keeper

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Luke Robbinson there to meet at seven O clock this Evening.

Agreeably to adjournment the Inhabitants assembled & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose Charles Whitney Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year upon the following conditions (Viz) he to give Bonds to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for his faithful Performance of the following conditions (Viz) he is to collect and pay in One third part of the Taxes that may be committed

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1829

The Selectmen appointed Asa Pratt for Sexton he to perform all the duties as last year for Nineteen Dollars & fifty cents to commence the 1st of May

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

April 27, At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day they appointed the following persons as Engine Men for Engine N^o 3. (Viz)

Elisha Cottle Jn^r
George Winch
Osgood Hutchinson
Levi Hardy.

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1829 May 4th. At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day they appointed the following persons as Engine men for Engine N^o. 2—(Viz)

Charles Bird
Samuel Frost
James Kidder
Henry Sanger
Ja^s L. T. Pyncheon
Samuel Bright
Simeon Herrick

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

1829 May 4th Thomas Clark was sworn as Afsefsor who also administer'd the Oath to Gilbert Nichols for said office as a Justice of the Peace, May 11th Charles Whitney was sworn as Afsefsor

Atts^t Gilbert Nichols Town Clerk

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