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 Sir Walter Boleyn, Baron of  
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 Sir Walter Boleyn, Baron of Gault.

PHILIP SHEARMAN — 1655.

May 7<sup>e</sup> 1655) The Council of the Towne of  
 Portsmouth being met in the evening to the hon<sup>or</sup> of the Colonie  
 for the full Dissolution of the Estate of John Woodcraft

JOHN ANTHONY — 1658.

It is ordered that the Towne Clarke shall write to New York to inform  
 them, that we have information of a wolfe being on the Island, and to  
 desire their helpe to drive the Island on Monday next if it be fairs  
 weather, if not then on the next fairs day

RICHARD BULGAR — 1663.

Ordered and voted that for as much as we are now the having abridgement of the most  
 finds that there is a short in the Rats, ordered the last meetings about in  
 Clarke supply to the Barbadoes, now we have Rats the along the island and both  
 and a great great that of another Rats made of 7000000 for the  
 supply of the John Clarke in England, weing Rats is to be equally

JOHN SANFORD — 1671.

Resolved that whereas there is a motion made in the Hon<sup>or</sup> Assembly unto the  
 Hon<sup>or</sup>able for the Rats, the number of Rats, in the island, and for the taking  
 of what shall be formerly due, This Towne hereby doth advise the motions  
 that every man approve, the act of Oblivion for what hath been formerly due

## PREFACE.

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This volume of Portsmouth Records is issued in accordance with a vote of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, passed May 26, 1899, as follows:

*“Resolved,* That the sum of one thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of indexing, printing, and binding five hundred copies of the early records of the town of Portsmouth, to be done under the direction of the librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders on the general treasurer for said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, upon the presentation of vouchers approved by the secretary of state.”

The movement to preserve in permanent form the earliest records of Portsmouth was started long before the passage of the General Assembly act. Nearly two years before, a request was made of the Portsmouth town council that the oldest book of records should be temporarily surrendered to the Rhode Island Historical Society, in order that an exact copy of the same might be made. On September 13, 1897, upon petition of Amos Perry, this request was granted. Within a few months a copy was made, and on May 26, 1899, the General Assembly recognized the value of the undertaking by authorizing the printing of five hundred copies of the volume.

This old book of records, in spite of its long period of usefulness, is yet fairly well preserved. Its evident lack of covers during a part of its existence has permitted perhaps two dozen pages at each end of the book to become frayed and torn, some almost to the inner edge. The present substantial binding was put on during the term of Richard Sherman as town clerk. Since that time the volume has been carefully kept, although the age and brittleness of the paper have rendered it liable to constant danger. That a few of the leaves have become torn and lost, even since then, may be seen by comparing the present transcript with that made by John R. Bartlett in editing the *Rhode Island Colonial Records*. Mr. Bartlett, in transcribing a portion of the records from 1639 to 1646, evidently had access in 1856 to a somewhat less mutilated volume than the existing one. A careful comparison, however, will show that the transcript in the *Colonial Records* is not at all to be relied upon for accuracy.

The volume, as it exists to-day, is one of great interest and local historical importance. Although the larger part of the book is taken up with the proceedings of the town council, there are also included hundreds of miscellaneous records—deeds, wills, inventories, powers of attorney, indentures, and ear-marks—all of additional value to the student of history and genealogy. The book was evidently used at the same time for different purposes. The council records begin with the year 1639 at one end of the volume and run until the year 1695, when they are met by miscellaneous records that had in the meantime been begun at the opposite end of the volume. The council's proceedings from 1695 to 1697 are scattered throughout the remainder of the book, wherever a blank space would permit. In one case an

entry for the "13th of the first month, 1697," was made directly after an entry for the year 1642. (See page 19 of this volume.) But the word "1697" having become torn off, the record reads as if it had been entered under 1642. For convenience, therefore, in finding the proceedings of a certain town council, a chronological table of town-meetings is annexed to this preface.

In transcribing the volume, the spelling, capitalization, and punctuation of the original have been rigidly adhered to. When the volume was first transmitted to the Historical Society, it was carefully repaged in red ink; and this pagination, which may now be deemed the original pagination, is indicated in the present text by heavy type within brackets. The dates at the upper corners of the pages are inserted merely for convenience in reference. The signs and abbreviations used mostly explain themselves. Brackets enclosing a blank space are used whenever the text is torn or illegible. The "marks" of persons unable to write, are reproduced as far as practicable in fac-simile. The reproduction of a circle, with the word "seal" inside, does not mean that the seal itself is in the text, but that the town clerk thus indicated what he himself had seen upon the original document that he copied. Certain signs, like  $\text{p}$  for the syllable containing the letters *pr* with a vowel, and  $\overline{m}$  for *mm*, have been preserved. The reader should constantly remember the facts about double-dating and the change in the calendar. According to the Julian calendar, the year began on March 25. March was the first month and February the last month of the year. But since January was historically, if not legally, the first month of the year, all dates falling between January 1 and March 24, inclusive, were double-dated. February 14, 1675, was written February 14, 1674/75. Upon the introduction of the Gregorian

calendar in 1752, January became legally the first month of the year, and double-dating ceased.

As I write the closing words of this preface, I realize that it has merely fallen to my lot to complete a task so well begun by others. To Hon. Amos Perry, my predecessor in the position of librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society, is due a large portion of the credit of preserving this volume in its printed form. Through his own energy and enthusiasm he raised a sum sufficient to meet the expenses of the first transcript, and under his able supervision the book was planned and begun. But scarcely had the printing commenced when death intervened and he was called away. During the interval preceding the choice of his successor, the volume was edited under the direction of the members of the library committee—William D. Ely and Henry R. Chace. Soon after my entrance upon the duties of librarian, a great calamity occurred, and the volume, which was confidently expected to appear in the spring of 1900, was delayed for nearly a year. All the signatures as far as page 257, which were stored at the state bindery, were consumed in the Snow & Farnham fire of January, 1900. Fortunately a duplicate set of signatures had been preserved, and after the state had made an appropriation to reprint the thousands of burned documents and reports, the work was begun all over again in May, 1900. Several changes, made possible by the complete reprinting of the volume, were introduced, but the original plan has been generally adhered to.

The labor of transcribing the volume has been entrusted to Katharine H. Austin. Her skill in deciphering ancient records, and her natural carefulness and discernment, have rendered her



exceptionally well qualified for the task. The state is fortunate, indeed, in having been able to obtain the services of one so painstaking and accurate.

Thanks are due to William D. Ely and to Henry R. Chace, for the efficient manner in which they directed the printing of the book just after Mr. Perry's death, and especially to the latter gentleman for his kind offices in originally procuring for us the ancient volume. Acknowledgment should also be made to Edward Field, for many helpful suggestions; to William F. Brayton, the present town clerk of Portsmouth, for his forbearance in allowing the volume out of his custody during the process of reading the proof; to the Portsmouth town council, for their courtesy and interest in the matter; and to E. L. Freeman & Sons, the state printers, for the typographical excellence of the book.

In conclusion, I would call attention to the almost imperative duty of preserving in permanent form the oldest records of our towns. The fading of the ink, the crumbling of the paper, and the ever present danger of fire are inevitable barriers to the extreme longevity of any manuscript volume. Indeed, the loss of public records from this last cause alone, considered in the aggregate throughout the whole country, is little short of appalling. If but one copy of a volume exists, then its life hangs upon a single thread. The only way in which effectually to preserve the volume for present and future generations is to multiply the number of copies, and this the many improvements in the art of printing have enabled us to do at a comparatively low cost. In this state of Rhode Island, the matter is of especial importance. The peculiar structure of government of our colony, in its earliest days, has made the records of the towns the chief, and often the

only source for a study of the history of the colony. Of our four earliest towns, the records of Providence have been published, those of Portsmouth are now in print, and those of Newport are irrevocably lost. The records of Warwick alone remain. The oldest manuscript volume in the possession of that town is less known to the historical student than any other of our earliest town records. While certain portions of it have never as yet been deciphered, the historical importance of the volume is unquestioned. It is certainly the duty of the people of this state to see to it that the contents of this valuable Warwick volume should be preserved in permanent form before it is too late.

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*Librarian R. I. Historical Society.*

PROVIDENCE, March 25, 1901.

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We whose names are vnderw  
our selues the Loyall subie  
King Charles, and in his na  
into a Civill body Politicke : a  
selues<sub>A</sub>vnto his lawes according  
matters of Justice:

Willm Hutchinson.  
Samuell Gorton  
Samuell Hutchinson  
John Wickes  
Richarde Maggson.  
Thomas Spiser,

~~\* William Aspinwall~~

~~\* Willm Haule.~~

John Roome, **R** mark

† John Sloffe **I** mark

Thomas Beddar **∩** mark

Erasmus Bullocke  
Sampson Shotten

\* See Arnold's History of R. I., Vol. I, p. 133, foot-note.

† See R. I. Historical Society's Quarterly, Vol. VI, p. 85.

Ralph Earle

Robert Potter

Nathanyell Potter **N**- markGeorge Potter **Γ** mark\* w<sup>m</sup> Heauens. **WH** mark\* George Cleare. **∩∩**

George Lawton

Anthony Paine **ε** his markJobe Haukins **H** mark

Richarde Awards

\* John More **N** his mark~~Nicholas~~ Nicholas Brownes **∩** his markWilliam Richardson **Γ** mark

John Trippe

Thomas Layton **T** his markRobert Stainton his **2** markJohn Brigges his **Γ** markeJames Davice **∩** his mark

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\* See R. I. Historical Society's Quarterly, Vol. VI, p. 85.



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Aprill. 30<sup>th</sup> 1    

According to the true intent of  
whose names ar aboue perticularly  
joyntly or by the maior Voice, to  
Ruler or Judge amongst vs in  
for the space & tearme of one  
behauing himself according to the t

We have freely made Choice of  
to be ruler or Judg Among

We have also for the helpe & ease  
publique businesse & affaires for  
for one yeare also, Chosen Vnto him  
William Balston, John Porter, Jo  
William Freeborne, John Wal  
Phillipe Shermon, as also w'll  
lay out landes as they sh

We haue also made Choice of  
amongst Vs for this yeare en

It is appoynted y<sup>t</sup> their shalbe  
yeare, evry quarter one for  
to doe right betwixt man &  
Jury of. 12 men, as also it is  
the Eight men chosen v  
meeting amongst themsel  
as also to put an end to any controver  
if it amount not to the Vallue of fo  
the Judge w<sup>h</sup> the rest of the eight  
it brought to y<sup>e</sup> pubike court

The quarter courts ar to bee the  
next. the second, the first thursd  
the first thursday in decembe  
day of Election of new officer  
in March.

And for the Monthly courts to  
in the month.

[11] At a Monthly meeting y<sup>e</sup>  
1639

Job Haukins was granted one House  
y<sup>e</sup> west side of the swampe to buld on  
be forfitt at y<sup>e</sup> yeares end  
It It is ordered y<sup>t</sup> the meddowes a  
laid out according to ech mans  $\frac{1}{2}$  p \*

At a Monthly meeting the last th  
It is ordered that no man shall sell his lott or  
offer it to y<sup>e</sup> boddy heare in Portsmouth

It is ordered y<sup>t</sup> John Porter & Tho: Spiser  
inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> laity purchased meddo  
theire monyes for this yeare & bring it

It is agreed vpon y<sup>t</sup> theire shalbe tend  
Joyning w<sup>h</sup> him to putt our matters o  
2 among themselues, & we tow amo  
ende it, to referr it to 4 men of [r]igh  
tow, they other tow,

It is ordered that w<sup>m</sup>. ffreeborne & R  
about the corne ffeilds of both sid

\* Undoubtedly an abbreviation for "proportion."

man to maintaine his owne ffen  
to be maintained by y<sup>e</sup> whole feilde,  
the owners theirof are to pay the d

At a Monthly meet

It is ordered y<sup>t</sup> no man shall g  
shall loase his lott heare, ti

At a Mont

To John Alborah wa  
Condition of bulding  
To John Vane one

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ting y<sup>e</sup> last thursday in y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup>.

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one House lott next John Vane vpon y<sup>e</sup> said tear  
y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>h</sup> was George Gardiners grownd in the  
ow more next it, vpon y<sup>e</sup> vew of [S<sup>d</sup>] Balston &  
in the said North feild to plow/  
land at y<sup>e</sup> Comon seller on y<sup>e</sup> neck from w<sup>in</sup>  
tchinsons lott

eeting y<sup>e</sup> last thursday in 9 M<sup>o</sup>.

ted 6 ac of planting ground at his Meddow where

next John Motts vpon y<sup>e</sup> former condition of bulding

meeting y<sup>e</sup> 10 m<sup>o</sup>. 1639

house lotte next beyond m<sup>r</sup> Cowland on y<sup>e</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> former condition of bulding w<sup>hin</sup>

tow house lotts of y<sup>e</sup> east side of the swampe  
next y<sup>e</sup> Coupers vpon Condition of  
& selling the 3<sup>d</sup> lott bought of Anthony  
good behaviour/

ng y<sup>e</sup> 11 m<sup>o</sup>. 1639  
 haue bene divers times troubled w<sup>h</sup> Claimes  
 ing an equall right w<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> purchasers to  
 tion, w<sup>h</sup> is contrary to what is declared  
 at our entrance into this combination  
 tuall peace, y<sup>t</sup> all such Claimes should

haue his lands layed out to him as  
 vpon y<sup>e</sup> receite of their monyes

[13] At a quarter meeting the  
 y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup>. 1639. these th

That evry man that hath a house  
 shall bulde vpon the same w<sup>h</sup>in on  
 he loaseth it

m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Spicer & Robert Potter ar  
 chosen Surveyers for y<sup>e</sup> hie wayes, &  
 come in, tow, foure, or sixe daies a  
 this & y<sup>e</sup> 29 of 7 m<sup>o</sup>. next, & if the nece  
 as he cannot come or procure a man, he  
 day to y<sup>e</sup> surveyers & the surveyers  
 y<sup>e</sup> Court at y<sup>e</sup> yeares end  
 It is agreed vpon to Call this towne

To Richard Haukins is granted one ho  
 one yeare or to be forfitt,  
 To Thomas Slaid is granted one house lo  
 upon y<sup>e</sup> said tearmes  
 To Tho: Waite one house lott next m<sup>r</sup>  
 To Edward ffisher one house lott next

At a quarter Meeting y<sup>e</sup> first Thursd

1639

Nicholas Browne doth dismisse himself of [hi]  
the govourment heare/

[14]      [&] Meddowes formerly granted

ie way adioynning to m<sup>r</sup> Coddingtons garden  
him w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> littl marsh w<sup>thout</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Comon fenc nex y<sup>e</sup>  
xt vnto him  
    next vnto him  
next vnto him  
next him & one at y<sup>e</sup> end of his lott on y<sup>e</sup> neck  
    t m<sup>r</sup> wilbore  
    en y<sup>e</sup> salt Crick & his lotte  
    Cricke  
ge (4 Rood left for a hie way to y<sup>e</sup> spring) Tow acre  
    him i Ac.  
    halfe next vnto him  
    xt vnto him  
    tow Ac next to him  
    next to them,  
    vnto him  
    halfe next vnto him, beyond y<sup>e</sup> hieway.  
    t to him  
    halfe next to him  
eorg Layton & Tho Laiton to ech halfe an ac next him  
    e of y<sup>e</sup> ponde  
ne Ac next next his house  
tton i Ac next to him  
    i Acr next to him  
    i Ac next to him  
    next to him

& [a] halfe next to him  
 at y<sup>e</sup> ponds mouth next y<sup>e</sup> North sea  
 eddow of y<sup>e</sup> Norwest side of y<sup>e</sup> ~~Hand~~ Towne  
 end of y<sup>e</sup> meddow 2 Ac of vpland  
 nto h[im] 3 Ac of meddow,  
 ac of Meddow,  
 t to him  
 xt to them  
 xt to them  
 xt to him  
 meddow, w'h an addition of vpland to  
 o y<sup>e</sup> Meddowe  
 estward beyond y<sup>e</sup> long Meddow, from y<sup>e</sup> sea  
 eddow;

[15] At a meeting the 10<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 12 m<sup>o</sup>. 163  
 & further confirmed y<sup>e</sup> 18 of y<sup>e</sup> said

It is Mutually agreed by the p  
 that these quanteties of grow  
 in these places following.

William Hutchinson ffour Hundreth  
 North side of y<sup>e</sup> salt Crick at Sachua East, & bo  
 on y<sup>e</sup> west & soe to ronne Northward,  
 John Sanforde Tow hundreth & ffourtie Acre  
 William Aspinwall Tow hundreth Acres ab  
 Sandy poynte of the same side to pay  
 Philip Shermon Tow Hundreth Acres ab  
 from the Towne of y<sup>e</sup> same side  
 Of the west side  
 William ffreeborne One hundreth & ffortie Acr  
 at his little Meddow & soe sowth west,

John Walker one hundreth Acres ne  
<sup>40</sup>  
 William Balston Tow hundreth Acr  
 brooke on y<sup>e</sup> North East end of his Meddow

<sup>40</sup>  
 John Porter Tow Hundreth Acres  
 Edwarde Hutchinson Tow Hundret  
 & if there be noe Meddowes wi<sup>h</sup>in hi  
 of Tow Acres he is to haue Tow  
 Porters Meddow,

<sup>30</sup>  
 Richard Carder Thirtie Ac next  
 It is also ordered y<sup>t</sup> the afforsaid  
 the one halfe of there lande  
 regarde of there first advento  
 Also it is ordered y<sup>t</sup> Robt Potter sha  
 som losses he had by y<sup>e</sup> heard  
 Adam Mote fower scoere and  
 Brooke next m<sup>r</sup> William B  
 ward

[Page 16 is blank.]

**[17]**      The 22 of decem[ber]

It was ordered att a publike mee  
 that where as there was an ord  
 pence the acker: should be payd  
 layd out the land: it is now ord  
 former order is disanulld: and  
 foreward to be layd out freely: o  
 laye out the land shalbe payd in  
 to there laboure and paines:

it is granted at a publike mettinge  
of portsmouth that there is li  
for men to gett a shipp lood of  
& pipe stauffes & clabboard boults  
Juridicktions of the twone of por  
that thouse men wch doe proc  
shall bringe in the comodities vnt  
and that they shall part with  
wch the exchange for the stuff  
shuch pay as men are able to  
or goats or hogges or other ca  
they sayd men shall gett noe t  
of the sayd towne of portsmout  
to goe to gett planks & crookes

i day of of november 1642

erey  
first it is ordered that whosover s  
of land wherevppon Tho: Gorton hath  
house shall keepe the ferrie

erey  
alsoe it is ordered that the t  
necke of land where vppon his  
vnto him by the towne

the first of December i

It is ordered att a publike mee  
m<sup>r</sup> Willm Brenton Dept  
with the towne of nuport  
of that debtt which the  
& to prop[o]use land for th



[18]

[D]arlinge & Lamboth woodered  
 en lyinge beyound good k[ ]rells  
 fell it the after the falle of

England hath 2 ackers graunted  
 nto him wch was graunted

man bourden that hee hath liber  
 ght aboue his hedge

i642

e it was ordered that there  
 of land granted to the vnder  
 at is to saye what can be  
 about the mill with 40  
 other syde of the great  
 n Randall Houldinge great  
 ds att the forther end  
 more or lesse lyinge be  
 me and to m<sup>r</sup> Huchinsons  
 :

Vnto george Parker &  
 ther of them a lott if it  
 iam England one dwell

to william Chatbourne that  
 tweene m<sup>r</sup> Parker and  
 and alsoe he hath  
 him to make vse of

er which was  
 aunted vnto  
 er to be satisfied  
 d  
 morris m<sup>r</sup> Samuell  
 or any 3 of them  
 & present them

[19] For ye corne  
 hadd of m<sup>r</sup> malborne  
 att a towne meetinge the 26 of Aprill  
 The deptie governor he will lend [in]  
 one yearelinge steere  
 m<sup>r</sup> Portter hee will lend one yearelin  
 m<sup>r</sup> Baulston one caulfe  
 Raphe keared one yearelinge g  
 Adam mott one yearlinge goat  
 Richard Borden one yearlinge go  
 Raphe \*Cowland one yearlinge  
 John Briges one shote  
 Thomas Gorton one bushell of  
 William ffreeborne one bushell  
 m<sup>r</sup> Cornell one goat

It is ordered & agreed that the fe  
 feilds ar to be mad vpp by the io

It is ordered that all the hogges  
 awaye out of the corne lotts by  
 & for every hogge that is found in

\*Apparently "k" was first written instead of "C."

after the i of march to paye  
 hogge  
 It is ordered that the land that  
 the mill it is agreed of that  
 betweene Rand[le] Houldinge  
 great lott[s] is graunted vnto  
 and m<sup>r</sup> Samuell welboure:  
 lesse is graunted vnto the  
 paying vnto m<sup>r</sup> John Portter  
 of it lyinge beyound the  
 m<sup>r</sup> Hutchinsons land and  
 height that m<sup>r</sup> Hutch

[20]

he first Month i640  
 Aqueidneck Iland  
 day to send euery man that hath  
 man to make a hedge & <sup>a</sup> gate frō  
 s corner to mr Samford's hedge  
 bee ouerseer of the worke M<sup>r</sup> Samford  
 men or some three of them adioyned  
 seauerall men in the North feild  
 for their planting or plowinge  
 o have two pence an acre fo<sup>r</sup> their  
 oube/

en is assigned 100 Acres on y<sup>e</sup> North Side  
 ned — 050 acres on y<sup>e</sup> North Side  
 is assigned — 060 acres on the North Side  
 ned — 060 acres on the North Side  
 assigned — 020 acres on the North Side  
 is graunted 010 acres of timber  
 ayers thinke fo<sup>r</sup> these./

n that if m<sup>r</sup> Hollyman doe not pay  
the Mill that he shall bee satisfied by y<sup>e</sup> bodye  
nted. /

Shermon & Richarde Burden are  
the Meddow grounds to each man  
yond the water.

the 26th of the third Month 1640

is graunted to Ralphe Earle as  
the ponde side 3. acres of land  
his makeing & maintayninge  
the next fence adioyning to the Lotte  
in & to bee layed oute as the /

/

this day admitted an Inhabitaunt  
raunted vnto him three hundred  
egyn at the brooke next beyonde the  
towards Sachueast. /

the greene ouer against Leftenant  
o his close.

f the 4th Month 1640

unted to him one hundrede  
or 200 hundrede acres if it  
ers. /

& Henry Townson are  
s. /

Spicer shall see that the oute  
the Comon charge of the

h day of this 4th Month  
south syde the Iland/  
de

5th Month 1640

e lott on the hillside  
yde  
ill syde  
ll syde

[21] To Phillip Sherman one house lott on  
Sargean Hutchinsonnes/  
To m<sup>r</sup> Wilboare 4 acres at the discretion

The 7th of the 7th Month 1640

It is ordered that these 4 men with Leftena  
Samfoard, Samuell Wilboare & Adam Mott  
needfull for the setting forward of the worke &  
ment every man shall send in a man 2<sup>or</sup> 3  
to carrye an end of the worke & what materialls  
a supplye of, w<sup>h</sup> what conuenient speede may b  
It is ordered that every man shall make a con  
before his lot betwixt this & the 12<sup>th</sup> of the next M  
Month Suruayers of the hyewaies Lifenant  
M<sup>r</sup> Wildeboare & Adam Mott  
Thomas Gorton is Chosen fferriman & is t  
at the discretion of m<sup>r</sup> Porter Leitenant  
his rates bee 6d a man, & 3<sup>d</sup> if aboue three at once  
goates & Kine 4<sup>d</sup> & he is to builde w<sup>h</sup> what conve  
the meaintime to hyer when neede is. /

Itt is ordered that when the ferrie boate be built  
to the Maine land w<sup>h</sup> anie Canooe, in paine of  
These 12 men following weare appoynted to [—i—]

Concerninge the death of George Potter.

Thomas Spicer	Williā ffreeborn
Adam Mott	Thomas Hazard[e]
Randall Houlden	Ric: Awards
Richard Burden	Ric: Carder

The 23<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1640 m<sup>r</sup> Hailes

& hath a lott graunted hym to be next Rufus

Itt is ordered that he y<sup>t</sup> stayeth one owe

the drum shall forfeit to the Treasure

he goe away w<sup>h</sup>oute leaue \*ii s vi d w<sup>h</sup>hou

Itt is left to the discretion of the lotters to giue  
of his Medowe adioyninge.

Williā Woodwarde is graunted a howse Lott

Att A publick meeting the 23<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Mon

m<sup>r</sup> Williā Collins was admitted I

graunted him next on the south side

at the discretion of the

Att a Publique meeting the first of the 8

Capt. Richard Morris was Admitted In

graunted him next to John Briggs on the

at the discretion of the

Richard Smythe Admitted Inhabitant o

lott graunted to be laied forth at the d

Att a Monthly Meeting the 4<sup>th</sup>

Thomas Attkinson late of Plymoth

Marke Mendloue late of the same

Itt is ordered that the lotters that

of landes abroade shall haue

haue the lands soe laied out

\* Doubtless intended for 2s. 6d.

Itt is ordered that the Deputye m<sup>r</sup>  
& fifty Acres of land at a place  
vppon view thinke it no [way]

6<sup>th</sup> 1657  
ordered to  
raised by the  
consent of the  
parties & order  
of the towne.

that  
~~It is ordered m<sup>r</sup> Wilboare~~  
~~50 Acres next on this side~~  
lott

[22]

yonde Phillip Shermans  
house lott next beyonde good. Greenill  
50 acres next beyonde m<sup>r</sup> Spicer  
acres next beyonde Richard Awards  
side  
20 Acres next on this m<sup>r</sup> Wilboare  
sides 20 acres next on this side Thomas Emings  
Nicholas Browne 10 acres next on this side Hawkin  
acres on this side Nicholas Browne  
on this side John More  
Layton to each of them 20 Acres apeece  
oodall 10 Acres of lande  
m<sup>r</sup> Brenton Deputy shall in lieu of his ground  
huest have the Meddowes & land on the North side  
e to run frō the Rayles at the Cartway by a  
great wating place to cut through the midst  
by a straite lyne to the Coue at Samfords Iland  
des to the Treasurye the waterside being free  
rding to former order  
Smythe is graunted one howse lott  
an is graunted one howse lott  
Willson is granted one howse lott  
all is granted one howse lott  
12 <sup>z</sup> & the charges about the Mill shall be borne  
the Treasurie  
Plantie in an action of the Case against John Phillips  
ll Holman declares against John Phillips that he

ilde hym a mill according as he hath declared to the Jury

Thomas Emings            John Briggs

Jn<sup>o</sup> Walker                Phillip Sherman

Williã ffreeborne /      Richard Borden

Ralphe Cowland         Ric: Awards

fo<sup>r</sup> the Plantiffe

lowe to m<sup>r</sup> Holliman v ss a weake fo<sup>r</sup> his dyett  
 m<sup>r</sup> Holliman since he came to the Mill further he  
 i2 ss for his man George this is to be paid by 8 ss  
 es as he hath wrought wth him according to the  
 & both these somes of i2 ss p weake & 8 ss <sup>þ</sup> weake  
 olliman by the aforementioned John  
 weake.

fist of the 9th Month i640

Phillips shall have i4 workeing daies allowed  
 he doe not perfectly expect it to grynde sufficient  
 o Referr hym selfe to the Townes pleasure.

the third of the ioth Month i640

n Inhabitant & hath a lott graunted hym/  
 habitant & hath a lott graunted hym/  
 bitant & hath a lott graunted hym/  
 Inhabitant & hath a lott graunted hym/  
 abitant & hath a lott graunted hym/  
 bitant & hath a lott graunted hym

the 11th Month i640

Towne of Portsmouth    George Parker

th side of John Briggs his Lott, & it is  
 bee any more howse lotts beyond ytt

nes was Admitted an Inhabitant

south side

all haue some planting land

him



[23] At A meeting the 4th day of the 12th  
 It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Porter & m<sup>r</sup>  
 to lay oute for m<sup>r</sup> Samuells Hutch  
 in the South East neck in the Comon  
 vnto them both Ruphus Barton to haue  
 m<sup>r</sup> Samuells Hutchinson to lye next  
 of seauen Acres in Poe Chasset fei

It is further ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Samuells W  
 Iland in consideration of six acres he should ha  
 Leiftenant Balstons. /

Itt is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Balston m<sup>r</sup> Cornell &  
 a peece of Meddow in the Comon fence on the s  
 they fence it in at their owne cost. /

Itt is further ordered that oulde m<sup>r</sup> Barton sh  
 on the [I]land a peece of Meadowe fo<sup>r</sup> the takei  
 & fensing yt from the sea. /

Itt is further ordered that Henry Bull sha  
 North feild & that Goodman Burden shall h  
 plant on where m<sup>r</sup> Porter & Leiftenant Ba

Itt is ordered that Leiftenant Baulston  
 a millwright to builde a Mill whose Charge  
 Treasury.

The 25<sup>th</sup> of ffebruary 1642

At a towne meettinge William Chatbourn  
 admitted inhabitant of the the towne of p  
 And James Badcocke is admitted inhabi

At A meeting of the free inhabitants  
 Portsmouth the 13<sup>th</sup> of the first month  
 at the house of William Ccry

voted Joseph Sheffield chosen moderator  
 voted Daniel Wilcocke } are chosen to  
 and John Borden }  
 Inquest at newport  
 voted Thomas manchester } are chos  
 Tobias Brown and } next Jury  
 Robert Hodgson }  
 voted This meeting is Dissolved

[24]

meeting of the towne 29<sup>th</sup> of  
 1643:

& perpetuated  
 agreed & voted <sup>^</sup> all land that  
 what soever that the line laid out  
 and man is equally to bee bourne by  
 ay the one partie the one halfe  
 partie the other, and if any shall  
 againe the Comon then when  
 es to bee laid out to any man  
 then that man to bear halfe that  
 hat lyes in the line betweene them  
 to this order: that provided that  
 petchment to that coustome in  
 fenced in with a generall fence  
 id fences bee maintained by the  
 dinge vnto proportion agreed vntill  
 perticuler: /

at william ffreebourne is to haue  
 meddow lyinge betweene his  
 and the high way that goes downe  
 provied that <sup>if</sup> goodman holy

the fence to be maintained Equally between man & man.

any holdinge or intrest vnto  
 n holyman is to satisfie  
 what charges hee hath  
 inge and maintaing thereof  
 Judge provided that when  
 or a high way vnto the springe

**[25]** 15th of October 1643

It is ordered at a towne  
 Richard Morise & James Badcock  
 vp all the Armes in the Towne  
 the month about writ & that  
 & John Brigs shal goe to euery  
 what armes ar defectiue & that th  
 the men whose the armes is, to  
 in to be mended by the time about  
 if the armes be not brot in timly  
 to forfit 5<sup>s</sup>

[ ] Inhabitant\*

It is further ordered that euery man  
 4<sup>l</sup> of shote lying by them & two poun  
 & to haue it in a redines by the 24 of  
 It is further ordered that vpon the 24  
 ther be a genrall trayning of the  
 & that euery man be in a redines  
 beat of the drum.

It is ordered further that the lot lai  
 to Robert Bellow at the first brook  
 shal inioy it: he vsing his trade for the  
 the towne

It is orderd further that 5 acres  
 laied out to John Porter next round  
 the swamp downe to the sea on th

\* This line is written either with pencil or with very pale ink.

in satisfaction for 10 acers of land  
in the land granted to william Wi  
Itt is orderd that 10 Acers of land  
out to Jams Badcoke at the first bro  
foot path estward leuing ten rod next  
for a hie way

It is orderd that Thomas fish shal  
Acers of land at the first brook lai  
Jams Badcokes toward the head

It is orderd that ther shalle noe  
laide out next the first brook

It is orderd that Jams Sands  
[ ]mainder of the land not gra

highway Round midowe & the end  
¶ Guided ther be a hie way lef  
John Porter: to the sea

It is further orderd th  
euery night & those th  
t the watch

[26]

to leuie the goods of the ¶tie  
satisfaction if they refuse to

t Richard Burding shal at the  
fense next John Anthony  
into the col]m]on to straiten

28 day of november 1643

20 ackes of land that was  
dman Emins is granted vnto

that Thomas Emings shall 6 ackes<sup>haue</sup> r  
morris fence & that goodman  
land 4 ackers added vnto his great  
2 ackers goodman Emins had

ered that william freeborne shall  
 added vnto his great lott in lew  
 oodman Emins had of him:

t all theye that want plantinge  
 be acomodated in the Comon fence  
 they make vpp that fence sufficiently  
 ene m<sup>r</sup> Eastons Coue & to the  
 the north sid and what land  
 vnto men they shall inioye  
 ne propriitie

ackers John fford 8 ackers  
 ackers m<sup>r</sup> Almy 8 ackers  
 ackers m<sup>r</sup> Cornell io ackers  
 ackers John greene[man] 5 ackers  
 ackers Thomas [J]enings 8 ackers  
 ckers John Cranson 8 acker  
 ckers will England 8 ackers  
 s Richard Haulkins 8 ackers  
 George Parker [6] ackers

[27] Thomas Cooke is receiued inhabitant & hath  
 ingagment vnto the government  
 ffrancis Braitton is receiued inhabitant  
 giuen ingagment vnto the government  
 Thomas Jeninge is received inhabitan  
 giuen ingagment vnto the government

Thomas Cooke hath propownded for a lott  
 ffrancis Braitton hath propownded for a lott

It is ordered that the lott that was granted

goodman holyman is forfettet vnto the towne  
by reson there was an order that men sh  
build vppon their lotts by such a tyme which  
he hath not done & therefore the towne  
dispouse of it as the see good provided that  
there bee anything about it that  
vse full hee is to be satisfied for it:

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Baulston & m<sup>r</sup> welbo  
Chousen by the towne to veiw the fenc  
it shall rune and that the see it do  
ciently

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Portter is Chousen to  
nuport men that the would be pleased to c  
noe intrest nor tytle in that 100 ackers  
that they <sup>owe</sup> vnto the dept: for the towne  
to accomodat him with as much conveniency  
f[ ]rme as maye bee

It is ordered that noe cattle sh  
Common fence after the be  
ber [ ]

[28]

i [ ]f march 1643  
a generall towne meetinge  
way that was to rune betweene  
ston & m<sup>r</sup> welboure is to bee  
m<sup>r</sup> welboure & his heires  
from the new banke as it is bounded  
ided that m<sup>r</sup> welboure allow  
the watter side for the

landinge of goods: on the  
<sup>his Hous</sup>  
~~the new banke new mad vnto~~  
~~lay out:~~ and after there be a  
 thenn the towne dwellers shall pay  
 a load: [ ] t load  
 ordered and the towne hath chousen  
 er m<sup>r</sup> welboure & m<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson  
 e accounts of the treasurie:

ordered that the high way that went  
 Brenttons & Richard maxsons is  
 vnto m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Brentton & his heires

dered and the towne hath chousen  
<sup>Samuell</sup>  
 Brentton Dept: and m<sup>r</sup> ~~Porter~~  
 Gorton hath disired goodman  
 Samuell welboure to Judge  
 etweene man and man for my  
 d fencinge Cleeringe and  
 of grownd: to be valewed  
 ood and what pay the said  
 haue and when it shalbe payd  
 found by them betweene this  
 march next: and their arbi  
 vnder their hands: & the  
<sup>willinge to give their tyme until the</sup>  
<sup>rovided the put an issue betweene their\*</sup>  
 ton acknoledgeth that the  
 land that I bought of  
 20 of Richard Carder  
 vnto them by the towne  
 said m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Brenton

\* These lines, wrtitten in paler ink, are crowded between the neighboring paragraphs.

igne the full intrest  
m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Bourton

[29] for him to inioye & his heires for

It is further ordered that wh  
ther was land granted to  
The Town to Nicholas Brown  
Browne aboute the towne  
otherwise dissposed of, it is  
to hime to haue twenty ac  
at the head of goodman motts  
lotte or there aboute.

It is forder Orderred that  
Gorton haue 10 Akers of la  
ted vnto hime on the other  
the brouck Right agaynst J  
badcocks to be layd out the dec  
of the lotters in Case goodma  
Emines be still vnwilling that  
the sayd thomas gorton shaull injo  
the 20 Akers that was ffo  
his and if Goodman Emings w  
haue the ten Akers then thomas  
gorton is to haue the 20 A

It is forder Orderred that John  
T[rip]<sup>granted</sup> have thr[e] Akers of l  
Joyning vnto Thomas Gorto  
Ether syd of him as shaull  
Judged mett by the lotters  
that is to say of th  
which is granted vnto thomas  
gorton or to goodman Emanes wh  
of them injoys it.



It is forder Ordered that those la  
orders about traynings and for  
man to haue so much pouder  
so manny bulletts and so the same  
for waching is to stand still in  
and also that Eeuery man do Co  
med vnto the mettings vpon  
first day

The 10 of Aprill 164

It is ordered & the towne ha  
Dept: m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Brenton &  
to order the dayes of tranings  
Judge to be the convenient t  
**[30]**

t m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Baulston & Captaine  
abroad to every inhabitant in  
ee whether every one of them  
a powder & what bullets ca[n]  
ith in 10 dayes of the date here  
m<sup>r</sup> will<sup>m</sup> Baulston & Captaine  
abroad to every one of them  
notis to be provided every one  
defectiue is to forfeit 5<sup>s</sup>

r ordered that the Constable wach  
15 of this month & that every man  
armes with them vnto the meetinge  
daye :

her ordered that if there be any Indians  
Sculkinge about in any part of the Iland  
thought to be suspicious the magistrats  
er to send forth a man & ryde with  
them before them: /

s metting this 27 of may 1644

s Gortten ha[ ] giue liberty  
 Adbetraters that is to Judg  
 Howse and lands vntil the 27  
 next

dered by the towne that there shall  
 [waye] rune downe one the south sid  
 n Emims hedge downe vnto Captaine  
 3 rode wide & vnto John Briges

dered and graunted vnto George  
 ckers of land lyinge next vnto

that the towne hath  
 dered 2 ackers of  
 nto George Parker land

**[31]** It is forther ordered and the towne hath  
 vnto John Briges 3 ackers of land lyinge  
 vpper end of his House lotte

John sand hath 3 or 4 ackers graunted vnto hi[ ] lyinge att ye  
 head of John Briges lott or att ye disckretion of the lotters

<sup>this</sup>  
<sup>order</sup>  
 is repeld the towne desires goodman mott Leeiftenant Samfford and  
 goodman Bourden or any tow of them\* to accomodate Adam  
 mott at the vpper end of his fathers lott and Samuell wilson at  
 ye vpper end of his owne

<sup>re</sup>  
 peled The towne hath granted Vnto Edward ffisher and Thomas  
 Weight & Thomas Brookes and good man Haukins an adition  
 of land att the vpper end of their lotts what the lotters seeth  
 Convenient  
 And John Roome

\* On the right margin, in different ink, is written Lo . . —part of the word torn off [“Lotts” probably.]

The towne hath graunted Vnto William Hall & Th[ ] Jenings that persell land that lyes betweene m<sup>r</sup> [Bour ] lott & that wch was Ruffus Bartton to be equall devi[ ] betwene them:/

it is ordered that Henry Knowles shall cut his lott <sup>corner</sup> shortter att ye discretion of Leeiftenant Samfford & goodman Bourden & goodman mott

High way  
to ye mill

The towne hath graunted vnto william England [ ] william Havens 4 ackkers apeeece lyinge [ ] next vnto Henery Knowles provided it doth [ ] ye high way vnto ye mill

[Page 32 is blank.]

**[33]** Affter publike nottis to all the free men at A towns meeting this 29th: of August 1644

It was ordered that the Deputie Governor and on of the Assistans shall apoint the Towns <sup>all</sup> meetings./

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It is firther ordered that at which meetings that the free men there Asembled shall haue full power to transact all such busines as shall be presantd to them and the sam to stand as fermly as if all wer presante they all hauing lawfull warning and whom so ever shall not mak his Apeerans w<sup>h</sup>in halfe an hower after the time Apointed shall forfitt 2 shillings/.

Cp<sup>t</sup>  
John P  
Thomas

Emans  
John  
Ric  
Thoma  
T  
Th

It is firther ordered that Osemakin with 10 men shall haue leav to kill 10 deare vpon the Iland within the libertie of portchmothe and the fore named dear that they shall bring them to the Town to m<sup>r</sup> Brentton and m<sup>r</sup> Baulston and they to vew them and neither Osemakine nor any of his men shall Carry any dear or skine of from the Iland but at the town of portchmoth and to departt from of the Iland with in 5 days

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\* On the torn margin are several fragments of words less legible than these.

1644.

[ 30 ]

It is firther ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Baulston  
haue 9 pound A year for John moatt  
and Diet and what beding and C  
shall wante shall by the Tow

Repeald  
the first  
cond day  
in June  
1649

It is firther ordered that  
in the town shall depar  
to liue in the woods witho  
vpon pain of forfiting o

It is firther ordered th  
shall hav 35 shillings  
expenses in[to] the B  
pownde./

Richard Reedman is Re  
and gaue ingagme

[34] [ ] sam Towns meeting firther ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Brenton  
[ ]<sup>r</sup> Baulston M<sup>r</sup> Cornell./ is to vew A persell of land buting  
vpon m<sup>r</sup> porters round medow and if the aforementioned three men  
do Aproue of it then Jams sans is to have 10 Acers of land for-  
merly granted to him by the towne. there to be laid out to hime.

M<sup>r</sup> Brenton  
M<sup>r</sup> portter  
M<sup>r</sup> Baulston  
M<sup>r</sup> willbore  
M<sup>r</sup> Cornell  
Richard Bore  
Adam moatt  
Ralph Cowla  
John Roome  
John Athony  
Thomas Gor  
John walker  
william freeb  
Richard Awa  
George Parke  
John briggs

At A generall Towns meeting of the free men this 14th of  
november 1644 It is ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Brenton and M<sup>r</sup> porter is  
to Apoint the Towns meetings from tim to tim it is ordered  
that m<sup>r</sup> Balston is [ ] tresuerer./

t is firther ordered that william Alimy

\*The names on the margin are written with the same ink used for the record of pro-  
ceedings for "14th of November."

John [Roome] John Anthony is to haue land at  
wading Riuer

propounded that m<sup>r</sup> portter to haue  
ment at the round medow/

pounded by m<sup>r</sup> Cornell to haue 12 Ac:  
place if it be there to be found

ther ordered that John Anthony shall  
from Richard Borden's fence  
straite line so fare as his land

ordered that Richard Reeman  
ranted vnto him 10 Acres of  
fence beyound the medow

ndeth prounded for  
beyound william  
to be found.

the town meeting  
being the 21th

B[ ]ks [ ]eth  
it can be found

[35] At a publike Towne metting  
off freemen 23 December 1644

wheirat the maior pt of fremen was psent at which metting it  
was muttually Agreed that the Right and priviledges of the land  
vndisspossed of Remaines in the bodye of freemen as it was  
muttually agreed at a publike metting 14 November last past  
that the freemen which are the porchassers have onlye power to

w  
wi  
wil  
Adem  
Samue  
Tho  
Richa  
Dan  
Tho E  
John  
Georg  
John  
his } m  
willm

dissposs of the land that is to be disspossed off And whoe euer shall Allter this Agreement we shall pffesse Against them

Adam  
Raph  
will  
[ ]ho  
[is]

It is ffurther ordered by A mutuall Consent that noe more lands shall be layd out w'hin the bounds of the C[ ] as namely the Common fenc soe called and ffrom John Briggs to the first broke one the south-east side soe from the broke to the great swampe. that is to say the mille swamp foot path soe to Robert ballars broke from thenc to the Round- medowe and soe to John Tripps and from Robert ballars to John Halls and all the Common About the towne vndispossed at this [day] soe to Remaineing to the towne fo<sup>r</sup> euer

It is ordered that the Armes beloung[ ] to the body of fremen shal Remai[ ] in the hands of m<sup>r</sup> boston and m<sup>r</sup> willbore Vntill further order be [ ]

[36] [ ]t is agreed at a meetinge Nouember the 28<sup>th</sup> 1646 That the towne shall haue lawfull warninge to towns metings, & then if thay Come not aboue nine, those nine shall haue power to transacte & doe such busines as then is to be done

It is further ordered that the businesse of such metinge dayes shalbe specified in the warant of warninge to the metinge

It is further agreed that noe Person or persons shall be aCounted & inhabitant unlesse hee bee lawfully receiued by the towne aCCordinge to former order:

At a metinge february the fouerth 1646 it is agreed to Con- Curr with newport in an order that ther shalbe noe shootinge of deere for the space of two months and if any shall shoote he shall forfitt 5 pounds halfe to him that sueth & the other halfe to the tresserie: the [ ]sen of this order is that the wolues the more Radely Come to bayte that thay may be Catcht for the generall good of the Iland

At the same meting it is granted to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell a Thos<sup>s</sup> Cornells  
hundered acres of lande to beginne at the further side of wadinge Grant of  
Riuer and so runne from the Riuer towards that lande that was 100 Acres

At the same meting it is granted that Nicolas Browne shall 20 Acres  
haue twentie acrs added to his other twentie aioyning to it granted to  
Nich<sup>s</sup> Brown  
further ordered that ther shalbe  
way layed out at the hedd of will-  
nes lott from the sea to Nuport

further ordered that that the line  
l runn straight from the Corner of  
G[ ]rtens lotte to the Corener of  
m Englands lot at the hed of thos  
betwene

**[37]** Febrewary the 4<sup>th</sup> 16[46] \*

Memorandum that whearas Nicolas Wyle the father inlaw of  
Abell Potter hath Placed the saide Abell Potter with M<sup>r</sup> William  
Boston for the terme of Eightene yeares with the Consent of the  
the saied Abell for the better seCuritie of M<sup>r</sup> Boston the towne  
Conseenteth here in and aproueth thereof

It is ordered at the same metinge that Samuella Wilbore Junior:  
shall runn <sup>his</sup> his fence streight at the uper end of lots:

It is ordered that the wolfe Catcher shall be payed out of the  
tresuery & that he that Cilleth a wolfe shall Come to m<sup>r</sup> Boston  
& m<sup>r</sup> Sandford for ther pay

It is further ordered that Nuport shall pay <sup>fower</sup> ~~three~~ pounds for the  
Cillinge of a woulfe and Portsmouth twenty shillings

it is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Sandford and Richard bordin shall Con-  
tinue to lay out such lands as are giuen by the towne

It is ordered that Gorge Parker shalbe quitted of the tresury

\*As page 38 of the original record is clearly a continuation of this entry, the date at the head of that page must be a repetition of this which is torn.

pay for his land for his servise in his office to this day (being for 30 acres of land)

It is further ordered that there shalbe noe shootinge of deere from the first of May tell the first of Nouember & if any shall shoot a deere with in that tyme he shall forfit 5 pounds one half to him that sueth and the other to the tresury

[38] february the 4th 1646

Mr. Porter & m<sup>r</sup> Sandford are Chosen to propound to the Generall Cort that the line may be viwed & layed out betwene Nuport and this towne

It is granted that Thomas weight & Edward fisher shall haue 30 acres <sup>of land</sup> a pece twixt the hether hed of wadinge riuer & Nuport path

June the first: 1647

At a towne metinge it is ordered that the towne Councill shall Capittulate with Thomas Gorton aboute the ferrie & order the rates and all things aboute it either with hime or some other man if he refuse.

The 21 of June 1647

It is ordered and agreed by the towne Counsell accordinge vnto ye order of ye towne m<sup>r</sup> Samfford haueinge taken ye ferrie ye [ <sup>es</sup> fereyg ] ordered as thus followeth that is to say if one man 4d if more 3d apeece for ever horse & great beast 8d apeece for every sheepe goate & hogge & Caulfe 2d apeece and alsoe it is ordered that a boat m<sup>r</sup> Sannfford shall provide for ye ferrie with in 15 dayes after ye date hereof & alsoe in convenient tyme to provide aboat suffittient boat for Cattell & alsoe it is ordered that if any man carry any cattell over ye watter to ye mattatu[uth]es bay over ye ferry they shall pay a peny a head every head soe carryed oor to any [39] place that waye:



July the 6th 1647

At a towne metinge it is ordered y<sup>t</sup> thear shall be a moonthly towne metinge which shalbe upon the last thursday of every month of which every townsman is to take notice, with out any further warninge

forfit for  
cominge  
to town a  
metings

it is further ordered that such as Come not to such metinges shall send worde by ther neighbour that thay will stand to what those that meete Conclude of, which if thay doe not thay shall forfeite = 2<sup>s</sup>-6<sup>d</sup>

It was Concluded by voate that the president sayed at our town metinge that their sixe men were not then Chosen & M<sup>r</sup> Porter is Chosen to write to the President to informe hime of this voate in the name of the towne

It is further voated & Concluded that m<sup>r</sup> Sandford m<sup>r</sup> Boston & m<sup>r</sup> Porter shall giue this answer to Nuport Messingers that if thay will Joyn with us to act acording to the Generall Corte Order for this yeare we are redie thear to, if not we must helpe our selfs by the Cort order

m<sup>r</sup> luker returned to vs 24 Votes of ther toune that was to Act Alone

James Rogger returned to vs 41 Votes from ther toune to act Joyntly

August the 26 — — 1647

at a town metinge it was Voated that the grounds presented were not suffissient for a Generall Assembly to be Called & therefore voated to haue none

2. if it be agreed by the Collynie that ther shall be generall Asembly then it is voated by our towne that it may be at ports-mouth

[40]

August the 26 — — 1647

It is ordered that thear shalbe two InCepers Chosen for this towne

<sup>en</sup> Ralph Erle is Chosen to Ceepe an Inne to sell beer & wine &  
<sup>ings</sup> to intertayn strangers  
<sup>n</sup>

<sup>m</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Boston is Chosen to Ceepe an Inne to sell beer & wine &  
<sup>[ ]</sup> to intertayne strangers  
<sup>d[ ]</sup>

<sup>[ ]</sup>

lling

<sup>[ ]</sup>

ke

September the 28<sup>th</sup> = 1647

At a towne metinge it was Concluded that wheareas there  
 was a parcell of land Conditionly granted to goodman Chat-  
 borne it beinge granted to m<sup>r</sup> Porter before & he not Consent-  
 inge it is Concluded that Thomas Hassarde<sup>o</sup> Whome m<sup>r</sup> Porter  
 hath resignede it, shall [ ]oye it:

Porter

Chatbourn

It is further Ordered That the layers out shall lay out the hun-  
 dred acres granted to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell begininge at the the  
 wadinge Riuer and goinge on to Nuporte warde

Tho<sup>o</sup> Corn

November the 25<sup>th</sup> = 1647

At a towne metinge it was voated and Concluded that the  
 measuer that Came from prouedence shalbe the standart f[or]  
 the present untill further order be taken aboute it

It is further ordered that the penie loafe shall way 8 ounces  
 and the two penie loafe shall way 16 ounces

Janiwari the 27<sup>th</sup> — 1647

It was Voated and Concluded that our towne shall pay thirty  
 shillings of the charges of greffen about Tue  
**[41]** Thomas Stafford being apoynted by th  
 to sell bred and beare and acording to a  
 Court order thomas stafford do aknowledg h  
 to be indebted to king and parllment the som  
 ten pound that he shaul kepp good orders  
 house and Capting Richard morris and John br  
 do aknowledg them sellus indetted the som of  
 five pound a peace to king and parll  
 to for the tru performenc of the same ther to se

good orders kept wittnes our hand  
 this 27 of Jenuary 1647  
 the marcke of ○ thomas Saford  
 Richard Morris/  
 John bridgs L marck

Janiwarie the 27<sup>th</sup> = 1647

It was Voated and by the Voate concluded unanimously by the townse men of Portsmouth that thay would act apart by themselves & not Joyntly with Nuport and be as fre in ther transactions as anie of the other townse in the Colinie

At a metinge May the 9<sup>th</sup> It was voated an<sup>d</sup>by the voate Concluded that the town Clarke should informe the towne Clarke of Nuport what was concluded by the towne concerninge actinge aparte with out nuporte

1648 July the 10<sup>th</sup> At a towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth it was Concluded that George Parker shall haue three pounds giuen him out of the tresury by M<sup>r</sup> Boston in full discharge of all demandes from the towne  
 It is Concluded by this present metinge that theare shall shalbe a demurr of an answer to the letter sent from Newport to voate the opinion of the legallitie of the Corte & orders therof held at Pro[ ]

[42]

Samuell Jenne  
 Cornelius Joanes  
 Mathu Grenell  
 John Parker  
 Thomas Bordin  
 John Cooke

July the 10<sup>th</sup> 1648  
 M<sup>r</sup> Tho Cornell  
 Captin morris  
 Richard Bordin  
 Jeames Badcock  
 Thomas Brookes  
 John Roome

1648.

[ 38 ]

Icabod Sheffell  
ffrancis Bordin  
John Woode

william Hall  
John Brigs  
Chosen for the Committe  
for the tryall of the  
generall officers

theas whose names are aboue written are received fremen of the town of Portsmouth in the Choyce of theare officers and in the government and haue giuen theare ingagement :

M<sup>r</sup> Boston is Chosen treasurer for this yeare

M<sup>r</sup> Boston is Chosen Collector for the pore

Thomas Brownell is Chosen water baylyefe

It is ordered that Richard Haukens and Phillip Shearman are Chosen to viue the Cattell that are sould uppon the Iland before thay be transported of the Iland

[ ]<sup>648</sup> September the 4<sup>th</sup> at a towne metinge it is granted unto thomas Cooke senior to haue thirtie acrs of lande at the heade of his howse lott and to Run towards m<sup>r</sup> Burtuns ferrie it is granted unto thomas Cooke Junior to haue thirtie acres by that and Geyles Slocum and John cranston thirtye acrs a peice by that m<sup>r</sup> Boston John Roome and william Hall are apoynted to viue and apoynt ffrancis Brayten twelve acrs of land in th swompe at the hed of m<sup>r</sup> Bostons farme so that it may not hinder the town Cattell from water

[43]

1648

September the 4th it is further ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Boston and John Briggs shall viue that parcell of land that Phillip Shearman desiars at his farme

Thomas Cooke Senior is apoynted to fetch away such timber trees as are fallen in our bounds on that side of the Iland by Newport men

It is granted to John briggs to Runn his fence straight at the hed of his land next the towne swompe

December the 28<sup>th</sup> — — 1648

At a tounse metinge it is granted to Jeames Badcocke to haue 4 acrs added to his howse lott out of Tho fish his lott and it is granted to Tho fish to haue 4 acrs out of the Common southward insteade theareof

It is granted to m<sup>r</sup> Cornell to haue the grass of the Iland Dyers I  
Called diers Iland

Janiuary the 25th 1648

It is Voated and Concluded that ould John Mott shall be provided for of meate drinke & lodging & washing by George Parker at his howse and Georg Parker shall haue 5<sup>s</sup> a weeke payd him monthly out of the tresurie by m<sup>r</sup> Boston so farr as the tresurie will goe

Thomas ffish hath 4 acrs granted to him at the side of his lott

[44] It is granted to William Woadell to haue 30 acres of lande at the south East end of Thomas Lawtons far lott by the huntinge swampe

It is granted that george lawton shall haue 40 acrs of lande nere his brother Thomas at the huntinge swampe when he haue bult a suffissient Mill at m<sup>r</sup> Bostons farme

It is granted to william havens and william Hall to haue that land that was hassards leaveinge that to goodman Rome from the marked beech tree which was granted to goodman Rome out out of the sayed parcell provided that the hy way in to y<sup>e</sup> woods and farmes be nott hindered

It is granted to thomas brookes and thomas Gorton to haue 30

acrs of land apeice aboue the wading River by the round swompe  
It is granted to Thomas Jeninges to haue 20 acrs of land wheare  
m<sup>r</sup> Almies [ ] penn was beyond George parkers greate lott

It is granted to John Briggs to haue a Rod Broad out of the  
Common at his house end that he had of John hall as farr as his  
orchard

[45]                    ffebrewarie the 22<sup>th</sup> = 1648

At a towne metinge that land that lyeth at the hedd of Phillip  
shermans farme betwene Newport path and his farme is giuen  
to Phillip Shearman to goe as the line goe betwene m<sup>r</sup> Almie  
and Phillip Shearman till he Come to Newport Path lea[v]inge  
twoo Rodd betwene the sayd path ad the sayd parcell of land  
now giuen

It is ConCluded by Voat that the towne shall pay the Constabl  
John Brigs for the yrons for the stockes

May the 15<sup>th</sup> 1649

At a towne meetinge m<sup>r</sup> Balstone gave in his aCo[m]pt of  
tresurership from the 12<sup>th</sup> of march 1643 to this.4th of may 1649  
which acompt was accepted and theare rest due to m<sup>r</sup> Balstone :

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12 : 13—11

[46] At a towne metinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth  
the first second day in June (1649) Adam mott haveinge offered  
a Cowe for ever and 5 bushels of Corne by the yeare so longe as  
the ould man shall live, towards his mayntenance that so he  
might be dischargd from any further Chardge: the towne  
every man that was free therto; settinge downe what Corne  
they would give for this present yeare made up that 5 bushels 40  
bushels and so it was Concluded that m<sup>r</sup> William Balston should  
have the 40 bushels of Corne, and the use of the aforementioned

Cowe this present yeare for which m<sup>r</sup> Balstone undertake to keep ould father mott this present yeare and alowe him house rome dyate lodging and washinge

M<sup>r</sup> Balston received the Cowe above named the 13<sup>th</sup> of June

At a meetinge of the Councell of the towne of Portsmou<sup>th</sup> the 16<sup>th</sup> of July (1649)

It is ordered that the Plantife shall file his declaration in the town Clarkes office within two dayes after the deffendants bond be returnd into the saide office

It is ordered that the deffend: shall put in his ansswer in to the said office: 5 dayes before the Court to which it belonge

Towne Clerkes ffees

writ & action	— i — 6 <sup>d</sup>	the jury allowed	— 0 — 12 <sup>s</sup> — 0
filing the bond	} — 0 — 6	for every action thay	
for aperance		bring in a verdict upon	
filing the anser	— 0 — 6	Sargiants ffees	
filing the declar	— 0 — 6	for Serving a writt	
for a Copie of a dec:	i — 0		02 — 0 <sup>s</sup>
Copie of the ans:	— 1 — 0	Serving a writt	
entering the	} — i — 0	off execution	— 5 — 0
Verdict			
Judgment	} — i — 6 <sup>d</sup>	attending the Jury	— i — 0
[and isshu]			

[47] At a towns metinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth the first second day in June Anno=1649) acordinge to the particler Charter granted unto them for Choosinge theare towne officers

ffirst it was Voated and Concluded that he that is Chosen to the office of a towne magistrate and shall refuse the place shall pay a fine of five pounds and he that is Chosen to an inferiour office

and refuse shall pay a fine of fiftie shillings and he that hath  
next unto him that refuseth  
 most voats shall supply the place of him that refuseth

m<sup>r</sup> William Balstone is Chosen towne magistrate for this next  
 yeare insewinge = Elected and Ingaged

m<sup>r</sup> John Porter is Chosen towne magistrate for this next yeare  
 insewinge = Elected and Ingaged

The forme of the ingagement agreed uppon for the towne  
 officers viz you A: B: being Called and Chosen by the fre voate  
 of the inhabitants of Portsmouth unto the office of a towne  
in his magesties name and  
 magistrate <sup>^</sup> doe in this present assemblie ingage youer selfe  
 faithfully to execute the offi[ ] of a Justice of the peace in the  
 due execution of Justice in this towne accordinge to the Lawes  
 established unto us by our: Picler: Charter accordinge to the  
 best of youer unders[ ]dinge

The towne reciprocally ingage themselves to maintain[ ] you  
in his magesties name  
~~them~~ in the Just execution of <sup>youer</sup> ~~their~~ office accordinge to the best  
 of their understandinge

Phillip Shearman is Chosen Towne Clerke for this next yeare  
 insewinge

Raph Erle is Chosen Treasurer for this next yeare insewinge &  
 also over seer for the Poore

Raph Cowland is Chosen Constable for this next yeare in-  
 sewinge Elected & ingaged

Thomas Gorton is Chosen towne Sargiant Elected & in[ ]

It is Voated and Concluded that Thomas Gorton shall also  
ge[ ]  
 supply the office of a Water Bayly Elected & ingaged

[48]

m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell	}	are Chosen to make
Richard Bordin		
Phillip Shearman		
		up the towne Counsell



It is ordered that the towne Counsell shall apoynt the towne Courts wheither monthly or quarterly

John Briggs is authorized to keepe and ordinary to sell beere and wine and to intertaine strangers

It is ordered that the Towne Clark shall grant such writts as Concerne actions to be tryed at towne Courts

It is ordered that the towne Counsell shall order all the feese that Concerne officers for the towne Court

John Albro and Thomas Brookes are Chosen to Veiw the Cattell that are Carried of the Iland

John Albro is Chosen to be Clerke of the Waights & measuers

At a towne meetinge of Portsmouth Octo the: 16 1649 m John Sanford is Chosen to lay out a small screed of land unto Phillip Shearman on the south side of his farme at the nyer Corner so as may be least preiudiciall unto m Almie

Grande Jurie men for the Generall Court next in suinge

M Richard Smith	}	Pettii	}	John Rome
Richard Bordin		Jurii		William Havens
William ffreborne		men		John Tripe

At A Townes metinge November the 21<sup>th</sup> (1649) Jury men Chosen for present Cort apoynted to be to morrow the same Jury is apoynted for next tuesday Court

Richard Morris	}	Thomas Layton	}	John Albro is Chosen Sarjant in Thomas Gortons Place
John Brigs		Thomas Stafford		
<del>John Albro</del>		John Anthonie		
ffrancis Brayton		Richard Haukens		
Jeames BadCock		Samuell Wilbore		
John Roome		ffrancis Matingly		
		Thomas ffish		

[49] It is ordered that those that ocaion a me[ ] to be Caled for Choosinge of Jurymen for a Co[ ] of tryals shall pay the Charges for warninge of the Towne meetinge & also for warning of the Jury six shillings is alowed for Boath:

John Roome William Hall and William Havens are apoynted to Veiw the prisson & remove it if thay thinke it fitt to be done and place it sum wheare upon the greene wheare thay thinke fitt and and build a Chimny in it

At a towne Meetinge Aprill the 29: 1650

Richard Smith Senior

Thomas Cornell Senior

William Almy are Chosen for Jurymen for the Generall Courte at Newport in May next

ffor the Committe for the Generall Assemblie at Newport in may next

Richard Smith Senior .	William ffreborne
Thomas Cornell Senior .	John Roome
william Almy .	Ralph Earle

Richard Bulgar is received an inhabitant in to this towne

It is ordered that the Seale for the waights and measuers of this towne shalbe P and M:

John Lightfoote is released of his Recognesance none Coming in against him

John Albro being Clarke of the waights and measuers is authorizid to Call in the townes men betwene this and the last of June next to bringe in theare waights and measuers to be Sealed & Cut. if not. fit with the Standart and he shall haue 6<sup>d</sup> for Cutting & Sealinge a measuer and 2<sup>d</sup> for Sealing if not Cut and he that shall sell by a measuer or waight on Sealed after the Sarjant warns the[ ] to bringe them in shall forfeit 10<sup>s</sup> to the [ ] the Sarjant shall destrai[ ]

[50]

Aprill the 29<sup>th</sup> 1650

Will

It is granted unto m<sup>r</sup> Almy to haue that land that lyeth at the hed of his farme to Come to the Same height that Phillip Shearman his land now runeth viz to leaue too Rod betweene Newport path and the Sayed land

Gregorie Coale hath 2 acrs of land granted to him next the land he liveth upon

henery Eues hath an acr of land granted to him next Gregorie Coale

At a towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of the towne of Portsmouth the first Second day of June Anno (1650 according to ther particular Charter for thear Choosing of thear towne officers M<sup>r</sup> Will Baulston is Chosen towne Magistrate for this yeare insuinge

M John Sanford is Chosen towne Magistrate for this yeare insuinge & ingaged

Philip Shearman is Chosen Towne Clarke for this year ensewinge & Ingaged

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is Chosen treasurer for the towne for this yeare insuinge & Ingaged and also over Seer for the poore

John Briggs is Chosen Constable for this yeare insuinge Ingag<sup>d</sup>

Georg Parker is Chosen Towne Sarjant for this year insuing & Ingaged

John Briggs is authorized to repaier the Stocks Sufficiently that thay may bee an Ensigne of Justice amongst us

it is ordered that this day fortnight shalbe the Coise of the militari officers

Richard Bulgar is admitted a freeman of this towne

John Albro is Chosen Clarke of the waights and measuers and Ingaged

John albro and ffrancis mattingly are Chosen to Veiwe the Cattell that are to be transported of the Ilande according to the order

George Parker is Chosen Water Bayleife

The Waights that John trippe presented to the towne are by the towne payoynted to be the Standart for the waights for the Towne

[51] The ffirst Second day of June (i650)

m <sup>r</sup> Will Baulston .	Chosen for the
m <sup>r</sup> John Sanford .	Towne Council
m <sup>r</sup> John Porter .	
Tho Cornell Seni .	
John Roome	
Philip Shearman .	

It is ordered that ould John mott shalbee Provided for by the overseer of the poore

It is ordered that such monyes as are due to the tresurie shalbe demaunded by the treasurer of our towne and upon refusall to pay the tresurer shall send out his warant to destraine it

At a towne meeting July the 8<sup>th</sup> (i650)

It is ordered that he that is Chosen for a Jury man to any Town Cort of this Towne and haue lawfull warning therto and performe not that servise he shall forfeit 5 shillings for every default which shalbe taken by destraint by the hed officer of the towne & if the hed offi[ ] of the towne neglect to take it he shall forfeit the same sum to the towne

Jurymen Chosen for to attend the towne Corte to be houlden upon the 16 day of July being of this present month

will Almy .	Rich <sup>d</sup> Haukens .	John Albro.
Edward ffisher	John Tripe .	Tho Lawton
Samuell wilbur	Sam. Jene .	Tho Stafford
John Antony	Tho waight .	Henry knowles

[52] At the towne Court houlden at Portsmouth the 16<sup>th</sup> of July (i650 in the action of slander depending between m<sup>r</sup> John

Sanford Pl & Captin Richard moris deffendant, Captaine Richard moris Came in to the Court aboue sayed and acknowledged that he had not nor Could not Charge m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford to bee a theif in any Pticuler, and further sayd that if any words passed from him, at Which Jeames Badcock tooke offence the Said Captaine professed he knew not that he did speake any such words nether would he deny that he did but said if he did speake any such words it was in a passion and desiered m<sup>r</sup> Sanford to passe it by, upon which profession and acknowledgment m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford declared him selfe in the Court publikly, that he was satisfied: wittness Philip Shearman Town Clerke

At a towne meeting November the 12<sup>th</sup> (1650.

It was agreed by Voate that too men shalbe Chosen out of this present meeting to speake with the rest of the Inhabitants of this towne of Portsmouth who are not present and receive there Voates concerning the lawes presented to the towne in case thay dislike any and the sayed too that are Chosen shall return the sayed Voates in to the office forth with

It is Voated & granted that Ralph Erls house wherein he now dwelleth bee Recorded & Inn in the Roome of the former Voat that he was made Innkeeper

William hall and William Woadell are Chosen to gather up the Voates of the Inhabitants Concerning the lawes and that thay shalbee payed for ther payenes

ffebrewary the 19<sup>th</sup> (1650)

it is ordered that all generall fences about the towne shalbe sufficiently made up by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of march next and he that shall haue any fence that is not sufficiently made up by the tyme afore named shall forfeit 5 shillings a Rode John brigs survayer for his side feild Jeames sandes for his feild and Edward ffisher survayer for the Comon feild in which hes land lieth

[53] At a Towne meetinge Febrewary the 19<sup>th</sup> [ ]

a Rate  
of 50<sup>l</sup>.

It was agreed that a rate of fiftie pounds shall forth [ ]  
be made for the payment of m<sup>r</sup> Williams and the [ ]  
fraying the Charge of m<sup>r</sup> Chapman & other things th[ ]  
the towne are in debted,

This Rate is ordered to be levied upon Catell  
Richard Bulgar is Chosen and also Jeames badcocke to take the  
number of the Catell that are in this towne and then to giue  
notice to m<sup>r</sup> Sanford m<sup>r</sup> Balston John briggs & John Rome who  
are Chosen with them to make and proportion the aforesayed  
rate and Richard Bulgar & Jeames badcock are apoynted to  
gather up the aforesayed rate and bringe it in to the tresury of  
the towne

It is ordered that the first tuesday in march next thear shalbe  
a Court houlden for the towne of portsm[ ]

It is ordered that those that haue licence to sell victuals beere  
wine or liquors shall returne the [ ] lisen<sup>ce</sup> into the courte

It is ordered that the courte shall authorize them that sh<sup>thay</sup>[ ]  
lisen<sup>ce</sup> to sell wine victuals and beere and that none els shall  
sell but those that the court shall lisen[ ]

At a towne Court march the 4<sup>th</sup> It is ordered that the Clarke  
shall Rite the lisen<sup>ces</sup> of selling beere victuals and wine and that  
the ffee for writing such a lisen<sup>ce</sup> shalbe 12<sup>d</sup> for Taking bond 12<sup>d</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> William Balston bein lisen<sup>sed</sup> to sell Wine bere & victuals,  
doe acknowled him selfe acording to the tenor of the law to be  
bound in the some of tenn shillings, to keepe good orders in his  
<sup>for every defect</sup>  
howse, and m<sup>r</sup> John Porter and Richard Bordin according to the  
tenor of the law stand bound for m<sup>r</sup> bostons keeping good orders,  
in his howse: in the sum of 10 shillings apeece for every defect:  
taken in Court P me

Philip Shearman Towne Cler[ ]

[54]

March the 4<sup>th</sup> (1650)

John Anthony being licensed to sell breade & beere doe acknowledg him selfe acording to the Courte order to be bound in the summ of 10<sup>s</sup> (for every defect) to keepe good orders in his howse, Samuell Wilbore and John Briggs doe acknowledg them selfs according to the tenor of the Court order to bee bound in the some of 10<sup>s</sup> a peice (for everie defect) that John anthony shall keepe good order in his house

Taken in Courte p me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

Thomas Stafford being licensed to sell breade & beere doe acknowledg him selfe according to the Courte order to be bound in the sum of 10<sup>s</sup> (for every defect) to keepe good orders in his howse, Samuel willson & Thomas ffish doe acknowledg them selfs according to the tenor of the Law to be bounde in the some of 10<sup>s</sup> a peice (for every defect) that Tho: Stafford shall keepe good orders in his howse

Taken in Courte P me Phillip Shearman Towne Clerke

At a towne meetinge the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1651

m<sup>r</sup> John Porter m<sup>r</sup> William Balston m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford Captaine Richard moris Thomas Layton Jeames weeden are Chosen for a Commite for the Generall Corte next in suinge

William frebor[n]e Thomas Brookes John Anthony are Chosen for Jury men

It is ordered that Phillip Shearman Shall haue 5<sup>l</sup> pounds for his 5 years Service of Clarke ship

it is ordered that the 15<sup>s</sup> that is due to Philp Shearmā from the Towne for writing out the Gen: Corte orders for the towne viz: warick Cort orders and nuport Corte orders: is set of for the screede of land layed oute to philip Shearman at the heade of His farme

It is ordered that a distress shall be sent out upon there goods (that refuse to pay that which thay are Rated

[55] At a towne meetinge June the 3<sup>d</sup> (1651)  
 Mr John Sanford is Chosen Hed magistr[ ] for this towne of  
 Portsmouth for this yeare insuinge:  
 Mr William Balstone is Chosen towne magistrate for this yeare  
 insuinge:  
 Ralph Earle is Chosen towne tresurer for this yeare insuinge:  
 Philip Shearman is Chosen towne Clerke for this yeare insuinge  
 John Briggs is Chosen Constable for this yeare insuinge:  
 George Parker is Chosen towne Sarjant for this yeare insuinge  
 It is Voated that the towne tresurer shalbe overseer for the  
 Poore for this yeare  
 George Parker is Chosen water Bayleife for this yeare insuinge:  
 John Tripe is Chosen Clerke of the wayghts and measuers  
 It is ordered that the two peny loafe shall way <sup>white</sup> 16 ounces and  
 that those that sell beere shall not sell less than a quarte for two  
 pence  
 William ffreeborne is Chosen to veiue the Cattell that are trans-  
 ported of the Iland Neere the Mell and John Trippe is Chosen  
 to veiue the Cattel that are transported of the Iland neere his  
 howse  
 Mr John Sanford and ffrancis Brayten are Chosen to veiue the  
 Cattell that are transported of the Iland at the fferry

[56] At a towne meetinge June the 3<sup>d</sup> (1651)  
 It is ordered that the Clarke of the measuers shall goe once a  
 month to those places in this towne wher breade and beere are  
 soulde, to see that the to peny white loafe way 16 ownces and  
 beere bee sould for two pence a quarte and those that transgress  
 the lawe in those Cases by selling bread that is not wayt and  
 beere Contrary to order shal forfeit 10<sup>s</sup> for every defect which  
 shall bee taken by destraynt by the Sarjant by a warrant from  
 the heade officer of the towne

It is ordered that the G Recorder Shall giue the ingagement



to the towne officers at this time in the absence of the Generall officer in the towne

It is ordered that the foote way through John brigs yarde is dissanuld and ordered to be at the end of John Brigs his Barne where the sayd John is to make a Convenient Style

At a Towne meetinge June the 13<sup>th</sup> (i65i)

It is voated and Concluded that m<sup>r</sup> Williams shalbe payed out of this rate that is gathered

It is ordered that the towne shall Choose one man (With m<sup>r</sup> Williams man) to set the prise of the goodes taken upon the rate at which pise m<sup>r</sup> Williams agree to take them, m<sup>r</sup> Williams hath made Choysse of m<sup>r</sup> Will Almy for his man to prise the goodes aforesayed

The Towne hath made Choysse of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hutchinson to be their man to prise the goodes aforesayed

It is voated that the Sarjant shall demande one peny of every man he warne to a towne meetinge which peny shalbe his satisfactio[ ] for warning that meetinge.

[57] At a towne meetinge June the 13<sup>th</sup> (i65i) the towne by houlding up their hands in the meeting did acknowledg them selves indebted unto these men undernamed the sum undernamed to be payed forthwith by the towne to the undernamed

	1
m <sup>r</sup> John Sanford	2 — 0 — 0
m <sup>r</sup> Samuel	2 — 0 — 0
Thomas Layton	2 — 0 — 0
Philip Shearman	1 — 0 — 0
William Woadell	2 — 4 — 8

It is ordered that next Secōd day by 8 of the Clock in the morning there shalbe a towne meeting And that then all those to whome the towne are indebted shall bringe in their bills in to the meeting that the towne may Conclider of them and take order for the payment of such debts as are due debts

At a towne meetinge June the i6 (i65i) it was Voated that Thomas waight and Edward fisher shalbe satisfied for the 5 fox heads thay brou[ ] in before the order was Nulified the order now to be of no longer force:

m<sup>r</sup> Bostons bills of account presented this day were accepted and there rest due to the tresurer

m<sup>r</sup> Balstone from the towne of Portsmouth—  $\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ 16 \quad - \quad 12 \quad - \quad 1. \end{array}$

it is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Chapmans Bond shalbe kept by m<sup>r</sup> Balstone untill the towne take further order about it: Bills of the townes debts

Georg Parkers bill accepted  $\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ - \quad 1 \quad - \quad 18 \quad - \quad 6 \quad - \end{array}$

John Albro his bill accepted  $\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ - \quad 00 \quad - \quad 08 \quad - \quad 00 \end{array}$

The towne accept m<sup>r</sup> Parkers

bill of 3<sup>l</sup> he undertaking to  $\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ - \quad 03 \quad - \quad 00 \quad - \quad 00 \quad - \end{array}$

aquitt the towne of any further

demaunds from earle Concerning the charge of that Comittee

It is Voated that m<sup>r</sup> Porter's further demands of monyes put in to the tresurie is demurred untill a Convenient tyme then to be atended unto

Richard Peirs his bill accepted  $\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ - \quad 00 \quad - \quad 15 \quad - \quad 00 \quad - \end{array}$

Jeames badcock his bill accepted  $\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ - \quad 00 \quad - \quad 10 \quad - \quad 04 \quad - \end{array}$

Ralph Earls bill is not accepted 0000:

Philip Shearman's bill is accepted  $\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ - \quad 02 \quad - \quad 15 \quad - \quad i \quad [ \quad ] \end{array}$

adam mots senior his bill for his  $\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ 00 \quad - \quad 16 \quad - \quad [ \quad ] \end{array}$

Jorney to providence accepted

$\begin{array}{r} l \quad s \quad d \\ \hline 09 \quad - \quad 0 \quad [ \quad ] \end{array}$

[58] June the i6 (i65i)

At a townes meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth.

Rate It is ordered that a Rate of 30<sup>l</sup> shall be levied of the inhabitants of this towne to pay the debts of this towne

this rate is ordered to be levied upon all Cattell from the greatest to least sucking pigs exsepted w<sup>ch</sup> Cattell are to be estimated by the raters according to the worth of them as thay passe amongst

us and such as haue litl Catl and great estates the raters shall rate them according to their estates

this Rate is to bee made within foreteme dayes and it is ordered that the Constable shalbe the Colecter of this rate and if any refuse to pay the Constabl is hereby authorized by Vertu of a warrant from the Hed officer of the towne to destrayne the sayed rate of those that refuse and the sayd Constabl is here by ordered to pay such debts as the towne hath acknowledged in this meting) upon demand when it is come in to his hands)

Robert Denis is received inhabitant amongst us and hath giuen his ingagement

Richard Sissun is received inhabitant amongst us and hath giuen his ingagement

m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell John Albro Will Hall and Philip Shearman are Chosen to make the Rate aboue named, or the major parte of those 4

the Sarjant is ordered to warne all the Inhabitants of this towne to giue in the number of all there Cattell exsept sucking pigs to the raters within a weeke and such as giue not in their number of Cattell to the sarjant nor send it not in to the raters within a week after the date here of the raters are authorizid to rate them according to what their estate or cattell is estemed to bee by the raters:

it is ordered that the tresurer shall demand such monyes as are due to the tresury and in Cace any refuse to pay upon the tresurers Complaint the towne magistrates shall giue out ther warant to destraine it

it is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Balston shall first be payed out of those monyes that Come in

[59] Portsmouth. this 25. of August: (1651)

It is agreed and confirmed by this present writing betwixt Ralph [ ] Senior & John trip: both of this towne: that ffirst Con-

cerning a ff[ ] of Sixty Rod long on the north side of John trips house Lott betwix[ ] it & the sayd Earls lots the aforesayed Earl shall make fferty Rod of stone wall. and the sayd Trip shall make Twenty rod. of wall. all of the sixty rod to be as good & answerabl to such as the sayed. Jo. Tri[ ] hath allredy made. & to be sett in y<sup>e</sup> line betwixt the sayd lotts afores[ ] and the said Jo. trip to doe his part of the sayed wall at the East end together. and the sayed ffence thay both engage to ffinish by the ffifteenth day of march next ensuing & if either of them haue ocasion for stoness out of the others Ground he shall allow the other as many (for the sayd wall meaning) out of his gro[ ] as convenient if they be so to be had. Secondly it is agreed that wher as the sayd Earl hath Land on the south Sid (also) of the sayd Trip [ ] said Lot adjoyneing, they agree & hereby Engage. that from yeare to yeare so longe as those sayd lots ly open together Earls to Tripps aforesayed. that they will not on either of those sd lotts dam̄nify each other by Cattell there put by their order &c: & therefore agree that, thay will neither of them haue any one or more Catl on the said land, from the ffirst of march untill the 15<sup>th</sup> of october, and also at the sayd 15<sup>th</sup> of october. to put in catl Pportionabl to each Pties quantitie of land. & the Pportion to bee one cow or ox. &c: to an acre of land. or of other beasts as swine Horses &c: Equiuolent according as thay ar[ ] Pportioned for feeding, acordinge to the Custome of the towne. & further s[ ] longe as the said land lyeth open as aforesayed together, the sayed Earl shall Pmitt and giue the sayd Tripp ffree leaue for his own ocations on the sayd lande, to come & goe, or driue in or out Catl or Cart at the sayd Earls gate or way that he sayd Earl shall make on the sayd Earls land: & further the sayd Earl hereby giues the sayd Trip leaue to take of the loose stoness on the sayd Earls sayed land of the nearest to trips house to make about eight Rod of such aforesayed wall. on the south side of the sayd trips house or yard next the sayed Earls lande, further thay agree that the sayed Trip shall haue noe Pvilidg in

the forsayed gate or way longer then untill the sayd Earl makes a fence in the line betwixt his & y<sup>t</sup> sayed Trips lott aforesayed on the south side of the sayed lott, which fence beinge made by the sayed Earle in the whole sayed lyne y<sup>s</sup> yet to doe. will secuer the sayed Trip & make their sayed landes severall to each of their Pvate uses. & the sayed fence to bee sett up when the sayd Earl see Cause, & not els but haueing sett it up, he y<sup>t</sup> sayd Earle is to maintaine it sufficient &c: to the true Pformance of all the foresayed Pticulers the Pties. namely the sayd Earl & Trip doe each of them for themselves, heiers[ ]: engage each Ptie to Pforme their forsayed Engagement, in the some & on the forfeit of twenty pound sterling payed by the Ptie defectiue, unto the other Ptie ingaged herein, and in wittnes of this their agreement, the Pties aforesayd haue hereto sett their hands & Seales the day and yeare first aboue written memorandum: before the Sealing of this writing the sayd Earl giues or alows the said Trip twenty shillings, and the sayd Trip therfore releassets the loose stones aboue sayd. which he was to haue had for eight Rod of wall

Signed & Sealed	{	Thomas newton	Ralph Earle
in the Psents of	{	Benedict Arnold	John Trip

A true Copii of the originall P me Philip Shearman  
ReCorder

[60] A true Copy of the Original Deed\* of the purchase of Rhode Island &c

The 24<sup>th</sup> of the first month called March in the year so commonly called 1637~

Memorandum

That WE Cononicus & Miantonomy the Chief Sachems of the Naragansetts, By virtue of YE Gentlemen Com<sup>m</sup> and of this

\*See R. I. Colonial Records, Vol. 1., page 45, for better reading of this deed.

Bay, as also the particulars subjecting of the dead Sachems of Aquidnic and Kittackquamuckquiet themselves and lands unto us, have sold unto M<sup>r</sup> William Coddington and his friends united unto him, The Great Island of Aquidneck lying from hence Eastward in this Bay as also the marsh and grass upon Quononogut and the rest of the Islands in the Bay, Excepting Chibachuesta formerly sold unto M<sup>r</sup> Winthrop now Governor of the Massachusetts and M<sup>r</sup> Williams of Providence as also the grass upon the Rivers & coves about Kittackquamuckopette and from thence to Pumposquatick for the full payment of forty fathom of white beads to be equally divided by us, In witness whereof WE have subscribed.

Item, That giving by Miantinomys hands ten Coats and twenty Hoes to the Inhabitants, they shall remove themselves off the Island before next Winter

In the presence of us

Witness Our hands

The mark  of Yotach

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Rogger Williams


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Connoicuses son

A true Copy of a Copy of the Original deed of the purchase of Rhode Island from the Narragansetts Sachems

and recorded by me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 185[ ]

Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Town Clerk

[61] At a townes meetinge the 19<sup>th</sup> of Januuary (i65i)  
It is ordered that Henery eves shall haue two acres of lande  
adjoyninge to thomas ffish his land in lue of that lande that was  
given to the saide Henery: by the towne formerly:

At this present meetinge the Towne hath giuen 6 acres of  
land to John Albro in the swampe belowe William Bakars fence  
in lue of what the Towne oweth the saide John

It is ordered that William Redfin shall Haue io<sup>l</sup> allowed him  
from the towne for to looke to John mott & giueing him meat  
& drinke & lodging and washing and for Cloathes for this  
present yeare untill the first munday in June next Insuing  
Lake is received an Inhabitant

Ralph Earle Senior William ffreborne Philip Shearmā and John  
Briggs are Chosen to Proportion everie mans Some (in the towne)  
what thay Shall Paye to make up the Some aboue sayed for the  
use abouesayed

At a Towne Meetinge January the 26<sup>th</sup> (i65i)

It is agreed that Philip Shearman shalbe Continued Recorder  
It is agreed that Edward Andros shall runn 4 Rodd wider at the  
uper end of his lott next Clement weaver

At a Towne meetinge Febreuary the 2<sup>d</sup> (i65i)

It is Consented unto by the Inhabitants of Portsmouth that  
those men that are the desposers of lande in the sayd Towne  
viz: m<sup>r</sup> Will: Balston m<sup>r</sup> John Porter m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford Will:  
freborne: Philip shearman: Adam mott. Tho: Hazard: John  
Roome: George Parker: Richard Burden: Thomas Waite:  
John Briggs Ralph Cowland: John Anthonie: Captin moris:  
shall acomidate the inhabitants of the sayd towne (with land)  
which want or haue had a legall grant of land formerly, and that  
200 acrs of land shalbe set aPt by thee sayd desposers for the  
acomidating any desierabl Ptie or Pties that may be inhabitants

amongst us heer after, and that then all the remainder of lande unappated shalbe bounded Common to the Inhabitants of this towne and their heiers for ever,; and not to bee disposed of without the consent of all the Inhabitants of the sayd towne

It is also agreed by the aforesayed desposers and by this writinge Confirmed that all the Peels of lande formerly layed out to Pticuler Psons shall stand good to the Psons to whom thay are layd out and to their heiers for ever

[62] It is further ordered that the Psent inhabitants of this towne of Portsmouth that want land or haue hadd a legall grant of land and haue not hadd it, shalbe acomidated by the first of may next Insuinge

m<sup>r</sup>Jo:Porter and m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford are Chosen to treat with Nuport and to Psent the busines about the Line between Nuport & ower towne of Portsmouth and to doe it by the first of March next Insuinge.

William Shearman is admitted an Inhabitant amongst us with this Pviso Consented unto by him, not to expect any lande to be giuen him by the desposers of land.

At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth in June 9<sup>th</sup> 52:

Richard Burdin & ralph Couland are Chosen overseers & colectors for the pore

it is agreed to giue william Redfin, 11<sup>l</sup> and the 5 bushels of corne & the use of the Cowe this yeare for to keepe ould Jo:mott this yeare insuing

it is further agreed that there shalbe a stone house built for the more Comfortabl beinge of ould John mott in the winter for the effectinge there of the townes men doe here promise that upon the Call of the overseers aforesayed, thay will Come in and helpe forward the worke



[63] At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth in Road Iland Aprill the first (1653)

It is ordered that the present overseers for the poore are authorizid to gather that which is behinde of the last rate and to destraine the goods of any that doe refuse to pay

the ffree Inhabitants of this towne in this Psent metinge did declare by the usuall signe of houlding up their hands that thay owne m<sup>r</sup> Sanford m<sup>r</sup> Balstone and m<sup>r</sup> John porter Conservators of the peace in this towne untill nue be chosen

It is agreed that the generall Court of election at the usuall time bee heeld at Nuport the first tuesday after thee fifteen of may next

It is ordered that the military officers that were last Chosen shall stand till nue be chosen

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Sanford m<sup>r</sup> Boston m<sup>r</sup> porter Captin moris lieftenant albro Ensigne wilbur and Philip Shearman or any fower of them Consenting shall Consult and determine all matters for defence or offence. | Goodman Sissun [ ]:

~~Edward ffisher~~ is Chosen Constabl for this towne and John Roome also is Chosen Constabl for this towne untill nue be Chosen and ingaged

It is ordered that Richard Bordin and m<sup>r</sup> Cowland are Chosen to gather up what is behind of unpayde of<sup>all</sup> former rates exept the last and are authorizid to destraine upon the goods of those that refuse

~~It is ordered that the order Concerninge watchinge is to bee Continued and observed till further order be taken about it.~~

[64] At a Towne meetinge the first seconde day in June (1653) m<sup>r</sup> Balston is Chosen magistrate for the Towne of Portsmouth for this yeare insuinge

John Roome is Chosen magistrate for the Towne of Portsmouth for this yeare insuinge & ingaged

Philip Shearman is Chosen Towne Clarke for this yeare insuinge  
 Samuel Willson is Chosen Constall for this yeare insuinge &  
 Ingaged

William Wodell is Chosen Constabl for the South side of the  
 Iland within the boundes of this towne of Portsmouth for this  
 yeare & Ingaged

William ffreeborne is Chosen Constabl for mill end for this  
 yeare and ingaged

George Parker is Chosen Towne Sargiant for this yeare Ingaged

Jeames Weeden Chosen Jurymen for the next

Edward ffisher Generall Court

Jeames Badcock

Thomas Brownell: Jeames Sands

John Tripp: John Antonij; Thomas layton

John briggs are Chosen Jurymen for the  
 next quarter Court

by the distinct places of the thre Constabl is not intended to  
 restraine <sup>n</sup>ay of the thre in any P<sup>t</sup> of the bounds of the towne  
 from executing there office if need requier or Called therto

<sup>a</sup> Rate of  
 12<sup>1</sup>

It is ordered that a rate of twelve pounds be made for the  
 satisfiing georg parker six pound upon his takeing ould mot to  
 keepe this year for the first payment and to Cloath ould mott

fower men are Chosen to make this rate viz: Thomas Layton  
 will: Wodell Philip Shearman ffrancis Braiten

It is ordered that the thre Constabls shall gather this Rate  
 and also that which is behinde of the other rates.

[65] At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmo[ ]  
 June the 20<sup>th</sup> (i653)

John Briggs is Chosen towne magistrate for this year and (by  
 the voate of the Inhabitants) presently ingaged

It is ordered that the Towne magistrates shall giue forth a  
 generall warrant to the ~~thre~~ Constables Samuel Wilson to

destrayne of the goods of such as shall refuse to pay what they are rated either to the former rates or that rate which is to bee made for ould mott: and the rate to be satisfied and the overplusse to bee returned:

Thomas Layton and William Wodell are Chosen over seers for the Poore for this yeare insuing

it is ordered that the over seers aboue sayed are authorizide to bargin with any man whom thay thinke fitt for thee keeping ould John mott this yeare upon the Townes Charge

John Roome:  
m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford Richard Bordin: John Brigs Philip Shearman and william wodell are Chosen for a Councell for the Towne

It is ordered that the order Concerning watchinge is Continued and to bee observed till further order be taken

At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth 1654  
Henery Persi receiued an Inhabitant

Will: Charles demured till the next meetinge

Tho: Studwell demurred &c.

John Brent and Jerimie Nueland voated not to abide in this Towne any longer then 6 weekes and to forfeit 5 pound for euery month that he or either of them shall stay longer then the 6 weeks alowed. with out the aprobaton of the Towne

John Gorum hath libertie to take his Cropp

It is ordered that no Inhabitant shall intertaine any sojorner aboue one month with out the aprobaton of the Towne upon the penaltie of the forfituer of fīue poundes for every month so offending and the magistrat of the towne to giue licence untill a towne meetinge bee

[66]                      may the 10<sup>th</sup> (1654)

At a Towne meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of Portsmouth it is agreed by Voate to sende a Committe of six men for this Towne

unto the Generall Court to bee held at warwick this present month of may

M<sup>r</sup> Rich: Bordin &  
those five under  
writt are Chosen  
for a Committe  
for the Generall  
Courte

Richard  
m<sup>r</sup> Bordin  
~~m<sup>r</sup> John Roome~~  
m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs  
Tho: Lawton  
Edward Andros  
John Anthony  
Samuel Wilson

Thomas Lawton  
Edward Andros  
John Anthony

Chosen for Jury men for the Generall Court of tryals

It is ordered that the Committe aboue named are autorized to act in in All such matters as shalbe presented as thay shall Judg to bee for the good of the Collonie with as full power as if the towne were present

Will: hall is Chosen to be Joynde with m<sup>r</sup> Bordin to lay out such land as haue been legally granted in the Towne

[67] At a meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth in Roade Iland June the fifth (165

William Cadman is receiued an inhabitant in the towne

This present day beinge the first second day of June (1654) the day of Election for towne officers

M<sup>r</sup> William Balston is Chosen hed officer for the towne for this yeare or till a nue be Chosen: Ingaged

M<sup>r</sup> John Roome is Chosen towne magistrate for this yeare or till a nue be Chosen: Ingaged

Philip Shearman is Chosen towne Clarke: Ingaged

Samuel wilson Chosen Constabl for this yeare or till a nu bee Chosen: Ingaged

Thomas Lawton Chosen Constabl for this yeare or till a nue be Chosen: Ingaged

Jeames Sands Chosen Constabl for this yeare or till a nue bee Chosen: Ingaged

George Parker towne Sarjant & water bayleif for this yeare or till a nue bee Chosen Ingaged

m<sup>r</sup> John Porter, John Briggs Philip Shearman are added to the generall officer and to the two towne magistrats for to bee the towne Councill

the Commission granted to Captin moris by the Councill of warr is Voated to be nuld & of no longer force

It is Granted unto Richard Bulgar to haue license to sell beere vituals and liquors to Strangers that passe the fferrie or to any persons that shall bee [ ]mployed about the transportation of Cattell or trauelers that are passing to or from the Iland

[68] At a meetinge of the Inhabitants of the towne of Portsmouth on Roade Iland June the 17<sup>th</sup> (1654

It is ordered that the Copiis of the Generall orders sent to this towne by the Generall Recorder shalbe payd out of of that stock which is in the overseers handes:

It is ordered that William ffreeborne shall haue tenn pounds for this yeare insuinge to keepe ould mott to bee payde at the Rate of silver pay besides the Cowe and the fiue bushels of Corne, for which he is to Diet wash lodge and looke to the sayd old mott

It is ordered that a Rate be made for the raysinge of this mony for the payment of william freeborn and Cloathing ould mott by the discetio of such men as shalbe Chosen therto: according to mens estates, the some to bee thirty poundes for the discharge of the former busines for ould mott and some other debts the towne owe: the men Chosen Jeames Weeden William freeborne William Woddell Edward ffisher Philip Shearman to make this Rate:

William ffreeborne and Thomas Cornell Junior are chosen overseers & colectors for the poore for this yeare insuinge

Thomas Lawton is Chosen to geether with the two overseers to gather this rate aboue named

Bartholomew West is propounded for an Inhabitant amongst us.

It is ordered that the militia shalbe ordered by the towne Councill

[69]

August the 21<sup>th</sup> (1654)

At a meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmoth it is Voated that Ossamequin shall haue his Coate payd him forthwith for his rent of the medows on the maine land on the North side of Roade Iland:

It is Voated & Concluded that all the affayers of Generall Court shalbe transacted by a Committe of six men ~~Chosen~~ of ech towne Chosen to that end: exept election

Mr William Baulston John Roome Richard Bordin Thomas Cornell Senior John Briggs William Hall

It is ordered that that this Committe aboue named are authorized to meete at Warwick with the rest of<sup>y<sup>e</sup></sup> townes Committies at the day nuport neighbors shall apoint: with as full power to act as if the towne were present

It is ordered that the former order Concerning takeing what men are rated of such as refuse is orderd to be of force

It is ordered that a doppinge stoole shalbe made in this toowne and sett at the water side by the po[ ]de

Thomas Jenings acknowledg himselfe bound to the state of England the some of tenn pounds the Condition is to be of a peaceable behaiour to wars his wife and all the leage<sup>d</sup> people of the state of England in this Iland

At a Towne meetinge the 11<sup>th</sup> of September Anno (1654

It is ordered that prison shalbee built in this towne upon some Convenient place nere the Stockes

ate of  
60<sup>l</sup>. It is ordered that a Rate shalbe made of threscore pounds for the buildinge of of a prison in this towne

It is ordered that the thre Constabls and thomas Cornell Junior shall make this Rate and to gather it

John Tripp is Chosen Committe man for the Generall Court in the Roume of william Hall

It is ordered that those that are imployed as Commissioners for the generall shall haue there Charges borne from this day forward

[70] It is ordered that Ralph Erle Senior and Thomas Cornell Junior are Chosen to overse the worke of the prison and Sett men a worke and pay them there wages

it is ordered that Ralph Earle and John Anthonij shall keepe a howse of Intertainment for strangers

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Bastone shall keepe a house of intertainment to intertaine Strangers

Nouember the 13<sup>th</sup> (i654

At a Towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth

(1654) Nouember the 13<sup>th</sup>

John Sandford ffrancis Brayton and Lott Strange are Chosen for Commissioners to Joyne with m<sup>r</sup> Bordin & John Roome and John Briggs to meet the rest of the Commissiners of the Colonie at Nuport the 14 of this instant month

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Bordin and William Hall who are Chosen to be the layers out of land in this towne, shall with in this eight dayes or with all Convenient speede; lay out a hie way to y<sup>e</sup> springe by the line that m<sup>r</sup>Jo: Sandford layd out to Philip Shearman, on the south side of the sayd line according to former agreement of the towne and also to lay out the adition of land granted to m<sup>r</sup> Almy at the Hedd of his farme. Jeames Sands

and George Parker are Chosen by the towne to goe alonge with the layers out when thay lay out the aforesayd hie way and land

January the 23<sup>th</sup> (i654) At a townes meeting it is Voated for this towne to Joyne with Nuport in the purchase of Cunnuniquut Iland and william Almy and Thomas Lawton are Chosn to goe to Nuport to treat with them aboute the Joyninge with them in the purchase of the aforesayd Iland and Dutch Iland with it

John Tyler is receiued an Inhabitante this day

Jerit Borne is receiued an Inhabitant this day

It is agreed that the towne wilbee at the Charge to pay ould John motts passage to the Barbades Iland and back againe if he Cannot be receiued there, if he liue to it, if the Shipp owners will carrie him

[71] At a towne meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth march the third (i654)

In respect of severall inconueniences that haue hapined in this towne It is ordered that no man signe any writinge as a bill of diuorce unlesse the seperation be alowed by the Collonie he that shall offend in this cace shall forfeit tenn pounds Sterling; and any that shall sett to there hand as wittness to any writinge of this natuer not alowed by the Colonie shall forfeit tenn pounds Sterlinge

It is further ordered that no man shall detaine or harbor another mans wife after warninge forbiding he that shall offend in this respect shall forfeit fiue pound Sterlinge for euery night of offendinge: euery forfetuer in these respects aforesayed shalbe taken by the Sargiant of the towne

May the 5<sup>th</sup> (i655)

At a Towne Meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth  
Bartholomew West Receiued Inhabitant  
Thomas Studwell Receiued Inhabitant



M<sup>r</sup> Balston m<sup>r</sup> Jo: Porter m<sup>r</sup> Tho: Cornell Sen: are Chosen to treat with Nuport about that debt thay demanded formerly of our towne: and about the land thay haue taken from us and to perfect the laying out of the lyne for the boundes betwixt the Townse of Portsmouth and Nuport and to forewarn Nuport inhabitants for falling any timber in ower towne boundes

Commissioners Chosen for to meet with the rest of the Commissioners of the Colony to transact the busines of the Generall Court to be held at Prouidence at the usuall tyme With as full Power as if the town were present viz: m<sup>r</sup> will: Balston: m<sup>r</sup> John Roome m<sup>r</sup> <sup>John Tripp</sup> ~~Richard Burden~~ John Briggs: Thomas Lawton m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brownell

Jurymen Chosen for the Generall Court of tryals to be held at Prouidence m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford Ralph Earl Sen: ffrances Brayden

**[72]** may the 5th (i655)

it is ordered that a rate shalbe made for the defraying the Charge of those men that the town shall send forth upon the towne seruis

Rate of 10<sup>l</sup>. it is ordered that a Rate of tenn pounds shalbe forthwith made and gathered by Samuel wilson and Sarjant Parker between this and the Courte for the discharging of the towne debts of those thay haue sent forth upon the towne seruis

At a meeting of thee Toune Councill of Portsmouth June the 4<sup>th</sup> (i655) William Hall hath libertie Granted him to try his Cace presented betwixt Richard Bordin and him selfe at the next Generall Court of tryalls to bee held at Portsmouth for the Collonie of Prouidence Plantations

**[73]** June the 4<sup>th</sup> (i655) being the day for Election of toune officers: the inhabitants of the toune of Portsmouth being mett this present day aboue writt haue Chosen m<sup>r</sup> Will Balston

magistrate for this toune for this present yeare and ingaged  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Sandford Chosen magistrat and Ingaged for this year  
 Philip Shearman Chosen Toune Clarke Ingaged  
 George Parker Chosen toune Sergant and and water Bayleife  
 for this year Ingaged  
 John Briggs and William ffreeborne and Philip Shearman ar  
 Chosen to make up the toune Councill  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford is Chosen tresurer for thee towne  
 Edward ffisher is Chosen Constable for this yeare insuing and  
 Ingaged  
 Thomas Brownell is Chosen Constabl for this toune for this  
 year insuinge and Ingaged  
 Richard Sisson is Chosen Constabl for this yeare insuing and  
 Ingaged  
 Jeames Weeden is Chosen Jury man for the Generall Court of  
 tryals to bee houlden at Portsmouth the last tuesday of this  
 present month of June  
 Jeritt Borne is Chosen Jury man: for the Court  
 Joshewaye Coxall Chosen Jury man: abouesayd

The bill presented by George parker to the toune for seruis  
 done for the toune of Portsmouth amounting to 2<sup>l</sup>— 13 shillings  
 it is ordered that it shall bee putt in to thee rate to bee made for  
 A generall use by the Generall Court order and payd to George  
 parker after the rate is gathered upon demand bringing in his  
 bill:

M<sup>r</sup> John Sanford William Woodell & Philip Shearman are  
 Chosen to take the accompts of such men as haue formerly been  
 Chosen to gather rates and there acompts haue not bene receiued  
 by the towne

[74] At a meeting of thee towne of Portsmouth June the 30<sup>th</sup>  
 (1655)

The accompts of thee Rate of 5<sup>l</sup>2—6<sup>s</sup>—6<sup>d</sup> given in by m<sup>r</sup> Brlston

are accepted and there rest due to the towne out of the rate—  
<sup>s</sup> 9 — <sup>d</sup> 10: ungathered

January the 3<sup>d</sup> (1655)

A Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth goodman Parent propounded himself for inhabitant as also John Lewis and Philip Tabor

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth ffebruary the 14<sup>th</sup> (1655)

m<sup>r</sup> William Balstone is Chosen moderator for this meeting

Philip Tabor is receiued an inhabitant and taken his ingagement to the state of England and government of this place: and hath equall right of Comonage with the rest of the inhabitants of this towne

m<sup>r</sup> William Balston m<sup>r</sup> John Porter m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell Senior are Chosen by the towne to meete with the three men that the towne of Nuport haue Chosen: about a debt and the lyne between the two townes

It is ordered that the thre men Chosen by our towne are authorized by the towne with full power to end the aforementioned difference with the aforementioned men of Nuport Concering a debt and the lyne betwen the two tounes: either in a peaceabl frindly way by agetation: or otherwise legally if thay Cannot end it by agetation.

it is ordered that thee expenses of the aforementioned thre men about the aforementioned busines shalbe borne by the toune

<sup>Will</sup>  
 m<sup>r</sup> Almy John Briggs and Samuell Wilbur are Chosen for Jury men for the next generall Court to be held at Warwick

[75] John Lewis is admitted and inhabita[ ] and hath giuen his ingagement to the state of England and to the government of this Collonie

The 7<sup>th</sup> of Aprill (i656 (a letter beinge sent from Nuport to the magistrats of Portsmouth to desier ConCurrence of our towne with theres for the preseruacion of the Iland our towne Chose m<sup>r</sup> William balston Captin Richard Morris and leif□tenant Albro to meete with Nuports thre men as aforesayd

At a meetinge of the towne Portsmouth Aprill the 8<sup>th</sup> (i656) the Choyce of the thre men aboue named is owned by the towne and what thay agreed upon and presented to the towne is accepted by the towne of portsmouth and hereby Confermed

M<sup>r</sup> Will Balston Captin Richard Morris Captin Thomas Cooke leiftenant Wilbur James BadCock William Woodell ffrancis Brayton are Chosen to goe ouer to the mayne to treat with the Indian Sachems to informe them of the mynd of the towne that thay Come not upon the Iland but accordinge to order giuen

It is agreed that a publicke watch shall be ordered by the Comissioners for the towne and the towne Councill in tie precincts of the towne

It is ordered that the Constable and the Clarke of the band shall goe from howse to howse and take thee number of the armes extent and to Case them to be repayerd that are not fixt, and to giue in the number of armes fixt and it is also ordered that where thay find armes to spare thay shall haue power to presse them for the use of the towne ingeinge the returne of such armes in as good order as taken or Just and Sutabl Satisfaction

[76] May the 14<sup>th</sup> (i656 At a meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth m<sup>r</sup> John Roome Chosen moderator for this present meetinge

Comissioners Chosen for the next Generall Court to bee held at Portsmouth: viz m<sup>r</sup> William Balston m<sup>r</sup> Jo: Sanford Philip Shearman: William Woodell m<sup>r</sup> John Roome m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bordin

to meete with the Commissioners of the rest of the townes of the Collonie to act with as full power as if the towne were present

At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of Portsmouth the first second day in June (i656)

Philip Shearman Chosen Towne magistrate for this yeare and Ingaged

m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs Chosen Towne magistrate for this year and Ingaged

Philip Shearman Chosen Towne Clarke and Ingaged

william woddell Chosen one of the towne Councill

John Albro Chosen one of the towne Councill

m<sup>r</sup> John Porter Chosen one of the towne Councill

m<sup>r</sup> william Balston tresurer for the towne

Richard Sisson Chosen Constable Ingaged

Ralph Cowland Chosen Constable Ingaged

Thomas Lawton Chosen Constable Ingaged

George Parker Chosen toune Sargiant and Ingaged

[77] At a toune meetinge of the Inhabitants of Portsmo[ ] June the third (i656) It is ordered that no Pson or persons in this toune of Portsmouth nor any that shall Come amongst us shall sell any liquors stronge beer or any wines to any Indian directly nor indirectly with in the bounds of this toune and any Pson or Psons that shall offend in this Cace shall forfeit three<sup>3</sup> poundes for euery default one thirde shalbe to him that finde it out, and a third to the Constable and his aide and a third to the tounetresury

It is also ordered that it shalbe lawfull for any Pson or Psons of thee Inhabitants of this toune if thay meete any Indian within the bounds of this toune with any of the aforesayed prohibited liquors stronge beer or wines to take it from them and to Call ayde if neede bee, and thay that take from the Indians any such

liquors beer or Wines with in the bounds of this toune shall haue it for ther paynes

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Burdin & Jeames Sands & Captin Cooke are Chosen Jury men for the next gen<sup>l</sup> Court of Tryals held at Prouidence

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Philip Shearman & m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar are Chosen to audit & take the accompts of the tresurer for the last year John Sanford as also to perfitt the accompts of the ould rates upon Saterdag next

voated that the tresurer for the last year shall deliuer the monies belonging to the towne unto the tresurer m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston

[78] At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the towne of Portsmouth July the third (i656)

Lott Strange and good man John Antony haue libertie granted them to digg a ditch seuen or nyne foote wide from the pond to thee dry land before goodman stranges house for the bringing up any goods the more Conveniently

it is ordered that John Teft shall haue <sup>1</sup>3—<sup>5</sup>6—8—peage 6 P

<sup>white</sup>penny or black 3 P penny to keepe ould John mott this yeare for dyat lodging washing and looking to besyde the Cowe and the Corne that the ould mans son adam is ingaged to giue

m<sup>r</sup> Balston is ordered to pay John Teft fower pounds nyne shillings out of the tresury mony when it Come in to his hand which is due to John Teft for part of the last years pay for keepinge ould John mott

m<sup>r</sup> Balston is ordered to by ould John mott Cloathing out of the tresury mony that Come in to his hand according as m<sup>r</sup> Balston seeth fitt

it is voated by the towne that John Albro shall haue his gunn agayne and be acquitted of his rate for service done for the towne

August the 11<sup>th</sup> (i656 At a toune meeting m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar Thomas Cornell Junior John Trip and william hall are Chosen

to survaie and view all Cattell that shalbe hence forth transported of the Iland and <sup>to</sup> take the names of all such as transport Cattell the day of the month when, the number of the Generall Cattell with there seuerall ear marks and if any haue Cattel that haue not ther oun ear marke or that haue other marke or markes then ther owen the suruayers ar hereby required to make stopp of them unless thay giue satisfaction to the suruayers howe thay Cam by those Cattell so differently marked and the survayers shall haue for ther payns according to former order and [79] and the suruayers ar to se the Cattell boated and if any Cāry Cattell of the Iland in the night though suruayed before shall haue a suruayer to see them at ther going of shore or shall forfeit tenn pounds and stand to further sensuer of the toune

m<sup>r</sup> Brentons letter was redd in the toune meeting and m<sup>r</sup> Ballston and m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell were Chosen to meet with two of Nuport to answer the letter and the toune promise to stand to what our two men agree unto therin:

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth October the 4<sup>th</sup> (i656) Comitioners Chosen for to meet with the Comitioners of the other townes the next thursday before the next Generall Court of tryals to bee houlden at Portsmouth to Consult and determin of such things as shalbe presented for the Justis and peace of the Collonie viz: m<sup>r</sup> william Balston: will: woddell Jeames Badcock: John Briggs will: Hall: m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bordin:

Jury men Chosen for the Generall Court of tryals to be houlden at Portsmouth this instant month of October: Jeames Weeden William ffreeborne Jeames Badcock

Richard Bulgar is Chosen toune Sargiant for this yeare and Ingaged

Thomas Wood propounded to be receiued an Inhabitant

[80] At a meeting of the toune of Portsmouth december the 8<sup>th</sup> (i656) It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford, m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs and Thomas Lawton are authorized to proouer the pouder & shott that is ordered by the generall Court for this toune, by makeing suteabl pay to m<sup>r</sup> Roger Williams and it is to bee for the tounes use prouided the town doe make the same pay to the aforenamed men as the generall Court expresse within one month after the aforenamed men haue procured the sayed pouder & shott and in Case it Come to any Causealtie after the sayd proCuering before the month bee expiered then the toune to bare the losse as also the Charge of proouering it is to bee borne by the toune and if the toune doe not make pay as aforesayed to the aforesayed men within the time afore sayed then the sayed pouder and shott to bee at the disposing of the afore sayed men as their proper goods

the toune Clarke is ordered to wright to m<sup>r</sup> Roger williams to signifie the tounes minde to him Concerning the pouder and shott

It is ordered to haue a toune meeting upon Saturday next without any further warning only those that are present doe promise to giue notice to those that are absent:

[81] At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth december the 13<sup>th</sup> (i656)

It is ordered that the tresurer m<sup>r</sup> William Balston shall redeeme the pouder and shott belonging to the toune out of the tresury if sutabl pay Come in to his hand within the time prefixed

20<sup>l</sup> for  
y<sup>e</sup> prisson

It is further ordered that the tresurer shall pay the 20 poundes for the prison to nuport out of the tresury if sutabl pay Come in to his handes

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Portsmouth March the third (i656) Jury men Chosen for the Generall Court of tryals to bee held at Nuport the tenth day of this instant month [viz] =



Senior

Philip Tabor: Thomas Cooke: Thomas Cornell Junior  
 John mose is lised to soiorne in this toune  
 \* Sam<sup>uel</sup> Sanford is received an Inhabitant of this toune  
 Steuen Wilcockes is received an Inhabitant of this toune

At a toune meeting Aprill the i6 (1657)  
 it is Consented unto by Voate that Thomas sshreff hath libertie  
 to sitt doune for the present upon that house plott that John  
 Porter hath giuen him libert[ ] to sitt doune upon for present:  
 upon his wifes peacabl and good behaiour towards hir neigh-  
 bours: untill he Can more Conueniently prouide for himself or  
 the toune take further order Concerning them:

m<sup>r</sup> William Balston Philip Shearman and m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs are  
 apoynted to speake With shreifs wife and William Charles and  
 George Lawtons Wife and to giue them the best advise and  
 Warning for ther own peace and the peace of the place

William Core is received a Tounesman amongst us: Richard  
 Bordin william Almy John Porter william ffreborn John San-  
 ford Jeames Sands are Chosen Commitioners for this toune to  
 meet with th[ ] Commitioners of the rest of tounes of the Collonie

[82] At a meeting of the towne of Portsmouth on Road  
 Iland may the 29<sup>th</sup> (1657)

it was aged to meet with out any further warning the first day  
 of June which wilbe next munday by six of the Clock in the  
 morning to Choose toune officers for this year insuing:

At a meeting of the towne of Portsmouth the first day of June  
 (1657) being munday

m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs is chosen head Warden and ingadged  
 m<sup>r</sup> William ffreborne deputy Warden and ingadged

\* Evidently *John* was written first instead of *Samuel*, and was changed with the pale ink  
 used at the next meeting.

John Sanford is chosen Town Clarke & ingadged  
 m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar is chosen Towne Serjant & ingadged  
 John Tripp Thomas Layton and Samuell Wilson are chosen  
 Cunstabes

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chosen Towne Treasurer

m<sup>r</sup> phillip Sheareman John Albro and William Woadell ar  
 chosen, three of the Towne Councill:

It is agreed that there shall be a towne meeteing one munday  
 next at the house of m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs

Att A meetinge of the townes men of portsmouth on Rhoad  
 Island the 8<sup>th</sup> of june 1657

ordered that this meeting shall voat for A moderator

m<sup>r</sup> phillip Sheareman is chosen Moderator for this daie

Voated that the towne shall choose new Comitioners for the next  
 gen<sup>l</sup> Court of Comitioneres to be held at warwicke the fourth  
 day of july next

m<sup>r</sup> Richard Burdin John Sanford: m<sup>r</sup> John porter m<sup>r</sup> John  
 Briggs James Sands and Richard Sison are chosen Comitioners  
 for this towne to meet with the Comitioners of the other townes  
 the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July next at warwicke

m<sup>r</sup> John porter Richard Sison and James Sands are chosen  
 juriemen for the next generall Court of Tryals held at warwicke  
 the last Tuseday in this instant month,

Thomas Wood is Received an inhabitant of this towne

Daniell Grenell is Rec<sup>d</sup> an inhabitant of this towne

John Sanford and Richard pearce are chosen Survaiers to uew  
 the markes of all Cattell that goe from this towne

Ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Baulston shall agree with goodman Teift for  
 the keepinge of ould mott for this yeare insueinge and to pay  
 him out of The Treasury

[83] Att A Towne Meetinge of the fremen of Portsm<sup>o</sup> held  
 the 31: of July: 1657

John Sanford chosen Moderator for this day  
 m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar Towne serjant haveinge presented his acco<sup>ts</sup>  
 for servis Done for the towne, The Towne have A<sup>x</sup>cepted the  
 acco<sup>t</sup> and owne them selves indebted to the serjant the sum<sup>ḡ</sup>  
 of one pownd thirteene shills six pence to be payd out of The  
 Towne Treasury

It is ordered that there shall be A Towne Meetinge upon the  
 last day of August next it beinge Munday at the house of m<sup>r</sup>  
 Brigs, Which shall concerne the Deliveringe the Records papers  
 or writtings which belonge to the towne and Towne clarks office  
 (from m<sup>r</sup> Shearman unto the Towne clarke) and to putt an  
 Issue to the Difference concerninge the layinge out of land,  
 with what other Nessesary occations may present and that Each  
 man may give Notice hereof to his Neighbour without ffurther  
 warneinge

Att: A: Towne Meetinge held <sup>by</sup>  $\lambda$  the freemen of portsmouth the  
 31: of August 1657 beinge munday

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is chosen Modderator for this day  
 ordered that the agreement betwene William ffreeborne and  
 James Weeden shall be Recorded in the towne booke: which is  
 as followith:

William ffreeborne and James Weeden Sen<sup>r</sup> Did in the publique  
 towne metinge Declare that it is their ffree and mutuall agree-  
 men that the Trees which Mathew Greenell marked & soe to  
 the markt tree in or by the swampe shall be the line betweene  
 William ffreebornes land and the Comon & shall be the utmost  
 bounds of the sayd William ffreeborns land

William ffoster is admitted & Received A ffreeman

Whereas there hath beine great Differencis Concerninge land  
 about the layinge out of lands in this towne of portsmouth in  
 Rhoad Island and there beinge Certaine men upon Record in  
 the Towne booke to be Desposers of land in the towne and thay

haveinge taken paynes to satisfy the towne in this Respect and therefore have Declared their minds in that Respect what quantities of lande shall be layd out and to whome, And this not giveinge satisfaction. It is therefore agreed for peace & vnion that this abatement be made and some New supply (that is to say) that those that should have had by the aforesayd Disposers agreement thirty acres are Contented to take twenty acres, and those that should upon that accompt have had above thirty acres shall abate one halfe of their quantity, and the quantities under thirty to Stand good—And two hundred acres more is Consented unto to be Desposed of by the towne unto those that have most neede and the remainder of land then undesposed of to be a perpetuall Comon to the towne fforEver Never to be layd out and upon this agreement we doe unanimously Consent to asuer Each man in their lawfull Rights to our power

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> John porter m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs James Badcocke and John Sanford are chosen and Authorized to meet with the townesmen of Newport or Whome thay shall apoynt & Authorize: Concerninge Differencis in accompts and the line betwene the two townes, and to put an End or Issue to the Sayd Differencis Either in a peaceable ffreindly waie, (or other-waies Leagaly) if thay Cannot End it by adjetation

It is ordered that there shall be A Towne Meetinge on the 29<sup>th</sup> of [Se ] next at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Brigs there to choose jury-men and Comissio[ ] if need be, and to Consider of other nessesary bussinis that may pre[ ] and Each man to give notice to his neighbour without ffurther [ ]

[84] A Towne Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of portsmouth Novem<sup>r</sup> the 19<sup>th</sup> 1657

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Baulston and m<sup>r</sup> Brigs are Desired and Requested to treat with Captt Morris, that he would take Some

Course to Discharge the towne, accordinge to his promis, from all charge that may Arise by A Dutch Woman whome the S<sup>d</sup> Captt Morris hath intertaind in his house this last Summer/

Voated that this Meetinge is adjourned till tomorrow Morninge at Eight of the Clocke

Novemer the 20<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> John Brigs chosen Moderator for this Day

It is ordered that whereas there is due from the towne to m<sup>r</sup> Roger Williams the Sum<sup>e</sup> of fforty shills: it shall be payd to the S<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Williams out of the Towne Treasury—

It is ordered that William Woodell hath tenn Acres <sup>of land</sup> <sup>^</sup> graunted him in lewe of an old graunt, to be laied out at the land of George layton or about that Swampe to be laied out at the discrestion of the lotters

It is ordered that Leivt<sup>n</sup> John Albro shall have his graunt of land layd out at the head of m<sup>r</sup> porters ffarme <sup>and old [ hard]</sup> <sup>^</sup> it beinge thirty two acres

It is ordered that Thomas Cooke Sen<sup>r</sup> hath Eight Acres of land graunted in lewe of 8 acres formerly graunted in the Comon ffence to be layd out on the south Side of the swamp called Brigis swampe, below Newport path

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar shall have his <sup>former</sup> <sup>^</sup> graunt of six acres layd out to him in the Comon ffence adjoyneinge to his land there

~~It is ordered that John Sanford shall have twenty five Acres of land to begin at the Brooke in the Swampe caled Briges Swampe, and to lie on the South Side of the S<sup>d</sup> Brooke above Newport path only the head of the Springe is to be left out for A watering place—~~

It is ordered, that whereas the abov-Sayd graunt of land to John Sanford at Briges Swampe, was A pcell of land formerly graunted to m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman, It is there-for ordered that in

lewe thereof John Sanford [**85**] Shall have twenty five Acres of land laied out unto him next adjoyneinge to the Side of the land of m<sup>r</sup> Brigs at the Mill Swampe and the afore-Sayd order is herby Null, & is ordered to be Rased

Whereas Daniell Wilcocke had 15 Acres of land graunted by the Disposers of land: It is now ordered that he hath 15 acres of land more graunted to him to make it up thirty Acres, to be laid out at the Discretion of the lotters

It is ordered that there shall be A towne Meetinge on the last day of this instant month: beinge munday at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Brigs at 8 a clocke in the morneinge, Concerninge the Disposeinge of the 200 acres of land to those that want, & to take

Hoge  
Island

Att A Meetinge of the Inhabitants of portsm<sup>o</sup>: November the  
30<sup>th</sup>: 1657

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is chosen Moderator for this day.

It is ordered that A Comittee of ffive: men shall be chosen And Authorized to Dispose of the 200 acres of land to those inhabitants of the towne that want land, Whoe are viz<sup>tt</sup> m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston m<sup>r</sup> John porter m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs m<sup>r</sup> John Roome and James Badcocke

It is ordered that tenn men shall be Suplied with plantin land on hoge Island & to injoy it for seven yeares viz<sup>tt</sup> Edward ffisher Richard Sison John Tripp John Anthony ffrancis Brayton Thomas Ginings Ralph Earll: jun<sup>r</sup>: John Archar Samuell Wilson & John Baslie

It is ordered that William Corrie and John Teifft shall be suppld with plantinge land on hoge Iland & to injoy it the tearme afore-s<sup>d</sup>

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston m<sup>r</sup> John porter and m<sup>r</sup> John Briges are chosen and Authorized to Dispute with any aposers to maintaine the townes Right in hoge Iland

It is ordered that Leivtt<sup>n</sup> John Albro is added to Richard Burdin and William Hall in the laying out of land in this towne of portsm<sup>o</sup>?

It is ordered that Henry Lake is graunted to make use of three acres of land at the head of his lot and the Widdow parkers and to make use of it Seven yeares and at the End of the time to Sow the S<sup>d</sup> land with English hay-seed & to lay it downe to the Comon againe

It is vnanimosly agreed that there shall be one hundred acres of land more aded to the two hundred acres to inlarge, the Suply of those that want which in Respect of the largeness of their ffamilies and the Smalnes of what will Com to their parts in the 200 acres will not Suffitiantly Supply their nesesities to be disposed of by the afore-sd Comitte

It is ordered that the two Coates payd to Osameakin for the Cuttinge of the Grase this yeare at the maine shall be payd out of the Treasury

It is ordered that there shall be A towne meettinge at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Brigs on the Six<sup>t</sup> day of January beinge Wedensday & Each man to give Notice to his Neighbour without ffurther Warneinge

[86] Att: A Meettinge of the Inhabitants of portsm<sup>o</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1657

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is chosen Moderator for this day

It is ordered that ther shall be A Towne Mettinge held on the first Tuseday in march next it beinge the Second day of that m[ ] then to choose jury:men for the next gen<sup>r</sup> Court, as also to choose Comitioners if occation be, with other Nessesary matters that may present

It is ordered that those that were fformery chosen to meett & Teat with Newport men viz<sup>tt</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John porter m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs

James Badcocke & John Sanford are againe Authorised to me with Newpt men according to former order

It is ordered that wheras ther is one pownds five shills & Eight pence due to Will Lytherland for Coppies of Court orders Delivered to the towne in the time of his beinge Gen<sup>r</sup> Recorder, the Sayd Sum<sup>n</sup> Shall be payd out of the Towne Treasury

It is ordered that wheras ther is due to m<sup>r</sup> Brigs for Service done by himselfe and his boate for Carieinge Comitioners & other Service for the towne the Sum<sup>n</sup>: of One pownd five Shills the Sayd Sum<sup>n</sup> Shall be payd out of the towne Treasury:

It is ordered that the Treaserer shall pay m<sup>r</sup> Brigs for the use of his boate to Providence at the last Gen<sup>r</sup> Court of Tryalls held there—

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Brigs shall have the Cow belonging to the Towne in the Custody of John Teifft, in Lew whereof the Sayd m<sup>r</sup> Brigs doth ingadge to deliver to the Towne Treserer A heiffer of two this Next Springe, to be delivered on the last of Aprill next—

It is ordered that wheras m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar did present his accompts for warneinge two meetings & thre jury-men, twelve shill<sup>s</sup> & Six pence shall be payd by the towne Treasury:

It is ordered that the Treasurer m<sup>r</sup> Will Baulston shall pay goodman Teift what is due to him for keepinge ould mott, with what other just demaunds is due to the sayd Teift about old mott:

It is ordered that the Treasurer m<sup>r</sup> Will Baulston Shall pay m<sup>r</sup> Room the Sum<sup>n</sup> of thirty Shills for the Stocks and whipping post:

It is ordered, with the Consent of Samuell Wilbore and phillip Shearman that the order made the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 7 m<sup>o</sup> 1640 viz<sup>tt</sup> that m<sup>r</sup> Wilbore shall have 40 Acres out of phillip shearmans lott, shall be Rased

It is ordered that the towne Clarke Shall write to Newport to inform them, that we haue information of A wolfe beinge on



the Island, and to desire their helps to drive the Island, one munday Next if it be fayre wether, & if not then on the Next fayre day

[87] Att A Meetinge of the Inhabitants of portsmouth  
 March the 2:  $\frac{1657}{58}$

M<sup>r</sup> William: Baulston chossen Moderator for this Day  
 Ordered that m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs haveinge petitioned to the towne to Borrow Som<sup>o</sup> mony.: it is agreed that he shall have what mony ther: can be Sparred out of the towne Treasury, he giveinge in bond for the payment ther-of to the Treasury againe on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> in the yeare (1658) or Sooner if the towne have occation to macke use of it

It is ordered that the Widdow haukins shall have her graunt of Eight Acres of land, ffree, without payinge the Treasury

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman William Woadell and John Sanford are chossen and Authorized to Examain and Audit Ralph Earlls accompts of what the towne is indebted unto him and what thay shall ffind the towne to be in his debt shall be payd to the Sayd Earll: by the towne Treasurer,

That wher-as ther is due to Goodman Trip twelve Shill<sup>s</sup> for goinge in to the Bay it is ordered that the Sayd Sum<sup>o</sup>: shall be payd by the Towne Treasurer

John Almy is Admitted an Inhabitant amongst us

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston m<sup>r</sup> John porter, m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Layton John Sanford James Badcocke And m<sup>r</sup> Samuell Wilbore are chosen Comissioners to meet with the Comissioners of the other townes on the Second Wedens-day in this instant month march: at this towne portsmouth:

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Layton James Badcocke and Capt<sup>n</sup> Thomas Cooke

are chossen juryemen to atend the Gen<sup>r</sup> Court of Tryalls the Second Tuse-day in this instant month at portsmouth

It is ordered that m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is chossen and aded to the former men formerly chossen to treat and adjetate with Newport men Concerninge the differences Betwene ouer towne and Newport, and is Authorized to act with the Sayd fower:men formerly chosen,

It is graunted to Thomas Ginings to have liberty to sell beere

[88] Att A Meetinge of the Inhabitants of portsm<sup>o</sup>: the 11<sup>th</sup> of may 1658 beinge Tuseday

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is chossen Moderator for this day

Christopher Almy is Recd A free-man of this towne

John Reed is Recd a free-man of this towne

William Earll is Recd A free-man of this towne

William Wood is Recd A free-man of this towne

Ralph Earll: jun<sup>r</sup> is Recd A free-man of this towne

Thomas Kent is Recd A free-man of this Towne

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston, m<sup>r</sup> John porter, m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs, m<sup>r</sup> John Roome, m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Layton, and John Sanford are Chossen Comissioners to meett & Act with the Comissioners of the other townes at the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Court of Election held at warwicke in this instant may on the Nintenth day thereof

ffrancis Brayton and m<sup>r</sup> Henry percy are chosen to search & take Care & acompt of what liq<sup>s</sup> & wines are brought in & landed within the precincts or bownds of this towne

Ordered that Ralph Earll jun<sup>r</sup> shall be payd Eleven shillings after the the Rate of Eight white peages  $\text{̄}$  peny, by the Treasurer

Ordered that there shall be A towne meetinge on the Second Tuseday june next at the howse of m<sup>r</sup> Will Baulston Concerninge Stenting the Comons & other nesisary bussines that may present

Att A Meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of ports-  
mouth June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1658 beinge moonday

m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs chossen hed Warden of this Towne m<sup>r</sup> John  
porter next

m<sup>r</sup> John porter chossen deputy Warden m<sup>r</sup> John Roome next  
John Sanford Towne Clarke Tho Cornell next

m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar chossen Tow Sergant James Badcocke next

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Treasurer

Leivt<sup>n</sup> John Alsbro chosen one of The Towne Councell & m<sup>r</sup>  
Samuell Wilbore & John Sanford are chossen to make up the  
Towne Councell

Edward ffisher Samuell Wilson & Thomas Wayte are chosen  
Cunstables

John Sanford and Richard pearce are chossen Survayers for  
this yeare

Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke Ingaged:

Att A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Ports-  
mouth June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1658 being Tewsday

m<sup>r</sup> william Balston is Chosen moderator for this day

order<sup>d</sup> that the acountes being recaued and Excibeded of the  
Treshur by the Towne

Ordered that Richard knijt shall be payd ffive poundes ffive  
shilnes by the Treasurer

Lott Straing William Earle william woodel are chosen Jeury  
men to atenend the Generel court of Tryeles at newport vpon  
The last Tesewday of this instant mounth

Ordered that Ralph Earl Junor shall be payd two shillenes  
for muny that he payd for his fferigg goeing to plimoth: [89]

Orederd that m<sup>r</sup> william Boston and m<sup>r</sup> John Briges are to  
end the acountes betwene the Towne and Philip Sharman and  
the said Philip is to be satisfijed by the Treshauer

Orederd that hee that is chosen to the place of the a Towne Shargen[ ] shall be watur baijle allsoo for y<sup>t</sup> yeare:

Orederd that Thomas Jenines shall be payd fiue shilenes by y<sup>e</sup> Trushu[ ]

Oredred that from henece forth noe Pearson shall Presume to  
 Cattill  
 transp  
 orted  
 Trance Port any Cattell from off this Iland from any Partes within the liberties or Precincth of this Towne Except he or thay breinge A noote subsuribed by the Party of whome he bought such Cattell of the sortes of the Cattell and the number and how marked of or otherwise giue A note vnde[ ] his hand accordingly that such Cattell are his oune by breed or otherwise bought which noate shall be delivered vpon the veiw of the said Cattel vnto those who are by the Towne apoynted suruayeres and if any shall act Contrary to this order thay shall forfeite and loose the sayd Cattell or the worth of them:

It is orderd that wheras Captn John Cranston had A grant of Eight acres of land in the Comon ffence the sayd Eight acres is now ordered to be layd out to the said Captain at the disreshon of the overseers m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston and m<sup>r</sup> John Porter by the letters:

John Hauenes recaiued a free-man of this Towne  
 Ebner Sharman recaiued a free man of this Towne  
 Thomas Hendely recaiued a free man of this Towne:  
 Richard Hart recaiued a free man of this Towne

Oredered that the sekond Tuseday of Junly is to be a Towne metin[ ] for to agatateing shuch thinges as may fall in

Orderd that m<sup>r</sup> Baston shall recaiue thre gunnes of william Earle at feftey shilenes in case thay be scaruiscabel for the Towne:

Samuel Willson Chosen Cunstable and ingaged for this yeare

Thomas Wait Chosen Cunstable and ingaged

Edward ffisher Chosen Cunstable and Ingaged

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[91] At a metting of the free Inhabitants of Portsmouth this 6<sup>th</sup> of Octobar 1658

m<sup>r</sup> William Balston is Chosen modratar for this day:

it is ordred that Roger williames shall haue librey of the Towne for to liue in william woodel house till the 5<sup>th</sup> of nouembar in-seuen the date heare of: and no longer by the Towne order

Nathel Brouing Thomas Hasard Joshawa Coggeshall Chosen Jurey men to atend the saruis of the Genrel Cort of Triels held at worwick being the 12<sup>th</sup> of this instant mounth of Octobar

Ordred that a boot shall be hijerd for to Carey the magstrate and Jurey men to the Court at worwick and shall be paidd out of the Treshey

ordred that goodman Trip shall be payd by the Tresey for Careying the Cummishenors to y<sup>c</sup> Court in may last

Orderd that those fiue men Chosen before to Trette with Newport men are now made Choyse of againe and the former <sup>Autorethy</sup> order is Confermed vpon them againe and is aThorised to met with Them vpon the 20<sup>th</sup> of this instant mounth of Octobar

At a metting of the free Inhabitants of Porthmouth this 27<sup>th</sup> of Octobar 1658

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is Chosen modrator for this day

orderd that those men which wheare formerly Chosen haue librey for to apoiynt the Time and the day for to Trette with newport men about the difrance and the line and to write to them Concaring the Time

ordred that wheare as newport men haue scent to this Towne Concaring keping Co[ ]ts by Themselues and with considra-sho[ ] Think it not Conueniant sooe for to dooe

m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford m<sup>r</sup> Adam Moot Scenor John Trip Hendrey Percy John Almy are Chosen Commishonors to mett at worick to actt with the other Commishonors one the Second of nouembar

Giden ffreborne recaiued a freeman of this Towne

1658.

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Orderd that goodman Trip shall Caray the Coummishoners and be payed out of the Treshey

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[93] At a meting of the ffre habitants of Portsmouth this 22 of Nouembar 1658:

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is Chosen modratur for this day:  
Orderd that m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar shall be paid by the Treshuer for five billes thre of them for woring Towne metings and one of them for woring Commishonors and one of them for woring Jurimen:

At a meting of the ffre habitants of Portsmouth this 16: of february 1658

M<sup>r</sup> John Porter is Chosen Modratur for this day:  
William Cadman Hugh Parsons Richard Sisi[ ]n Chosen Jury men for to Tend the Generell Corurt of Triels helld at Prouidenc the Sekond Tewseday in march insewing:  
wheras there is presented to this present meeting A lickelyhood of Charge that my fall on the Towne, by A child which is said by the mother of it beinge mathew Greenell wife to be jacob Mots Chyld, vpon which occassion this meeteinge wass Called and is mett together: vpon the afore=said bussnis the Towne doe juge that the officers haue not acted according to ther Comision and Authority, to keepe the towne from charge Therefore the town doe order and declare their Result, which is that thay are noe way ingadged, to be at any charge on the account of that chyld which is to say mathew Greenells wife chyld afore=sayd:

Orderd that m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston shall pay to John Sanford out of the Treshery feftety shelines and tenn pence

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[95] At A meting of the free inhabtants of the Towne of Portsmouth this 12 of may 1659

m<sup>r</sup> John Briges Chosen moderator for this day:

m<sup>r</sup> Baulston m<sup>r</sup> Sanford m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Layton m<sup>r</sup> wilbore Goerg Layton m<sup>r</sup> Almy Chosen Commishniors for to Tend the Court at Prouidenc

Voted Robrt west Recaiued an Inhabetant anongest vs

Voted If Samuel wilbour Can not gooe to the Court m<sup>r</sup> Baulston is to heyer his boat or Soum other wheare he can to be paid out of the Tresury

Voted m<sup>r</sup> Briges hath the tresury Cow with all hir increase for three years with all hir profits to the thirds and at the three yeres End he is to deliuer vp the Said Cow with two parts of hir increace to the Tresurer and the Remaineur to be for John Briges more ouer he is to let a Calfe belong to the Towne to run in his pastur at the maine this Sumer

At A meting of the free inhabtants of the Towne of Portsmouth this 6 of June 1649 1659\*

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chosen moderator for this day

m<sup>r</sup> John Brigges Chosen head warden and Ingaged

m<sup>r</sup> John Roome Chosen deptye warden and Ingaged

Thomas Cornell Chosen Towne Clarke and Ingaged

m<sup>r</sup> Hendery Percey and John Tiler Chosen Cunstables and Ingaged

Samuel Wilison Chosen Cunstable

Richard Bulger Chosen Town Seargent and Ingaged

m<sup>r</sup> Sanford and John Albro and Thomas Lawton are Chosen to make vp the Towne Cuncell with the thre magistras for this yeare

m<sup>r</sup> percey and ffrancis Brayton are Chosen to tacke vp acompt of what Lickres Coum in to this Towne

\* The date 1659 is written in different ink.

m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen Treshuer for this yeare

Voted that m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulger shall be payd Twentey and five shilens for Six biles out of the Treshrey:

Voted and recaued the Treshuer accomptes of the Treshuer by the Towne in the meeting

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[97] At A metting of the ffree inhabitaints of Potsmouth this 8 of August 1659

m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chousen Modrator for this day

m<sup>r</sup> Baulston m<sup>r</sup> Pourtor m<sup>r</sup> Roome m<sup>r</sup> Briges Jeames Badcocke m<sup>r</sup> Sanford Chosen Commishniors to atend the Court held at Portsmouth the three and twenty day of this instant mounth August

Ordred that Jeames Badcooke shall be paid nine shilenes and six penc out of the Treshrey for Charges in the Case of Nicholas Browne

Ordred that the Towne Councel and m<sup>r</sup> Porter m<sup>r</sup> Sharman m<sup>r</sup> Barden m<sup>r</sup> moot William woodel are requested for to meet the ffirst munday in Septembar next for to Trete about the ripeng and the best Course for the recording and conferming Euery mans land vpon him

At A towne metinge of y<sup>e</sup> free Inhabtants of Portsmoth this 15<sup>th</sup> of Septembar 1659

- 1 M<sup>r</sup> william Boulston is Chozen modrator for this day
- 2 Richard Bulgar Chosen by Vote to suply y<sup>e</sup> absents of the towne Clarke for this day
- 3 the Genorall Court order made y<sup>e</sup> 23 of August 1659 publeshed and Reed
- 4 it is Ordred & Votted that A Rate is to be made of 50<sup>l</sup> in



wompom at 6 <sup>℥</sup> peny or othar pay Equiuelent there Vnto: to be gathred in betwen the day of y<sup>e</sup> date here of and y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of this Instant month Septembar

5 it is Ordred that this Rate is to be gathred in Equally accordinge to Eury mans Estate

6 it is Ordred that m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford m<sup>r</sup> william Almy and m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laiton is Chozen to make the afore said Rate

7 it is ordred that the Genorall Recordar is to be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> tresury for the two Last Genorall Court Copies in wompom 8 <sup>℥</sup> peny—<sup>1 - sh - d</sup>o1---1o---o[ ]

8 m<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Brownill Thomas Kent frances Braiton Chosen Jury men to sarue Vpon the Next Court in Octobar

[98] Ord that Thomas Ginings is to be paid out of the tresury seuen shilings for searuis don

Att A Townes meting of y<sup>e</sup> ffree Ihabtaints of Portsmouth this 21<sup>th</sup> of Decembar 1659

M<sup>r</sup> John Porter Chosen Modderator for this day

It is ordred that the ratte shall be readd in the metting

It is Ordered that Prudencenc shall pay according as thay be Ratted in this Towne ratte

itt is orderd that m<sup>r</sup> John Briges and m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford ffrancies Brayton and Thomas Cornell is to gather vp the ratte:

itt is orderd that the Towne Sargent shall gooe to prudencence and gather vp the rate

At A Townes meting of the ffree Ihabtants of Portsmouth this 7<sup>th</sup> of march 1659 or 60:

m<sup>r</sup> william Almy Chosen modderator for this day

m<sup>r</sup> John Porter Roubart Hazard Jarrad Borne are Chosen

Jeurey men for to Tend the next Court held at Newport the 13<sup>th</sup> of this instant month march:

It is Orderd that m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar shall be bayd thirtey shilens out of the Treshery by the Tresher for Seuen beiles for woring of Towne mettings and Juery men and Commishonors

Orderd A Letter scent from m<sup>r</sup> Brinton is to be reed in the Towne

Orderd that m<sup>r</sup> will Baulston hath liberty to provid a horse and to Satiesfy for him out of the treshery and his Charges vpon his Jorny to Tanton to meett with plimoth Commishonors

It is orderd that m<sup>r</sup> william Almy william Hall Thomas Cornell is to vew the reck[ ]rds to see wether thay Can find any forther right to the land then wee can find at this present and to draw vp a letter to scend vp to m<sup>r</sup> william Brenton and present it to the Towne

[99] Att A meetinge of the Townes men of Portsmouth held the 9<sup>th</sup> of may: 1660.

m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen moderator for this day

m<sup>r</sup> John Porter william Hall John Sanford m<sup>r</sup> Samuell willbore Edward ffisher John Albro are Chosen Commishioners for the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Court of Election to be held the 22<sup>th</sup> of this instant month in this Towne of Portsmouth then and theare to mett and act with the Commisioners of the other Townes, as A Law mackinge Asembly,

william williams is admitted A ffreeman of this Towne

Thomas Butts is admitted A ffreeman of this Towne

Att A meetinge of the Townes men of Portsmouth held the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1660

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chosen moderator for this day

m<sup>r</sup> John Roome Chosen hed warden m<sup>r</sup> Almy next  
 m<sup>r</sup> William Almy deptye warden m<sup>r</sup> Porter next  
 m<sup>r</sup> Ricard Bulgar Towne Clarke: Thomas Cornell next  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford Chosen one Towne Councill  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Tripe Chosen one Towne Councill  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Albro Chosen one Towne Councill  
 m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chosen Tresher for this Towne  
 Thomas Kent Chosen Towne Sargent  
 Henderay Pearcy Chosen Cunstables  
 Richard Sision Chosen Cunstables  
 James Badcocke Chosen Cunstables

Voted that a Chalinge from m<sup>r</sup> william Dyar of Newport to m<sup>r</sup>  
 John Portar of portsmoth about y<sup>e</sup> propriety of our lands and  
 libarties of y<sup>e</sup> people with in the Juriousdiction of providenc  
 plantations be publickly Red in this Assembly to be Anscred  
 in writinge

May 28 1660

Subscribed William Dyar

m<sup>r</sup> John portar Accapts of it and is Resolued to Answer it in  
 writinge,

and Ordred that the ordar made the 8 of August 1659 that the  
 men there in Nominated with the towne Councill for the Ripninge  
 and treatinge of a way and Course for the Recordinge and Con-  
 firminge Eury mans Land vpon him is Reuiued and the same  
 men Nominated in that ordar are apointed to mette Vpon the  
 25<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant month Jun to Effect the same [100]  
 that 4 men be Joined with y<sup>e</sup> towne Councill and the Rest to  
 treat and Assist them in the manedginge of the former ordar  
 Namly m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs william Hall James Badcock and Thomas  
 Cornille

that Richard Bulgar shall be paid 20 shillings out of the towne  
 tresurey for searus don for the towne fiue bills - - - - 01-00-00

At a Metinge of y<sup>e</sup> free Inhabetants of portsmoth, July y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>  
1660

<sup>1</sup> Voited M<sup>r</sup> John porter Chosen modarator for this day  
<sup>2</sup> a papar of the towne Councills Result for the Evedencinge of  
lands presented & Reed, which is as followeth Viztt

first wee haueinge perused the booke Called the State booke  
doe there finde absolute order that Each towne shall procure a  
towne booke to Record and Evidence Each mans land in, there-  
fore wee agree that the New booke lately bought, shall be Kept  
for that Vse only

Also we findinge Seuerall Records in the Said State booke,  
Concerninge the Tenure of Lands and Euidenceinge there of,  
we Conceiue it Necessary and doe desire John Sanford to Copie  
out all the said orders, and Record them in the New booke

wee also Agree that A Clarke be Chosen by the towne to  
haue the Keepinge of this booke, who Shall Record, and Eui-  
dence the lands there in, and that the said Clarke shall be the  
Recorder of the towne Courts if occation bee,

wee Agree that all high waies and drift waies be laid out and  
bounded and that thay be Recorded with there bownds in the  
New booke

The Ressult of the free inhabetents of portsmoth  
vpon the town Councills ordars  
aboue writen

<sup>Votted</sup> ffirst where as wee the Inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth  
haue had many and Searious debates, and adietations, about the  
particular Euidenceinge of Each mans land, Either graunted him  
by the towne, or purchased from others to whom the towne did  
graunt them, in our said towne, and findinge that we haue  
absolut authority granted by the Authority of the Island when  
they Acted Joyntly, as by there order Recorded in the booke  
Called the state booke apeares, therefore we Resolue to act by

Authority of the said order which was made at a Genorall Court of Election held at this towne of portsmoth the 16<sup>th</sup> of march 1641 a Copie where of is viztt It is ordered that Each towne shall prouide a towne booke, where in thay shall Record the Euidences of the lands by them Impropriated, and shall also haue power to give forth a Copie there of, which shall be A Cleere Evidence for them and theris to whom it is so granted,

Secondly it is further ordered that Each towne shall provide A  
 Votted Towne booke wherein thay shall Record the Euidences, of the lands by them Impropriated and shall also haue power to giue forth a Copie there of, which shall be a Cleere Evidence for them and theirs to whome it is so graunted [101]

thirdly It is further Ordred that where as there is a booke alredy  
 Votted procured which we Now Caule by the Name of the booke of land Euidences, the said booke shall be Kept only for that Vse, for Euidenceinge of lands there in, and that those ordars in the state book, Concerninge the Tenuer and Euidencinge of lands shall be also Recorded there in,

fourthly And for as much as there may be an aperance of daingar of  
 Votted hauinge the said booke lost by hauinge it kept in a Remote place, and for the preuention of which daingar it is also Ordred that the saide booke Caled the booke of land Euidences is left to be Kept at the howse of m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Vntell the towne take further order about it

fifthly Richard Bulgar is Chosen Recordar to Entare and  
 Votted Record mens lands in the booke of land Euidences for this yere, and is to haue a peny an Acre for Recordinge mens lands and giuinge forth Copies of grants out of the said booke or may Compound if he pleaseth for halfe a crown a deede

sixthly and for as much as wee the free Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmoth hauinge dewly waied and well Considred that there may be sum grants or Copies of land brought to the Recorder not dewly deriued or not legaly purchased which in time may Occation troubles and Needles or Vnnesacary suts in law betwen man and man, for the preuention of such disorders, it is further ordred that there shall be a Comitee of 4 men who are Chosen to vew all such Copies or deeds of land as are to be Entred in to the booke of land Euidences, and if thay be found to stand good accordinge to law and order, then thay are to be Recorded, if not then such Copies or deeds to be suspended vntell further order, or tell there title be bettar Clered

The Comite Chosen m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston m<sup>r</sup> philep Sherman william Hall and Richard Bulgar who are to meet at the howse of m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston vpon monday Next beinge the 16<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant month July 1660 and so sucksesiuly as occation shall present

the Comite Assembled at time & place Accordinge to order

At A Metinge of y<sup>e</sup> free Inhabitants of portsmoth Septembar y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1660

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen Modrator for this day

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston M<sup>r</sup> John portar m<sup>r</sup> philip tabor M<sup>r</sup> John Sanford M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laiton m<sup>r</sup> James Sands are Chosen Comitionars for y<sup>e</sup> Next Court at worwick

James Sands Thomas Laiton & philip Tabor are Chosen Jury men to sarue ~~vpon~~<sup>at</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Court of tryalls

Anthony Emery william Stanyard & John Brigs Junyor are Receued free Inhabitants of this towne

[102] Charles the second by y<sup>e</sup> Grace of god Kinge of England Scotland France & Iorland and the Dominyons there of:

was in a most sollem maner proclaimed in the towne of portsmouth: vpon the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Octobar and in the 12<sup>th</sup> yere of his Magesties Raine

God Saue the Kinge

At A towne Metinge of the free inhabetants of portsmoth hilld the 27<sup>th</sup> of Decembar 1660

Mr william Baulston is chosen Moderator for that day  
Votted that a Lettar shall be Reed sent from william Hall about the Comons

Voted  
ghway It is further ordered that the highway between portsmoth and Newport shall be of the same bredth that it is so fare as our towne Limets Extendeth only a Narrow place between the land of Heaber Sherman and philep Tabor is to be inlearged if the Inhabitants Can preuaile with the said Hebar, he beinge in Learged anothere way for the same

Voted  
ghway Ordred that the highway goinge downe by Captin Morris his Land shall be Remoued, and Laid between the land which petar taulmond bought of Danill Willcock and Lott Strainge his land three poul broud and the said petar Taulmond is to maintaine for Euer halfe Lott Strainge his side fence against the highway So that the towns men may haue free Egres and Regres vpon all occations

Voted  
enorall  
argant Ordred that James Rogares Genorall Seargant shall be paid twenty fower shillings out of the towne tresury by the Tresurar

Voted  
ghway Ordred that Mr John Roome Mr John Brigs Leftenant John Albrow Frances Braiton and James badcock are Chosen to Meet vpon the third day of Janeuary Next who are to Order all the highwayes and to see them Recorded

Voted      Ordred that the presedent Shall haue two thousand of Railes  
Railes which are Cleft out for him with in this township as a gratuety  
from our towne

At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of portsmoth Janeuary  
the 5<sup>th</sup> 1660

Votted      M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston is Chosen Modrator for that day, M<sup>r</sup> John  
Orderinge   Brigs Next in Voat  
highways   for as much as there was fiue men Chosen at a Meetinge y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
of Decembar who were to order all y<sup>e</sup> highways belonginge to  
y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth and to see them all Recorded, it is  
furthar Ordred at this meetinge that all or so many of the afore  
said fiue men which shall performe that searuice shall be paid  
three shillinge a day apece for Eury day thay are vpon that  
searuice to be paid by the tresurar out of the towne tresury  
when the worke is don

Ordered that the Genorall Court orderes Made at worwicke  
1660 shall not be pubushed in this Assembly becaus thay were  
not Legaly presented to the townes men

Votted      Ordered that there shall be An assembly of the free inhabe-  
[ meeting   tants of this towne vpon y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day of this instant Month of  
Janeuary to take an accoumpt of whot our suruayors haue don  
about our highways and our line betwen Newport towne &  
portsmoth, who are to bringe there Result vndar there hands  
y<sup>t</sup> it may be Recorded    **[103]**

Votted      for as Much as there hath bin of Late sum Inthrution vpon  
part of our towneship by sum of Newport men who have altdred  
our line and laid out an othere Contrary to whot is spesefied  
vpon Records betwen both townes and our free inhabitants of  
our towne of portsmoth hauinge taken Speshall Notes there of,



for the presaruation of peace and the Romouall of disorder haue Chosen and ordred M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston M<sup>r</sup> John portar Captin Thomas Cooke Lefftenant John Albrow M<sup>r</sup> John Sanford M<sup>r</sup> philip Sherman william wodall and william Hall who are to Meet vpon the 10<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant month Janeuary by Eight of the Clock in the morninge at the howse of Bartholmew west and then to Reuiue the ould Line and to Run it as it is Recorded between both y<sup>e</sup> townes and to bringe to the Next towne meetinge whot thay haue don which metinge is to be vpon the Satarday followinge that so it may be Recorded

Ordred that the towne Clarke shall write a lettar and send it to the head warden of the towne of Newport to intreat him to signifie vnto there towne the Intention of the towne of portsmoth that thay are Resolued to Renew there owld line between both townes vpon thirsday Next beinge the tenth day of Janeuary and if they pleas som of them may giue vs a Meetinge vpon that day at the place apointed

ffor as much as there was sum diffrence between Hugh parsons and sum otheres about a highway it beinge brought to the free inhabetants for them to determin it is by them ordred that there shall be a highway fower Rood wide on the south Laid out to Captin John Cranston Joyninge vpon John wods his land, and all so a highway of fower Rood wide between the land of Thomas Layton and the said Land and Hugh parsons is to haue that land lyinge between the land of Thomas Kent and the said Land laid out to Captin John Cranston in full Satisfaction for the highway and this is to be dun by the ouar seeares with Hugh parsons and to Returne it to the towne vndar there hands to be Recorded

ffor as much as there hath bin seurall Complaints by diuers of the free inhabetants of the towne of portsmoth for that there

timbar hath bin verey great distruction of timbar vpon the Comon and that diuars haue sould and Conuayed the same to othere parts out of this towneship to the great Ruens of the Comons the free inhabetants of this towne hauinge taken it in to there Serious Considration and findinge it to be Repugnant to the freedoms and Comon Right of the inhabetants of this towne of portsmoth haue by voat

Ordred that no parson or parsons whot so Euer inhabitant or fariner shall Directly or indirectly fell or Caus to be felled or Cut downe any timbar for buldinge fencinge or fringe vpon the Comon to transport to any othere place out of this towneship of portsmoth and he that shall Cut or transport or Caus the same to be don shall forfit to the towne tresuere[ ] for Eury tree or part of a tree fiae pounds

it is ordered that y<sup>e</sup> highway goinge downe by Captine morris his land shall be Remoued and laid out betwen the land which m<sup>r</sup> Talman bought of Daniell wilcocks and Lott Strainge his land three poll wide and the said peter Talman is to mainetaine for Euer halfe lot Strainge his side fence against the high way that y<sup>e</sup> towns men may haue free Egres and Regres to the water side vpon all occations

[104] At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth Janauery y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1660

M<sup>r</sup> John Room is Chosen Moderator for that day

Votted  
Dyers  
Island for as much as that there was graunted to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell Senyor the grass of that Island Comonly Cauled by the Name of Dyers Island the said Thomas Cornill beinge desseased the said graunt is made voyde and that the grass of the said Iland is graunted vnto John Albrow and william Corry for y<sup>e</sup> yeare inshuinge

Joseph Martin & George Twte are Admitted inhabitants amongst vs

Votted  
land is  
forfited  
ffor as Much as that there wos Conditionly graunted to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell senyor a small parcill of land next to m<sup>r</sup> william Baulstons Garden <sup>or land</sup> on the Northwest End tell he or som othere showld sett up a brew howse or backe howse vpon the same, the said thomas Cornell Senyor not performinge the said Conditions, but beinge desseaced the said graunt is forfitted and the said land is to be Rezined vp to the townes vse by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of march Next inshuinge the date here of

Votted  
ghway  
ffor as much as that there is a highway in Closed betwen m<sup>r</sup> william Baulstons medow and william freeborns medow so that Cattill are deprived of the benifit of that springe the towne hath ordred the said highway to be laid open fower Rood wide downe to the Ditch

Votted  
Line  
It is Ordred that Captin Thomas Cooke Leftenant John Albrow william wodall & william Hall are apointed to survay all our land about our line which Newport men posseses and to straighten y<sup>e</sup> line, and to bringe in there account to the towne whot thay have don for which searuice thay are to be paid 3 shillings aday apece out of the towne Tresury

[105] William Baker did Exhibit a pettion to the free inhabitants that thay would be pleased to take his sheep in to there owne hands as there owne, and that thay would be pleased to Contrebutte to his Nesesaty for that his owne abillety failes him

Janeuary y<sup>e</sup>

William Baker

12<sup>th</sup> 1660

Votted  
Will  
Baker  
The towne haue Axcapted the pettion of william Baker, and haue agreed with Hinory Pearcey to keep the said william for on

yeare and the said Hinory percey is to be paid Eight pounds after the Rats of wompom 8  $\text{P}$  peny for william Bakers diat & lodgin for the said yeare

Votted  
sheep Vpon y<sup>e</sup> afore said Accountt the free inhabitants thought good to Constetute william wodall to Receue those sheep which was william Bakers and allso the free Contrebuton of the townsmen and to dispose of y<sup>e</sup> same for the painge of Hinory perceye or othere wayes as he shall see Cous for y<sup>e</sup> good of the said william baker

It is Ordred that y<sup>e</sup> towne Clarke shall write a lettar to signifie to Newport men that it is our intention to straighten our line and to dessire them to send some of there men to giue vs a meetinge vpon monday Come fortnight folloinge

At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabatants of portsmoth y<sup>e</sup> second day of march 1660

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day  
M<sup>r</sup> william Almy M<sup>r</sup> philip Sherman m<sup>r</sup> Richard Burden are Chosen Graun Jury men to sarue at the Genorall Court of tryalls at providence  
m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Layton Edward fishar & John Tilar are Chosen to searue vpon y<sup>e</sup> petty Jury at the same Court [106]

[ ]dward ffishar M<sup>r</sup> John portar and william Hall are ordred to signifie to Edward ffishar that the Inhabitants of this towne are offended for that he hath taken in som land belonginge to the Common and to Require him to lay it downe againe to the Common, thay are to speake with him with in 14 dayes after the date here of and to Returne his Answer at the Next assembly of the free Inhabittants of this towne

Voted  
to lay  
downe  
land

Thomas Cornell land is forfeited  
 ffor as much as that there is an Ordar bearinge date Janeuary  
 y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, 1660 that a Condishonall graunt of a small pece of land  
 beinge west or North west of m<sup>r</sup> william baulstons land in the  
 towne beinge graunted to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell deceased should  
 be surrendred to the townes vse by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of march inshuinge  
 which ordar was not performed by his sonne Thomas Cornell in  
 whous possession the said land wos, there fore it is ordred by this  
 assembly that m<sup>r</sup> Richard burden Leftenant John Albro & william  
 Hall shall with in 14 dayes afare the date of this ordar speake  
 with Thomas Cornell Junyor and Requiar him to lay open the  
 said land to the Comon, and to Retorne his answer at the Next  
 assembly of the free inhabitants of this towne which land is laid  
 open as Comon to y<sup>e</sup> townes vse

votted  
 More ouar at the same Assembly it is ordred that the afore  
 said m<sup>r</sup> Burden Leftenant Albro & william Hall are apointed to  
 signifie with in 14 dayes to philep Tabor Thomas Cooke senyor  
 Thomas Cooke Junyor and Thomas Cornell that thay shall not  
 inJoy that parcill of land that is betwen m<sup>r</sup> Brentons land and  
 there land with out thay will lay downe so much of there owne  
 land at the vpar End of there lotts and the afore said m<sup>r</sup> Burden  
 with Leftenant Albro and william hall are ordred to lay it out if  
 the said Thomas Cooke philip tabor and the Rest be willin  
 othere wise thay are to Returne there answer at the next assem-  
 bly of the free inhabitants of this towne

ghway  
 almy  
 and that it is the minde of the ffree inhabitants of this towne  
 that there shall be a way betwene william Almy his land &  
 philip Shermans to the springe: and the said lotters are ordred  
 to speake with m<sup>r</sup> Almy about it and to bringe his Answer to  
 the townsmen

[107] At a towne meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> towne  
 of portsmouth May y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>, 1661

M<sup>r</sup> william baulston is Chosen Moderator for this day  
 M<sup>r</sup> John Portar M<sup>r</sup> John Albro m<sup>r</sup> Edward ffisher M<sup>r</sup> Samwell  
 wildbore M<sup>r</sup> william Hall m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford are Chosen Comi-  
 tioners for this towne of portsmoth to searue vpon y<sup>e</sup> Next Comi-  
 tion Court

Votted that vpon y<sup>e</sup> Complaint of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brownell at the towne  
 meetinge afore said against m<sup>r</sup> John Portar about a small parcell  
 of land which was in diffrance between them it is Ordred that M<sup>r</sup>  
 John Roome M<sup>r</sup> John Sanford M<sup>r</sup> John Brigs James badcocke  
 ffrances Braiton all fieve or any three of them are by veartew of a  
 towne ordar bearinge date y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> of may 1661 to meet and to  
 make an End of y<sup>e</sup> diffrance which is between m<sup>r</sup> John portar and  
 m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brownell about there line which is in Controvercy or  
 othere bounds of land which is in Question between them, accord-  
 inge to y<sup>e</sup> Records, and not only for them, but for all othere  
 diffrences of the like Nature between man & man amongst vs,  
 and that these fieve or any three of them shall Ishew y<sup>e</sup> Cause  
 and bringe there Result to y<sup>e</sup> towne

#### The Result

[108] Wee whose Names are here vnder subscribed beinge  
 Chosen and Authorized by y<sup>e</sup> Townsmen of portsmoth, at there  
 Lawfull meetinge, to Straighen the line, and Sett the trew  
 bownds betwene the land of m<sup>r</sup> John Porter, & the land of m<sup>r</sup>  
 Thomas Brownell, Latly Richard Carders, & to straighten the  
 Rest of the said line aboue m<sup>r</sup> porters land at Round meddow  
 There fore wee hauinge well veiued the Line & seriously Con-  
 sidered y<sup>e</sup> Records there abouts, haue Accordinge to the best of  
 our Judgments & Vndarstandings impartialy Run the said Line  
 as followeth Viz Next y<sup>e</sup> sea it is bownded by A stake Standinge  
 on the East side of m<sup>r</sup> Brownells now Standinge fence, the  
 second marke is anothere stake standinge allso on the Eastward  
 or meddow side of the now standinge fence, the third is about

Porters  
 farm

three foot on the Eastward or meddow side of A dead Snag-wood tree, the forth is A maple tree standinge on the Eastward side of the fence, the fifth marke is a beach tree standinge on the Eastward side of the fence and Neere m<sup>r</sup> porters head line, the Sixt Marke is an ould dead stump standing with in y<sup>e</sup> land which william wilbor Clames, the seuenth is a white Oake Standinge on the Comon side of william wilbors head line, the Eight and last is a winde falen birch tree which is the vpermost Corner, And to this aboue writen thay subscribe there Names the first of Octobar 1661

John Brigs  
 John Sanford  
 James Badcock  
 frances Brayton

The same day Thomas Kent towne sargant presented seuen bills to the assembly who aproued of them and ordred the towne tresurer to pay him forty two shilings and six pence for warn-inge towne meetings and Comitioners and Jury men

[**109**] At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of portsmoth June the third 1661

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston wos Chosen moderator that day  
 The Genorall Court orders Reed and pubshed  
 A lettar presented about sendinge an Agent to England  
 M<sup>r</sup> John Room Chosen Towne warden for that yeare  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs deputy warden for that yeare  
 Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke for that yeare  
 m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Towne tresurar for that yeare  
 Thomas Genengs towne Sargent for that yeare  
 Richard Sisan James Badcocke and Hinory percey are Chosen  
 Cunstabes for that yeare and ingaged  
 m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston m<sup>r</sup> John Room m<sup>r</sup> John Briggs m<sup>r</sup> John

Sanford Leftenant John Albro m<sup>r</sup> John tripp are Chosen to be the towne Counsell for that yeare

ffor as much as that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford did Exhibit a bill of five pound thirten shillings to this Assembly which wos dew to him for searuis don for this towne this Assembly hath ordred that he shall be paid by the towne tresurar out of the tresury mony

ffor as much as there wos a Rate made by order of the free inhabitants of this towne for the deffrainge of publick and Comon Charges and that sum haue paid in there mony and otheres haue not there fore it is ordred that Eury on that haue paid in there money shall haue it Returned to them againe and that anothere Rate is to be made

Vpon that day Richard Bulgar the towne Clarke did present to the free inhabitants of this towne then asembled a bill of twenty shillings for searuis don for the towne which bill wos aproued and there fore ordred that it should be paid by the towne tresurer out of the tresury

**[110]** The same day m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Tresurar did Exhibit his Accounts to the Assembly thay Refer the Accounts to m<sup>r</sup> John portar leftenant John albrow and william hall to be Audiated the Auditors doe finde the tresurs Account to be Just and trew accountps there fore the Assembly Acapts of them and the towne Remains debtor to the tresurer forty shillings

ffor as much as that all or most of the Records which are belonge to this towne are at this presant time in the Custedy of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornill late towne Clarke who is Remouinge out of this Colony with his family there fore we the free inhabitants now assembled doe order and by these presents Authorise Richard Bulgar towne Clarke to demaund and Receue all the



afore said writings and Records that are in the possetion of the said Thomas Cornill and to giue him a discharge for the same

M<sup>r</sup> Hinory Percy and frances Braiton are Chosen Serchers for prohibeted wine and strong watars

Vpon the vntimly death of Richard Elles

Richard Elles beinge drounded and Cast vpon the shore on prudenc Iland Information beinge giuen to the magestrat the Crounars inquest beinge paneled thay made inquirey hou he Came by his death vpon the Eight day of August 1661 and the inquest found that he the said Richard Elles was drounded by stres of wethar Axedentially

The Names of the Crouner and Inquest

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Crouner

M <sup>r</sup> John Room foreman	Anthony Emory
M <sup>r</sup> John Briggs	william Bellinge
M <sup>r</sup> pettar Talmon	Richard Bulgar
M <sup>r</sup> Lott Strainge	Jariard Borden
M <sup>r</sup> John Albrow	Henory Lake
M <sup>r</sup> Samwell Sanford	James Badcock

[111] At a Metinge of the free inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth vpon the twenty fourth day of August 1661

Vot<sup>d</sup> ffor that day m<sup>r</sup> John Roome was Chosen Moderator

Vot<sup>d</sup> The Sargents worent Reed in the Assembly and aproued of Comitioners Chosen that day

Voted M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston, m<sup>r</sup> Peter Talman  
 m<sup>r</sup> John Roome, m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs  
 m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton, m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp, all  
 six Chozen to searue vpon a Court of Comitioners hilld at portsmoth



Votted it is Ordred by this Assembly of the free inhabitants of ports-  
moth that a debt of sixteen pounds ten shillings shall be paid to  
m<sup>r</sup> Ben[ ]dick Arnall

Votted it is Ordered that a debt of three pounds ten shillings shall be  
paid to James Rogers Genarall Sargent

Votted it is Ordered that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford is to be paid five pounds  
thirteen shillings

Votted it is Ordered that Richard Bulgar is to be paid twenty shillings

Votted it is Ordered that Henery perceye is to be paid twelue pounds  
for the keepinge of william Baker this Next yeare insueinge to  
be paid Quarterly in wompom at Eight  $\text{p}$  peney

Votted Ordered that A Rate is to be made of forty five pounds, and m<sup>r</sup>  
Rate of william Baulston m<sup>r</sup> Phillep Sherman m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford Lefftenant  
45\* John Albro, are the men apointed to make the said Rate, vpon  
land and Estats in the Equallest and Impartiallest way thay  
Can, at the Rats of wompom Eight  $\text{p}$  peney, phillip Tabar and  
Thomas Ginengs is to gathar it in by the last of march Next  
affter the date here of aboue writen

At A Meetinge of the ffree inhabitants of the Towne of Ports-  
moth may the tweluth 1662

Votted M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston was Chozen Moderator for that day

Votted The Towne sargents worrent Reed and aproved of by the  
Assembly

Votted the Genrall Sargants worent Reed that day and aproved of by  
y<sup>e</sup> Assembly

Votted the Rate which was Ordered to be made ffeburary the 24<sup>th</sup> 1661

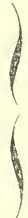
\*The words "of 45" are in different ink.

is this day ordered to be Reed to this Assembly, and by them it is Confirmed, and is to be gathred in by Thomas Ginienges <sup>Rate</sup> towne Sargent, and hugh Parsons, and to deliuer the said Rate in to the hands of m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston towne Tresurer between the day of the date aboue writen and the Next Towne meetinge, for which searues thay are to be paid thirty shillings by the towne Tresurer

Votted This day Thomas Durfey was Admitted An Inhabitant of this towne

[113] It was Ordered by this Assembly that Henery Pearceye is to be paid a bill of  $04-11-00$  <sup>l</sup> <sup>sh</sup> out of the Rate, which mony is to be paid by the tresurer of this towne when the Rate mony Coms in to his hands, which bill is for Charges about william Baker

Votted It is ordered that for wotchinge with william Baker in the time of his sicknes John Tiff and John Basly is to be satisfied, with part of william Bakers Clothes, Accordinge to there owne Request

Votted	Captin John Sanford M <sup>r</sup> Petter Talman M <sup>r</sup> John Porter M <sup>r</sup> William Baulston M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton M <sup>r</sup> Robart Hazard		are Chosen Comitioners to searue at the Court of Comitioners to be hilld at worwicke vpon the 20 <sup>th</sup> day of this Instant month of may
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Votted It is Ordered that y<sup>c</sup> Tresurer Shall hier a boat to Carie the Comitioners to the Court to be hilld at worwicke, and to bringe them home againe and to pay for the boats hier out of the tresury mony

At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of Portsmouth  
Jun the second 1662 for Electinge of Towne Officers

Mr william Baulston was Chosen moderator for that day  
The Sargents warent Reed and aproved of by the Assembly  
Mr John Room was Chosen head warden for that yeare  
Mr John Sanford was Chosen Deputy warden for that yeare  
Richard Bulgar was Chosen towne Clarke for that yeare  
Mr william Baulston Chosen Tresurer for that yeare  
Thomas Ginenges was Chosen Towne Sargent for that yeare  
Mr John Tripp }  
Mr Lott Strainge } Added to the towne Counsell for that yeare  
Leff<sup>e</sup> John Albro }  
Henery Pearceye }  
Phillip Tabar } ware Chosen Constables for that yeare and  
Hugh parsons } Ingaged

vpon the same day m<sup>r</sup> Petter Talman and Edward Blunt were  
Admitted free inhabitants of this towne of portsmoth

Mr John Sanford and ffrances Braton was Chosen for that yeare  
to suruay all the Cattill that are to be transported out of the  
presinques of this towne of portsmoth, Accordinge to a pre-  
cedent order

ordered that the towne Clarke is to be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> Rate for  
searuis <sup>l</sup>01—<sup>s</sup>00—<sup>d</sup>00 that y<sup>e</sup> Sargant is to be paid out of the  
Rate for <sup>l</sup>10 bills presented by him and aproved of by the  
Assembly <sup>l</sup>02—<sup>s</sup>00—<sup>d</sup>00

[114] At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the Towne of  
portsmoth July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1662

Votted M<sup>r</sup> John Sanford was Chosen Moderator for that day  
 The Sargents warent publeshed  
 The Genrall Court Orders publeshed and aproued of by the  
 Assembly

Votted It was Ordered by voate of the free inhabitants of the towne  
 Rate of portsmoth that the Remainder of the last Rate which is vnpaid  
 if it be denied by those that are to pay it, vpon the demaund of  
 the Constable, then the Constable is by veartew of a warent  
 vnder the magestrats hand to leuie it by distraint

Votted It was Ordered by votte of the free inhabitants of the Towne  
 Rate of portsmoth that 55 pound ten shillings, shall be gathred by  
 the way of a Rate, Accordinge to the last Genrall Court order,  
 for the suply of m<sup>r</sup> John Clarke our Agent in England,

more ovar it was ordered and votted by the free inhabitants of  
 y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth, that fue men should be Chosen to make  
 to make the aforesaid Rate, and that thay or the mayger part of  
 Votted them, shall make the said Rate Accordinge to the best of there  
 Rate Judgments, vpon lands and Estats, and the said Rate is to be  
 made with in one month after the date of this present meetinge,  
 the men that are Chosen to make the afore said Rate are m<sup>r</sup>  
 Phillip Sherman, m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford, Robart Hazard, Edward  
 fisher and Phillip Tabar, and that these fue men or the maygor  
 part of them shall take in to there Custedie the towne stock,  
 Either Cattill or sheep and make saile of them, and deduct so  
 much as thay amount vnto out of the Rate and make the Rate  
 so much the less

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of Portsmoth  
 August the 25<sup>th</sup> 1662

Votted M<sup>r</sup> John Sanford was Chosen moderator for that day

votted The Sargents warant Reed in the meetinge and aproued by the Assembly

votted The Towne Counsell's lett'ar from Newport publickly Reed that day in the Assembly

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of Portsmouth Septembr the 29<sup>th</sup> 1662

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen Moderator for that day  
The towne Sargents worant publickly Reed in the Assembly that day

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston

M<sup>r</sup> John Brigs

votted M<sup>r</sup> John Tripp

M<sup>r</sup> Samuell wilbor

M<sup>r</sup> John Sanford

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brownell

} were Chosen Comitioners  
to searue vpon the Next  
Genorall Court of Comi-  
tioners to be hilld at the  
towne of worwicke

Graun Jury men

votted M<sup>r</sup> Samuell wilbor

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brownell

M<sup>r</sup> John Tripp

} ware that day Chosen Graun  
Jury men to searue vpon the  
Court of trialls at worwicke

Petty Jury men

} John Almy, frances Braiton } Votted  
and m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton }

[115] At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth Decembar y<sup>e</sup> third 1662

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen Moderator for that day

The Sargents worant Reed in the Assembly that day

peter That day Peter folger late of martins Vinyard presented to the  
olger free inhabitants of this towne of portsmouth a lease of house and  
land from william Corry, the Assembly doth graunt that the said  
peter folger shall haue a beinge amongst vs during the terme of  
the saide lease

Votted  
henery  
Eiues The free inhabitants of this towne hath lent vnto Henory Eiues & his wife one Acre of land Adioynenge to that land thay Now liue vpon, duringe both there liues, and when thay are both of them dead, the said Acre of land is to returne to the towne againe the said Acre of land is to be laid out by william Hall and Thomas fish

Votted  
Court  
orders The Orders made by the Court of Comitioners at the Generall Court hilld at worwicke were pubushed and Aproued by vs the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth

Votted  
Rate  
76 pound The Same day Assembly of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth did Order by Votte that a Rate of 76 pounds and two shillings shall be made, and that m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Captin John Sanford and william wodall were Chosen by Voate to make the said Rate with in twenty dayes after the date of this present meetinge

Votted  
James  
Sands it is ordered by the free inhabitants of this towne that the Tresurer shall pay vnto James Sands, all that the said James Can proue dew to him, for lodginge and diatt for william Baker, which the towne Vndertooke for to pay

At a Mettinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of Portsmoth, Decembar the 19<sup>th</sup> 1662

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen Moderator for that day  
The Towne Sargents worant pubushed and Reed in the meet-  
inge

Votted Rate  
76—02—00 ffor as much as there is an order bearinge date Decembar the  
third 1662 that a Rate of 76<sup>l</sup>—02<sup>sh</sup>—00 should be made, for m<sup>r</sup>  
John Clarkes suply in England, and that there wos three men  
Chosen to make the aforesaid Rate, the Assembly hath ordered



that two men more be added to the former three Namly Leftenant John Albro and Robart Hazard All fiue or the mayior parte of them are to make the said Rate with in 14 dayes after the date of this meetinge

[116] It was that day Ordered by Votte that three men be Chosen and apointed to Receue the afore said Rate of 76<sup>1</sup>-02-00 which is to be brought in to them by the inhabitants the men that are Chosen are m<sup>r</sup> william Balston m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford and m<sup>r</sup> George Lawton, who are apointed to be the towns Receuars vpon that Account

It was further ordered that day by the free inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth that Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke, shall goe to all the Inhabitants of this towne, whoe are Concerned in this Rate, and to giue them Notis whot Each man is Ratted, and to apointe them to bringe in pay within 20 dayes after Notis giuen to the afore said three men whoe are apointed to Receue it, and if any Shall Refuse to bringe in there pay, a warent is to goe forth to distraine for it, and sutch Refusers is to pay the Charges for that troble

It was further Ordered by vs the free inhabitants of the Towne of of the Towne of Portsmouth, that m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston m<sup>r</sup> John Portar, m<sup>r</sup> Phillip Sherman, m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford, and william wodall or the mayior parte of them, are Authorized to goe to Newport and there to treat with Newport men, about our line and accoumpts and haue full power to Ishew that diffrence, betwene them and vs Leftenant John Albro is put in m<sup>r</sup> Shermans place

It was ordered that day that william wilbor is to haue an Adition of land laide out to his land he now posseseth, which is in Considration of sune land the towne tooke from him, which is by Estemation three Quarters of an Acre, to be laid out by

the same men that tooke it from him, Namly m<sup>r</sup> John Roome  
m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford John Briggs frances Brayton and James  
Badcocke Senyor or by the mayior part of them

At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth  
the last day of feburerey 1662

Votted M<sup>r</sup> John Roome was Chosen moderator for that day

Votted The Sargants worant Reed in the meetinge that day

	m <sup>r</sup> william Almy	}	were that day Chosen Graun Jury men
Votted	Edward Lay Christopher Almy		

	Lott Strainge	}	were that day Chosen pettey Jury men
Votted	Adam mott		
	Jeosheua Coggshall		

Votted that all out fences that are fower foout and a halfe high  
shall be Judged suficient fences, provided that there be not aboute  
fence fower Inshes distance between Each Raile, from the lower Raile  
to the fourth Raile, beinge sufishtently Staked and pould

Concerning ffences\*

Votted **[117]** It was Ordered that day that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford shall  
pay to the Towne Sargant 30 shillings, if he haue so much of  
the Towns money in his hands, and that m<sup>r</sup> Baulston is to  
demaund it in the behalfe of the Sargent

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmoth  
march the 16<sup>th</sup> 1662 or 63

Votted M<sup>r</sup> John Roome was Chosen moderator for that day

Votted The Towne Sargants worant Reed that day

The Towne for sume months past hauinge made diuers orders

\* "Concerning ffences" is in different ink and handwriting.

votted for the makinge of a Rate, and findinge that which is brought forth for a Rate to be dissagreable to the minds and intents of the towne, doe forbid it to pass any further, and doe here by giue order, that whot hath bin paied in vpon the accoumpt there of, shall be Returned to them that haue paid it

votted Ordered and voted that for as much as wee the free inhabitants of Portsmouth doe finde that there is a deffect in the Rate, ordered the last meetinge about m<sup>r</sup> Clarkes suply to the Barbados, wee doe Repele the afore said order, and Votte and agree, that there shall be another Rate made of 76<sup>l</sup> — 02<sup>s</sup> — 03 for the suply of m<sup>r</sup> John Clarke in England, which Rate is to be Equally Leuied vpon all the inhabitants of Portsmouth or the presinquis of the said Towne and vpon the townes Stock, to make vp the said Rate, and this Rate is to be made within fower months after the date here of

votted Lott Strainge, William Wodall William Hall, Robart Hazard and Phillip Tabar, ware Chosen to make the aboue said Rate thay or the mayior part of them

\* yee are to take the towne Stock in to your hands to make vp the said Rate

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of the towne of portsmouth may the fifth 1663

votted M<sup>r</sup> John Roome was Chosen moderator for that day

votted The Sargents worant publeshed and aproued of that day

lettar A lettar from our Neighbors of patuxet that day Reed in the Assembly

votted It was ordered that day that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford, william Hall and Christopher Almy Shall take the Accoumpts of the last Rates which was gathered for the prison of all the gathrers, and of

\* These two lines are written in the same ink used for the next entry.

whot is Come in to the tresury, and whot is paid out, and that m<sup>r</sup> Baulston Shall pay to m<sup>r</sup> Arnall in wompom at 12 <sup>o</sup>p peny so fare as that mony will goe

Votted m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Tresurer hath power to sell the townes Cow that is in his hands for wompom or other pay which mony is to be towards the paiment of m<sup>r</sup> Arnall

[118] At A meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of the towne of portsmouth for y<sup>e</sup> Ellectinge of towne officers June y<sup>e</sup> first 1663

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen moderater for that day  
The Sargants worent that day was Reed and aproued of

officers  
Chosen

M<sup>r</sup> John Roome Chosen head worden that yeare and Ingaged  
M<sup>r</sup> John Sanford Chosen Deputy warden for that yeare and  
Ingaged

Richard Bulgar Chosen Towne Clarke for that yeare and  
Ingaged

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen Tresurer for that yeare

Thomas Geninges Chosen Towne Sargent for that yeare and  
Ingaged

Leftenant John Albro	}	Chosen to be of y <sup>e</sup> Towne Councill for y <sup>t</sup> yeare
M <sup>r</sup> John Briges		
and william wodall		

Cunstables  
Chosen

Edward ffisher	}	were Chosen Cunstables for that yeare
Thomas waite		
Adam Mott		

Survaiors  
of Cattell  
Chosen

M <sup>r</sup> John Sanford and frances Braiton	}	Chosen Survaiors of all such Cattell as are to be transported from this towne to goe of from the Island to any other place

e tresur  
ccounts  
past

The same day M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Tresurer did Exhibit his Accountps to the Assembly thay Excapt of them and there Rests dew to him from y<sup>e</sup> towne fower pence

Sanford  
thomas  
Ginenges  
12: 06

Where as there was an order of this Towne at a meetinge hildd the 28<sup>th</sup> of ffeburery 1662 where in John Sanford was ordered to pay to Thomas Ginenges 30 shillings, it is further ordered at this present meetinge that the said John Sanford shall pay the said 30 shillings, and shall also pay 22 shillings Six pence more which is in all 52 shillings and 6 pence out of that in his hands of the townes Stocke which Sum is in full for his Searuice as as towne Sargent this last year beinge the yeare 1662

**[119]** Order Concerninge Rams\*

Rames  
to kill

It was Ordered the same day that In Consideration of the greate losses Sustained by the inhabitants of this towne, by Reson of the greate Negligence in many persons, for not takinge there Sheepe Rames from the Ewes in Seasonable time, It is there fore Ordered, that if any person or persons doe after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August next and betwene that and the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nouembur Anually finde any sheepe Rames one the Comon belonginge to this towne or any part of it It Shall be lawfull for such person or persons, at any time here after, with in the afore said times, to take such Rame or Rames and kill them, and shall haue the one halfe there of to them selues and Shall Returne the othere halfe to the owner or owners of such Rame or Rames, and if the owner or Owners of the said Rame or Rames be not at that present knowne, the person or persons so killinge such Rame or Rames may make vse of the whole, all waies provided that when the owner or owners are knowne, then Restetution is to be made to him or them for the one halfe, It is also provided and ordered

\* These three words are in a handwriting different from the rest of the page.

that any such person or persons findinge and killinge any such Rame or Rames shall deuly and faithfully make due and true publication of y<sup>e</sup> Naturall and arttificiall markes of Eury such Rame or Rames so taken and killed Either at a towne meetinge, or by a writinge vpon the publicke post, or at the mill, that there by the owner of the said Rame or Rames may be Knowne

At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmouth  
June y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1663

Mr John Sanford wos Chosen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day  
the towne Sargants worent Reed  
the Orders of y<sup>e</sup> Court hilld at Providence may y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1663  
publshed in y<sup>e</sup> towne assembly  
the Genorall Recorders lettar Reed for a debt of 3<sup>l</sup>—08<sup>sh</sup>—04<sup>d</sup>  
dew for Copies  
the meetinge disalued by Voat

At a meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmouth  
Nouember y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1663

Mr william Baulston Chosen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day  
The Towne sargants worant Reed  
it is Ordred that John Sanford william Hall & Lott Strainge  
shall Audiate all y<sup>e</sup> Accoumpts of y<sup>e</sup> last Rate for y<sup>e</sup> prison of all  
y<sup>e</sup> gatherars, and of whot is Com in to y<sup>e</sup> tresury and whot is paid  
out, and that y<sup>e</sup> tresurer shall pay to m<sup>r</sup> Arnald in wompom at  
12 <sup>℥</sup> peney so fare as y<sup>e</sup> wompom will goe, & that thay are for  
this end to meet vpon tusday Com seuen Night followinge

**[120]** It is Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Agreement between Newport  
and portsmouth about y<sup>e</sup> line between the two townes is to be  
Agreem  
ent Recorded in y<sup>e</sup> booke of land Euidences and y<sup>e</sup> origenall Copie  
to be with y<sup>e</sup> said booke

It is Ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> towne Clarke Richard Bulgar is to figure  
 Eury leafe in order of y<sup>e</sup> booke of land Euidences and is to be  
 paid for doinge of it

The meetinge is Reiuerned tell tusday  
 morninge Eight of the Clocke  
 Tusday y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> of Nouembr

The Genorall Court Orders Reed in y<sup>e</sup> Assembly

Ordered y<sup>t</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Baulston & m<sup>r</sup> Sanford are Chosen to goe to New-  
 port to see if thay Can procure any man that will pay 17<sup>l</sup>—10 sh  
 for y<sup>e</sup> towne and to treate vpon y<sup>e</sup> best tearms thay Can and to  
 bringe y<sup>e</sup> Result to the towne by them to be aproued of

for as much as that there is very greate distruction of sheep by  
 wolues or other vearmin for y<sup>e</sup> preuention of which it is Ordred  
 that vpon Satharday Next if it be faire wether, if not then vpon  
 y<sup>e</sup> monday followinge and if y<sup>t</sup> be foule wether then vpon y<sup>e</sup>  
 wensday Next the Iland shall be driuen

At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> ffree inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Portsmoth  
 Novembar the 17<sup>th</sup> 1663

Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> towne Clarke shall putt it to Vott whether there  
 shall be a moderator Chosen this day or not

Votted there shall be a moderator Chosen this day

M<sup>r</sup> william Balston is Chosen moderator for this day

The Genorall Sargents warrant Reed for y<sup>e</sup> Caulinge of a Court  
 of Comitioners to be hild at Newport

the towne Seargents warrant Reed

It is Ordred that three men be Chosen who are here by Auther-  
 ized to make a Rate, for so much to be paid by this towne that  
 Shall make vp y<sup>e</sup> sum of Seuenteen pounds ten shillings in  
 Currant monies in England for m<sup>r</sup> John Clarks suply, and this  
 Rate to be forthwith made, and y<sup>e</sup> pearsons y<sup>t</sup> make y<sup>e</sup> Rate

knowinge who y<sup>e</sup> pearsons are that doe Effect the Suddin payment of y<sup>e</sup> said mony, shall Signifie in y<sup>e</sup> said Rate to whom Each man shall bringe in his Rate and this Rate to be brought in by Each man [121] with in one months time after this meetinge

the men Chosen to make the said Rate is m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston John Sanford & Robart hazard all or any two of them agreeinge shall be Authenticke

It is also ordered that the said Rate is to be made as Equally as may be one mens whole Estats with in this Towneship and when y<sup>e</sup> Rate is made Thomas Ginnings is to Aquainte Each party whot he is Rated and to whom he shall pay it

proc  
ure Ordered that m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston John Sanford John Almy w<sup>t</sup> such others as thay Can procure to lay downe present pay for y<sup>e</sup> towns vse for painge the fore said sume, shall treat with m<sup>r</sup> Joseph wise or others for Effectinge the afore said sum in England and the towne are to beare y<sup>e</sup> hazard and Charge of Transportinge Cattle in Efectinge y<sup>e</sup> premises

Ordred y<sup>t</sup> Thomas Gininges is to be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> towne tresury 20 shillings for worninge towne meetings  
ordred y<sup>t</sup> John Anthony shall be paid 30 shillings out of y<sup>e</sup> towne tresury for firinge & Candle and other troble in y<sup>e</sup> time of y<sup>e</sup> Courts

At a meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> towne of Portsmoth Decembar the 23, 1663

20<sup>1</sup> Votted that y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>1</sup> deliured by m<sup>r</sup> Sanford & John Almy to bartholmew west to be paid in England to m<sup>r</sup> John Clarke or to his order for y<sup>e</sup> vse of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth is this day aproued of



ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Recaite of y<sup>e</sup> above said 20<sup>l</sup> vnder y<sup>e</sup> hand of y<sup>e</sup> above said Bartholmew west, is this day deliured in to y<sup>e</sup> hands of y<sup>e</sup> towne Clarke by him to be kept with y<sup>e</sup> Rest of y<sup>e</sup> towne Records

ordred that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford is to be paid 4<sup>l</sup> for his goinge to boston upon y<sup>e</sup> towne searvice for his time & Expences vpon y<sup>e</sup> above said account

[122] Ordred that m<sup>r</sup> John <sup>Almy</sup> ~~Sanford~~ is to be paid 35 shillings more for driuinge Cattle to boston & 5 shillings paid by him to Bartholmew west

ordred that y<sup>e</sup> towne Clarke shall be paid out of y<sup>e</sup> towne treasury for seruice don for y<sup>e</sup> towne — <sup>l</sup> — <sup>s</sup> — <sup>d</sup> 01 — 10 — 00

ordred that y<sup>e</sup> afore said three men Chosen the last meetinge or any two of them agreeinge are againe Authorized to make the afore said Rate of 17<sup>l</sup> 10 shillings which is to be sent to m<sup>r</sup> John Clarke to England as it is spesified in another Order made the last meetinge

ordred that william wodell & Lott Strainge are to take an account of m<sup>r</sup> Sanford of the towne Stock

At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth february y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1663

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston is Chosen Moderator for that day the towne Sargents worant Reed

ordered that y<sup>e</sup> towne Seargent be sent to m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford, to intreate him to Come to this meetinge then & there to pearfit the account between him & y<sup>e</sup> towne

Ordred that william wodell Lott Strainge Edward fisher & John Brigs Senyor are to goe to m<sup>r</sup> John Sanfords and there to pearfit y<sup>e</sup> Accoumpts with him about y<sup>e</sup> townes stock in his hands and if y<sup>e</sup> three barills of beefe be found to be dew to y<sup>e</sup> towne, then for these fower men to take it in to there hands and to pay y<sup>e</sup> Genorall Recorder and the Genorall Sargant so fare as it will goe, or other wayes to dispose of it for y<sup>e</sup> townes vse

[123] Ordred y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> townes Steere deliured to John Brigs to Sumer & is in y<sup>e</sup> Custedey of y<sup>e</sup> said Brigs, shall be prised by william wodell Lott Strainge Edward fisher & m<sup>r</sup> Briges or any tow of them & beinge prised to be deliured to Sargent Rogers in part of whot this towne of portsmoth is in debted to him

The same day & yeare there Chosen  
4 deputies to Searue at y<sup>e</sup> Genrall  
Court to be hilld at Newport with  
6 Jury men there Names as  
ffolloweth Viz

Comitioners or deputyes

Leftenant John Albro  
m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp  
m<sup>r</sup> Lott Strainge  
m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford

Grund Jury men

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggshall  
m<sup>r</sup> Richard Borden  
m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton

Petty Jury men

John Coorse  
Thomas ffish  
William Earle  
fines

At a meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> towne of Portsmoth  
this 27<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1664

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is Chosen moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day  
 the Genorall Sargants warrant Reed  
 the Genorall Laws publeshed y<sup>t</sup> day

The same day & yeare  
 there was 4 deputies  
 Chosen to searue at y<sup>e</sup>  
 Genorall Court to be  
 hilld at New Port  
 there Names be as  
 folloueth Viz  
 Captin Thomas Cooke  
 M<sup>r</sup> John Briggs  
 M<sup>r</sup> Robart Hazard  
 M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brownell  
 fines

Comitioners

[124] At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of  
 Portsmouth August y<sup>e</sup> 25 1664

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen moderator for that day  
 Ordred by this Assembly that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford william Hall  
 and Robart Hazard or y<sup>e</sup> mayior part of them are Chosen by y<sup>e</sup>  
 towne of portsmouth to make a rate of 72<sup>l</sup> and to signe it vnder  
 there hands, and deliure it to m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston before y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
 day of this Instant month August for y<sup>e</sup> discharge of 52<sup>l</sup> dew to  
 m<sup>r</sup> william Brenton, And m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston with m<sup>r</sup> John San-  
 ford are Chosen to take Care & dew order, that Eury man may  
 know his particuler some, and where & to whom to paye it, with  
 sutabl speed, and m<sup>r</sup> Baulston with m<sup>r</sup> Sanford are desired to  
 Receue this Rate at Newport for y<sup>e</sup> vse aboue writen, after  
 Notice giuen and y<sup>e</sup> time & place apointed

Fines

Rate to  
 make  
 72<sup>l</sup>

1664.

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At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> ffree inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmoth  
one the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1664

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day  
the Towne Sargents worrent that day Reed

Graune Jury men Chosen

Giddieon ffreeborne John Anthony Sen<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton

Petty Jury men

Henery pearcey, william Cadman Pelach Sherman

Deputies Chosen for y<sup>e</sup>

Genrall Court

M<sup>r</sup> william wodell m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggshall m<sup>r</sup>  
Samwell wilbure

Votted that m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggshall is Requested in y<sup>e</sup> behalfe of the  
Towne of portsmoth to Compoude with Joseph Torry about  
the debpt the towne is owinge to him and the towne doth here  
by ingage to be Come dettor to the said Joshua Coggshall, and  
to see him secured for whot he doeth in the premises

Votted that y<sup>e</sup> Towne Clarke is to be paid three pounds ten shillings for  
searuice Done by him for y<sup>e</sup> towne to be paid out of the towne  
tresury

Votted that Richard Bulgar is to haue a pearcell of vpland laid out to  
him in y<sup>e</sup> Comon fence in lieu of a pearcell of marsh grownd he  
hath Exchainged with y<sup>e</sup> towne So much for so much or as the  
lotters shall see good

fines

[125] At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> ffree inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of  
Portsmoth y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> of ffeburery 1664 or 65

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston was Chosen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day

Ordered & votted that a Petticion is to be presented vnto y<sup>c</sup> Next Genrall Assembly vnder the hand of y<sup>c</sup> Towne Clarke to this Effect that the deputies of all the townes in this Juriousdiction may in the times of there Genrall assemblyes sitt apart by then selues from y<sup>c</sup> maigestrates in the time of there Transactions, and that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford m<sup>r</sup> william wodell & william Hall is apointed to draw vp the said pettion to be sent to y<sup>c</sup> Next Genrall assembly that y<sup>c</sup> Deputies may sitt aparte

Deputies Chosen

M<sup>r</sup> Petter Talman  
 m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell  
 m<sup>r</sup> William Hall  
 m<sup>r</sup> Lott Strainge

Ordered & voted that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford William Wodell william Hall or any others of y<sup>c</sup> Neighbors of this towne, that shall meet at the house of m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston one the 22<sup>th</sup> of this instant month ffeburery 1664 to draw vp a writinge from y<sup>c</sup> towne to shew a Resone if it be demanded by y<sup>c</sup> Genrall Court is not for y<sup>c</sup> present attended vnto

Ordered that y<sup>c</sup> Towne Seargent is to be paid out of y<sup>c</sup> Tresury for Searuice done for y<sup>c</sup> Towne of portsmoth fower pounds

orderede by y<sup>c</sup> Towne that fue pounds ten shillings shall be paid to m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggshall out of y<sup>c</sup> Tresury

Ordered that y<sup>c</sup> order made by the Towne the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1660, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> vote in those orders, Concerninge a Comittee, to Judge of the Recordinge of deedes or Euidences of land, is vpon Serious Consideration here by Null and Repealed

finis

At a meetinge of the free inhabitants of y<sup>c</sup> towne of portsmoth  
 May y<sup>c</sup> first 1665

Votted Votted and ordered that y<sup>e</sup> tresurer Shall pay the Towne Clarke 20 shillings which is for that yeares Searuice

Votted Voted and Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Tresuerer is to pay Thomas Gininges forty shillings which is for two Jurnyes with y<sup>e</sup> Comitioners one to plymoth the other to boston

Votted That vpon the Request of Joshua Coggshall to Exchainge a pearcell of land which lieth in our Comon, it is here by Consented to that the pearcell of land in our Comon lyinge between our line and the said Joshuas ffence is aproperated to the said Joshua, he lainge downe to y<sup>e</sup> Comon as much land in leiw there of as two men viz<sup>tt</sup> William Hall and Leiff<sup>t</sup> John Albro shall see performed, provided it intrench not one any mans perticuler propriaty

Votted **[126]** Vpon y<sup>e</sup> Propesetion of william Earle & William Correy to sett vp a winde mill in this towne, and thay Requestinge for there Conveniencie one ackre and a quarter of land out of the Comon, therefore and for there in Coragment there in, the Towne doth here by Consent and order that thay shall haue one Ackre of land one the hill Cauled Briges hill or some other Convenient place in this towns Comon, and a quarter of an ackre of land lyinge against y<sup>e</sup> towne pond ouer against william Earles now dwelinge howse, and these two pearcills of land thay are to haue and inJoy to them and theres so longe as thay maintaine a wind mill in this towne for the towns vse, prouided that if thay maintaine not the said mill then the said two pearcells of Land is to be Returned and laid downe to the towns vse and dispose

Votted Ordered that a Rate of 20<sup>l</sup> shall be made & gathred in to pay y<sup>e</sup> Towns debts to m<sup>r</sup> Baulston Joshua Coggshall and Richard Bulgar and Thomas Gininges and this Rate is to be made by william hall and John Sanford and the sum to be brought in to y<sup>e</sup> tresury by the midle of ~~april~~<sup>Jun</sup>, Next and whot of it is not at that

time brought in is to be taken by distrainte by y<sup>e</sup> Cunstable or towne Sargant

Fines

At a meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of portsmoth this fifth of June 1665

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day

The towne Counsell Chosen

Captine John Sanford	}	Towne Counsell Ingagede
Lefftenant John Albro		
m <sup>r</sup> william wodell		
M <sup>r</sup> John Brigs Senyor		
Aded to the two maiestrats		

Constables Chosen

Henry percey Chosen for this yere Constable	}	all Ingaged
Edward Lay Chosen Constable for this yeare		
Thomas ffish Chosen Constable for this yeare		
M <sup>r</sup> william Baulston Tresurer for this yeare		
Richard Bulgar towne Clarke		
Thomas Ginings Towne Sargant		

votted Ordered that there shall be ssufficient Cagge made in this towne ordred that the three Constables is to see a ssuficente paire of stockes made with in 10 dayes and thay are to be paid by the towne tresurer for whot thay Come to

votted Captine John Sanford and ffrances Braiton Chosen survayors for y<sup>e</sup> Cattell that are to be transported out of this towne to other places from this Island

votted Votted that the 6<sup>th</sup> order made July y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1660 for Judginge of land Euidences is this day Reuiued and that william wodell is added to m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston m<sup>r</sup> philep Sherman william hall and Richard Bulgar and any fower of the fue meetinge haue power to Act [127]

Votted ordered that william Hall is to sett vp a ssuficient pound between the day of the date here of and the first of August Next in the Place where the ould pounce standeth for which worke he is to be paid by the Towne

Voted that Thomas Ginings is Chosen poundkeeper and he is to haue two pence  $\text{P}$  head for all Cattell that are putt in for Trespas which two pence a head is to be paid by the oners of y<sup>c</sup> Cattill  
ffines

At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> ffree inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth  
y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> of october 1665

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen Moderator for that day  
the Sargents worente Reed that day

Deputies Chosen that day

Captine John Sanford	}	Deputies
M <sup>r</sup> George Lawton		
M <sup>r</sup> Philep Sherman		
M <sup>r</sup> John Brigs		

Graun Jurey men

M <sup>r</sup> william Almy	}	Graund Jury men Chosen
M <sup>r</sup> John Tripp Sen <sup>r</sup>		
Jacob Mott		

Petty Jury men

Capt Thomas Cooke	}	petty Jury men
M <sup>r</sup> Barthlomew west		
william wilbure		

Vpon a motion & Request of Thomas Butts to this towne to Exchainge a pearcell of vpland for a pearcell of marsh lying in the Comon ffence, the towne doe agree and order that the said Thomas Butts hauinge in this meetinge Surrendred the said marsh land vnto y<sup>e</sup> Towne he is to haue in leiw there of so much



vpland acre for Acre laid ont vnto him in y<sup>e</sup> Comon ffence, to be laid out Next vnto Richard Bulgars Land, Leauinge a ssufficient highway of fower Rods wide, betwen the greate Rocke and that land and the said land is to be laid out to him by william hall and Lefftenant John Albro

ffines

[128] At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of Portsmoth the 22<sup>th</sup> of ffeburery 1665) or 66

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day  
 Votted the same day that a Comittee be Chosen to make a Rate of one hundred pounds to pay m<sup>r</sup> John Clarke  
 Votted that y<sup>e</sup> Nomber of y<sup>e</sup> Comittee agreed vpon is Eleuen  
 Votted that Lefft John Albro John Tripp Sen<sup>r</sup> and John Brigs are three of y<sup>e</sup> Comittee william wodell Samwell wilbure Thomas Cornell John Almy John Cooke william Hall Lott Strainge m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston

Votted that wensday Next beinge y<sup>e</sup> Last day of ffeburery this Comittee is to meete and that thay haue power or the mayior parte of them to make a Rate of one hundred pounds Not forbidinge any towns men to Come in Vpon that day to speake Either for them selues or giue there Advice

Votted that a pettione be drawn vp and presented to y<sup>e</sup> Gouvernor for y<sup>e</sup> Caulinge & Conuentinge of a Genrall assembly in Conueniant time for y<sup>e</sup> setlinge the affaires of the Collony before the Next Court of Election and that y<sup>e</sup> said pettition is to be assigned by y<sup>e</sup> Clarke of this towne and m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston and Capt John Sanford are to draw vp the said pettition

Votted that william wodell Lott Strainge John Brigs John Sanford are Chosen to peruse and draw vp an aCounpt of the

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seurall Rates and towns stock and to giue an aCounpt whot  
Still is Remainenge by Each man vnpaid

fines

At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of Portsmouth the 21<sup>th</sup> of  
march 1665 or 66

M<sup>r</sup> Samwell Wilbor was Chosen moderator for that day  
the towne that day declared by Voate that thay were well satis-  
fied with the Rate made the 21<sup>th</sup> of march 1665 or 66 to pay m<sup>r</sup>  
John Clarke w<sup>t</sup> Rate amounts to one hundred pounds

Votted that day that M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston M<sup>r</sup> Samwell wilbore  
M<sup>r</sup> John Brigs shall Repaire to m<sup>r</sup> John Clarke and treat with  
him aboute the painment of the affore said 100<sup>l</sup> Rate and bringe  
his answer to y<sup>e</sup> towne

Deputies Chosen

m<sup>r</sup> william hall

m<sup>r</sup> Lott Strainge

m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs

m<sup>r</sup> william wodell

ffines

At a Meetinge of the ffree inhabitants of portsmouth Aprill the  
25th 1666

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen moderator for that day

Deputies y<sup>t</sup> day Chosen

m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford

m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton

m<sup>r</sup> william wodell

m<sup>r</sup> John Albro

} Deputies

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Graun Jurey men y<sup>t</sup> day Chozen

Joshua Coggshall	}	Graun Jury men
Hugh Parsons		
John Tripp Seny <sup>r</sup>		

Pettey Jury men

M <sup>r</sup> william Almy	}	Petty Jurymen
Robert Hazerd		
Acabod Shefeld		

Votted and Ordered that Lefftenant John Albro and william hall shall Run the line of any man in this towne that hath taken in any of the Comon, and shall be paid for there Labors out of the towne tresury and thay are to forbidd any further buldinge vpon the towns land

Ordered that vpon the Request of m<sup>r</sup> John Almy to y<sup>e</sup> Towne, for the Exchainginge of Land, that he may haue on Ackre of land it is agreed that he the said John Almy Shall haue one ackre of land Nere adioyninge to the Birch Swamp buttinge one the salt water leuinge out the springe head, in Leiw where of he is to lay downe and leue to y<sup>e</sup> towne, So much land as may in Equality be Judged Equall in quantety or Quality, and the pearsons to lay out the said Ackre of land are william Hall and Leff<sup>t</sup> John Albro who likewise are to Judge the Equality of y<sup>e</sup> land

ffines

Vpon A day of Election of Officers for y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Portsmouth June the fforth 1666

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston was Chosen Moderator for that day  
 M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen Tresurer for that yeare  
 Richard Bulgar was Chosen Towne Clarke for that yeare  
 Thomas Jeninges was Chosen Towne Seargent for that yeare

The Towne Counsell Chosen for y<sup>t</sup> yeare  
 M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Gen<sup>tl</sup> assistant  
 M<sup>r</sup> Samwell Wilbure Gen<sup>r</sup> assistant  
 M<sup>r</sup> william wodell first  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sanford second  
 Leff<sup>t</sup> John Albro third  
 M<sup>r</sup> william Hall forth

**[130]** Cunstables

1	m <sup>r</sup> Anthony Emory	} Chosen Cunstables for that yeare }
2	m <sup>r</sup> Henry Pearcey	
3	m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell	

Seruayors of Cattell

M <sup>r</sup> John Trip Senyor	} Chosen Seruaiors for that yeare }
Capt John Sanford	

destresed  
Straingers

Ordered that where as by the providence of god there are seuerall of our Contrymen are Arriued one our Island, and Exposed to some hardships for y<sup>e</sup> present, There fore it is allowable for any inhabitant with in this towne to Entertaine the affore mentioned pearsons in his family, as he shall See good, Any order to the Contrary not withstandinge Relatinge to this present Cace and present occation only

high & dri-  
fte wayes

Ordred that Leff<sup>t</sup> John Albro William Hall Leff<sup>t</sup> ffrances Braiton and M<sup>r</sup> John Brigs Seny<sup>r</sup> are Authorized to take a viue of all the high wayes & Drifft wayes that are not yett Returned and to make the Returne of them to y<sup>e</sup> Towne with whot Sped thay Can

The Meetinge is desalued

ffines

Augvst y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1666

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen moderator for that day

Deputies Chosen

- m<sup>r</sup> John Trip Senyor
- 1 m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford
- 2 m<sup>r</sup> John Anthony Senyor
- 3 Lefft John Albro

Voted that two of y<sup>e</sup> Neighbors are to goe to william Cadman and Signifie vnto him that there is a towne law made in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1654 which doth forbid any inhabitant to Receue or Entertaine any Suggenor or strainger aboue one month, with out the aprobatation or Consent of the inhabitants of this towne, Vpon the penualty of y<sup>e</sup> forfeiture of 5 pound for Eury month so offendinge and that the said Neighbors are here by Authorized to forewarne william Cadman that he Entertaine no longer in his howse one william maze then the said month william Hall and william wodell are y<sup>e</sup> men Chosen who are to haue there order vnder the towne Clarks hand, and to bringe his Answer to y<sup>e</sup> maiestrats of this towne forth with

Lewis Mattex stands propounded for to be Admitted an inhabitant of this towne

M<sup>r</sup> frances Gizborn is this day Admitted a free inhabitant of this towne

[131] At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of portsmouth  
October y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1666

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was that day Chozen modderator

M<sup>r</sup> John Gard was that day admitted a free inhabitant of this towne of portsmouth

Lewes Mattex was that day Admitted a free inhabitant of this towne of portsmouth

Deputeies Chosen for y<sup>e</sup> Genrall Court

- 1 m<sup>r</sup> John Gard
- 2 Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sanford
- 3 m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggs shall
- 4 m<sup>r</sup> John Albro

## Graund Jury men

- 1 m<sup>r</sup> Jarrerd Borne
- 2 m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs
- 3 m<sup>r</sup> Edward Lay

## Petty Jury men

- 1 m<sup>r</sup> Robart Hazard
- 2 Capt Thomas Cooke
- 3 m<sup>r</sup> John Almy

Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Rate of one hundred pounds made and ordred by the towne march 21<sup>th</sup> 1665 or 66 shall be deliured vnto Capt John Sanford and Leftenant John Albro, and shall by them be sent to all the towns men there in Ratted to Signifie vnto them how much thay are Rated and all so that thay doe forthwith make preparation for the paiment there of, and that the said Rate is to be brought in vnto them

At a meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants Janauery y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1666

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen Moderator for that day the Genrall Courts orders published that day

John Pearce admitted that day a free inhabitant of this towne m<sup>r</sup> Smiten was that day Receued as a Suggener in to this towne vntell further order

Lefftenant John Albro presented a bill of debt about worke done at y<sup>e</sup> fort

Richard Bulgar presented a bill of 30 shill w<sup>t</sup> was aproved and past by the voat of y<sup>e</sup> towne

[132] At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of the Towne of portsmoth April y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1667

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen moderator for y<sup>e</sup> day the Genrall Sargants warrant Reed in that Assembly

Deputies Chosen for searues in y<sup>e</sup> Genorall assembly

1	M <sup>r</sup> John Gard	}	Deputies
2	M <sup>r</sup> william wodell		
3	M <sup>r</sup> william Hall		
4	M <sup>r</sup> Robert Hazard		

	Graund Jury men	}	Graund Jury men
1	Adam Mott		
2	Giddion freeborn		
3	William Corry		

	pettey Jury men	}	pettey Jury men
1	William Cadman		
2	Danille Greenell		
3	Thomas ffish		

otted that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford william wodell Lefftenant John Albro Thomas Cooke Senyor John tripp Senyor m<sup>r</sup> william Almy william Hall which seuen men and some others that these 7 men may advise with all to Consider of a way to preuent the distruction of wood and timbar in the Comons of this towneship and to Rip[ ] a way of Redres and to present there thoughts to y<sup>e</sup> Next towne meetinge

ffines

lection [133] Att a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> ffree inhabittants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmouth Jun y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1667

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston was Chosen moderator for that day Richard Bulgar was that day Chosen towne Clarke for the yeare inshuinge and ingaged

The Towne Counsell Chosen  
for y<sup>e</sup> yeare inshuinge

M <sup>r</sup> william Baulston	}	Ingaged all
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Sanford		
Leff <sup>t</sup> John Albro		
m <sup>r</sup> william wodell		
m <sup>r</sup> Robart Hazard		
<u>m<sup>r</sup> Samwell wilbor</u>		

Constables Chosen

John Brigs Senyor Chosen for y<sup>t</sup> yeare & ingaged  
 frances Braiton Chosen for y<sup>t</sup> year and ingaged  
 Thomas Cornell Chosen for y<sup>t</sup> yeare and ingaged  
 Thomas Ginings was that day Chosen towne Sargant for the  
 yeare inshuinge and ingaged

m <sup>r</sup> John Sanford	}	are Chosen suruayors of Chattell for y <sup>t</sup> yeare inshuinge
<u>m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp Senyor</u>		

m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen Tresurer for y<sup>t</sup> yere & ingaged  
 The Recepricall Ingagement Adminestred to y<sup>e</sup> officers  
 ffines

[134] At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> free inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> towne of  
 portsmouth June 26<sup>th</sup> 1667

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day

Deputies Chosen

1	<u>m<sup>r</sup> Phillep Sherman</u>	}	Deputies for y <sup>e</sup> Next genorall Court
2	m <sup>r</sup> John Gard		
3	m <sup>r</sup> Edward Lay		
4	<u>m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp Senyor</u>		

Hugh Dickman is this day Admitted an Inhabitant amongst vs  
 A bill presented by Lefftenant John Albro }  
 of 47—19—00 - - - - - } 47—19—00  
 A remonstrance from Providence towne Reed in y<sup>e</sup> assenbly  
 Fines



At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> ffree inhabittants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmoth  
October 17<sup>th</sup> 1667

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day

1	Richard Borden	}	Chosen Deputies for October Courte
2	Joshua Coggshall		
3	william wodell		
4	<u>Jariard Borne</u>		

1	Edward ffisher	}	Chosen Graund Jury men for y <sup>e</sup> Courte of Tryalls
2	Captine Cooke		
3	<u>John Cooke</u>		

1	Lott Strainge	}	Chosen petty Jury men for y <sup>e</sup> Courte of Tryalls
2	Thomas Lawton		
3	<u>Robert Denes</u>		

the Sargents worrent Reed to y<sup>e</sup> Assembly

the Genorall laws Reed to the Assembly

M<sup>r</sup> william Smitan was that day Admitted a free-inhabitant of  
the towne of portsmoth

Fines

[135] At a Meetinge of the free inhabitants of the Towne  
of Portsmoth aprill y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1668

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day

the Sargants worant Reed for warninge y<sup>e</sup> said meetinge

Deputies Chozen

~~M<sup>r</sup> Philip Sherman~~

1	M <sup>r</sup> william Hall	}	Deputies for the Next Genrall Court
2	Lefft John Albro		
3	M <sup>r</sup> Josheuah Coggshall		
4	<u>Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sanford</u>		

## Graund Jury men Chosen

1	Hugh pearsons	}	Gran Jury men for y <sup>e</sup> Court of tryalls
2	Richard Borden		
3	Edward Lay		

## Petty Jury men

M <sup>r</sup>	william Almy	}	petty Jury men for y <sup>e</sup> Court of tryalls
	Jacob Mott		
	Anthony Emory		

Voted

Where as William Earle and William Corry haue sett vp a wind mill in this towne on the hill Caled Brigs his hill, and thay proposinge to haue two Ackres of land, by way of Exchainge for there accomodation, the towne doe agree and order that thay layinge downe two Ackres of land to the Comon of this towne thay shall haue two Ackres laid out to them on the said hill, Nere to y<sup>e</sup> wind mill leuinge out the place the mill now stands on and Convenient way to y<sup>e</sup> said mill Comon, and the said two ackres of land shall be to y<sup>e</sup> said william Earle and william Corry and there heires and assignes for Euer and the former Order of the graunte of an ackre and a quarter of land by the towne at a meetinge hild y<sup>e</sup> first of may 1665 by there Consents is made null and Repealed Leftenant Albro and william Hall are here by authorized to lay out the said two ackres of land, and to Receue in the towns behalfe two ackres of theres land to be laid to the Comon,

[136] where as there hath bine Ceartaine bills of debt presented to the inhabitants at this meetinge, and Ceartine Rates formerly made to pay the towns debts and the said Rates not as yet pearfected nor an aCounpt giuen in of them, and for the more spedy payment of the said debts the inhabetants of this towne of portsmoth hath drawne vp this followinge order Viz

Voted

where as there haue bine seurall Rates made in this towne for the paimente of the towns debts, and there beinge no Exact

accountpt yet taken, how and which way the said Rates haue bine gathred and improued by Reson where of the towne are much in the Darke, how to procede to make further Rates not knowinge but there may be all Redey suffittient Rates made to pay the towns Debts therefore and for the Cleeringe so fare as may be the seurall Rates formerly made in this Towne and to whot End and vse thay were made The towne doe order that a Committee be Chosen to make a supputation in to all the seurall Rates all Redey on the Records of the towne to be leuied and take an accountpt whot the Seurall Soms are, and to whot End thay were so made and all so: so fare as thay Can to inquier how fare thay haue bine im proved to y<sup>c</sup> End thay were made, that there by the Towne may haue a more Cleere vnderstandinge of there accountpts, and the said Committee are to make Returne of there proceeds here in to y<sup>c</sup> Next towne meetinge, The Committee Chosen and Authorized are M<sup>r</sup> Philip Sherman M<sup>r</sup> william wodell m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell m<sup>r</sup> william Hall and Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sanford thay or the mayior part of them are Authorized to acte in the premises

the same day m<sup>r</sup> frances Gisborn presented a pettion to the inhabitants which pettion wos graunted and order taken about him there wos the same day a Remonstrance presented subscribed william Harris from providence

all so there wos seurall bills of debt that day presented one from Leff<sup>t</sup> Albro, on from y<sup>c</sup> towne Clarke one from y<sup>c</sup> towne Sargant which y<sup>c</sup> inhabitants tooke in to there Consideration and drew vp the foregoinge order about it the meetinge for that day wos dissalued

ffines

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June y<sup>c</sup> ffirst 1668 beinge  
the day of Election for  
officers in the Towne of  
Portsmouth

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen moderator y<sup>t</sup> day

4 men Chosen to y<sup>e</sup> two magestrats for a towne Councell

Votted	1	Capt John Sanford	} y <sup>e</sup> Towne Councell Chosen y <sup>t</sup> day
	2	Leuft John Albro	
	3	m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp Senyor	
	4	m <sup>r</sup> Edward ffisher	

Constables Chosen for the yeare inshuinge

Votted	1	M <sup>r</sup> John Briggs	} 3 Constables Chosen that day
	2	M <sup>r</sup> william wilbor	
	3	M <sup>r</sup> Hugh Pearsons	

Votted Richard Bulgar Chosen Towne Clarke for y<sup>e</sup> yeare inshuinge

Votted M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chosen Tresurer for the yeare inshuinge

Votted Richard Bulgar Chosen Towne Seargant and watter baly for this yeare inshwinge

#### Survaiers of Cattell

Voted	M <sup>r</sup> John Tripp Senyor	} Suruaiers of Cattle
	Captin John Sanford	

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#### Ouerseers for the poore

1	M <sup>r</sup> william Baulston	} Ouerseers for y <sup>e</sup> poore
	M <sup>r</sup> Samuella wilbore	

The Sargants worent Red in y<sup>e</sup> assembly

The Genrall Laws published in the assembly

40<sup>l</sup> Rate: Votted Orderd that a Rate of forty pounds be forth with made in this Towne for y<sup>e</sup> suply and Relefe of Henry Eues and his wife for this insuinge yeare, and that the said Rate shall after notes giuen to Each person how much he is Rated be forth with brought in, and deliured in to y<sup>e</sup> hands of the overseers of y<sup>e</sup> poore or to whome thay shall apointe for y<sup>e</sup> End and Vse afore said, and that if any person doe neglect to bringe in his proportion as he is Rated and that there by he shall Caus distraint to fetch it, then

that person or persons so neglectinge shall besides y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>u</sup>me he is Rated beare and pay all y<sup>e</sup> Charge of gathring it, and the persons Chosen to make y<sup>e</sup> afore said Rate are m<sup>r</sup> philip Sherman m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggshall m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp m<sup>r</sup> william wodell and m<sup>r</sup> william Hall thay or the mai<sup>or</sup> part shall make the said Rate, and the Towne Seargant shall giue notice to Each person how much he is Rated and as afore said to bringe it in

where as Seuerall persons were dessiered and impoured at a meetinge hilld y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> of April last to make inspection in to y<sup>e</sup>

accoumpts of ould Rats, and to make Returne to this meetinge, <sup>the next meet</sup> and thay in this intrem not hauinge done any thinge in it, the power then Comitted to them is Continewed, and Left John Albro added to them, and thay are to make there Returne to y<sup>e</sup> Next Towne meetinge

The Meetinge is dissalued ffines

[139] At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> ffree inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Portsmouth y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of Octobar 1668

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chozen moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day

The Sarjants warrant Reed for warninge y<sup>e</sup> meetinge

1	m <sup>r</sup> John Sanford	}	Chozen Debuties for Octobar Court
2	m <sup>r</sup> John Briggs		
3	m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp		
4	m <sup>r</sup> John Albro		

1	Capt Thomas Cooke	}	Chosen Graund Jury men
2	m <sup>r</sup> Thomas ffish		
3	m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton		

1	m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell	}	Chosen petty Jury men
2	m <sup>r</sup> william Corry		
3	m <sup>r</sup> ffrances Brayton		

Thomas Butts hauinge petitioned to y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmouth for y<sup>e</sup> Exchainging of a parcell of land which he before Exchainged with y<sup>e</sup> towne and this presante meetinge beinge but small in numbar thinke not fitt to Act in it: but Reffere it to the Next towne meetinge: as a part of y<sup>e</sup> busnies of that day or meetinge: Entred as a towne order

Joseph Tripp Receued a freeman of this towne of portsmouth vpon that day

Dauid Lake Receued a freeman of this towne of portsmouth vpon that day

The assembly desalued for y<sup>t</sup> day  
ffines

[140] At a Meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> ffree inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth ffebreuery y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1668

M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chozen Moderator for y<sup>t</sup> day  
the Sargiants warrant that day Reed

Voted Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> power Committed vnto m<sup>r</sup> Sherman william Hall L<sup>t</sup> John albrowill wodell Thomas Cornell and John Sanford at y<sup>e</sup> last towne meetinge hilld June the fifth for the Auditinge of y<sup>e</sup> towns Accountps in Rates is Continewd vnto them and thay are dessired or y<sup>e</sup> Majo<sup>r</sup> part of them forthwith to proceed to y<sup>e</sup> ffinishinge of that worke and thay are dessired to meet to that End on Tusday Next beeinge the Second of march next at y<sup>e</sup> howse of m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston and for there information thay may Caule in such of there Neighborhood as may Clere vp those mattars vnto them and make there Returne to y<sup>e</sup> towne at this next meetinge  
the meetinge is adjurned tell the 8 day of march

march the 8<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> william Dyer presented writinge about an Island Commonly Cauled by the name of Dyers Island

The seurall Rates Audiated presented and Reed to y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants that day was Lathrum Clarke Admitted a free inhabitant of this towne of Portsmoth

the same day was Joseph Houlderbee and Thomas Hauens Admitted free inhabitants of this towne of portsmoth

[141] William Burrington was y<sup>t</sup> day Receued an Inhabitant of this towne of portsmoth

Vott

Whereas at y<sup>e</sup> last towne meetinge there was an Audiate im-  
powered and Continewed to draw vp an aCount of y<sup>e</sup> townes  
Rates, and thay hauinge taken pains in that Respect haue pre-  
sented there Result there on, vpon which it is found that seurall  
pearsons are behinde and haue not paid to y<sup>e</sup> Rates by them  
Audted, yett some pearsons in this meetinge Eledginge thay  
haue paid and as yett not Cleered to whome, Therefore the  
Towne orders that y<sup>e</sup> then Auditters viz philip Sherman william  
Hall John Albro william wodell Thomas Cornell and John San-  
ford are dessired and Authorized thay or the maio<sup>r</sup> part of them  
to meet on the 22<sup>th</sup> day of this instant month march at y<sup>e</sup> howse  
of m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston to make a trew Examination of the per-  
ticuler pearsons Concearned and all other who are in other  
Audits found indebted how and w<sup>t</sup> way thay haue paid and dis-  
charge the Sums thay or any of them are Charged for and to  
that End the towne Sariant is Authorized to giue notis to the  
pearsons who are to y<sup>e</sup> towne indebted to Come to the place  
afore nominated at the time afore said there to giue an aCounpt  
to the said Auditt[ ] how and to whom thay haue paid whot thay  
are Charged and if any shall Neglect at that time to apeare and  
giue an aCounpt there of forth with distrainte shall be Isued  
forth and whot thay or any of them are behinde shall be taken  
and Returned to y<sup>e</sup> towne tresury

The meetinge is Adjurned tell y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of march next  
March y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> thay meet  
again

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march y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>  
1669

where as this towne at there meetinge hilld the 8<sup>th</sup> day of this instante month march vpon serious Considerations of some matters which Could not then be Isued adiornd to this instant day and through neglect the voat of there adiorndme[ ] not beinge Recorded there fore the towne doe [142] now Votte and order that y<sup>e</sup> said adjornment be now putt on Record and so the towne proceeds to act accordingly

Voated that 7 men are Chossen to meete on thursday next it beinge y<sup>e</sup> first of aprill to draw vp some propositions about the fferey to be presented to y<sup>e</sup> next towne meetinge at y<sup>e</sup> howse of m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston on monday next beinge the fifth of aprill the men Chossen were philip Sherman william wodell william Hall m<sup>r</sup> Samull wilbor Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sanford m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp and Thomas Cornell y<sup>e</sup> 7th man

this meetinge is adjorned vntell monday which is the 5th day of aparill

Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> thay meet againe  
and dissalued the meetinge  
not Concludinge on any thinge  
that day

At a Meetinge hilld by the ffree inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmouth Aparill the 28<sup>th</sup> 1669

M<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chozen moderator for that day  
the towne seargants worrant Reed

that where as it was Ordred by the towne of portsmouth November the 13th 1654 that there should be a high way to the Springe one the south of phillip Shermans land which was accordingly done yett notwithstandinge the high way beinge laid out four Rod wide the said high way beinge now by william Almy fenced from the Common, the towne doth there fore order y<sup>t</sup> the said high way shall be laid open the Common againe forth with with



out delay by the said william, and in Cace he the said william Shall Neglect to lay the [143] said Springe open then the towne shall Chouse men to lay it open at this presant meetinge as allso all othere land taken in Contrary to graunt

Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> two Survayers Richard Borden and William Hall with two Constables to assiste them Namly John Brigs Senyor and Hugh parsons shall forthwith Repaire vnto william Almys and lay open a highway which was laid out for the townes vse Lyinge between the land of william Almy and the land of phillip Sherman downe to the springe, and allso all othere lands taken out of y<sup>e</sup> Common or not beinge legaly granted

1	Cap <sup>t</sup> John: Sanford	}	Chosen Deputyes
2	M <sup>r</sup> John: Brigs Seny <sup>r</sup>		
3	M <sup>r</sup> John: Tripp Seny <sup>r</sup>		
4	<u>M<sup>r</sup> Lott Strainge</u>		

1	M <sup>r</sup> Edward Lay	}	Chosen Gran Jury men
2	M <sup>r</sup> Ralph Earle Sen <sup>r</sup>		
3	<u>M<sup>r</sup> John Anthony Sen<sup>r</sup></u>		

1	M <sup>r</sup> Adam: Mott	}	Chosen petty Jury men
2	Danill Greenell		
3	<u>Gersham wodell</u>		

[144] ffreemen Admitted that day

Voted Richard Pearce Jun<sup>or</sup>: william Browne John Perce: william Brigs Thomas Jnings Jun<sup>or</sup> william Maess

votted that y<sup>e</sup> preposalls about the ferrey be Reed

votted that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanfords Answers about the ferey be Reed

votted that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford is to haue the preposalls about y<sup>e</sup> ferey to Consider of them and to Returne them to the towne the Next Towne meetinge

[145] Att A meettinge of the ffree inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth on their Election Day the 7<sup>th</sup> of June Ann<sup>o</sup> 1669

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chosen Moderator for that day  
 William Hall chossen Towne clerk who Refussinge to Serve  
 John Sanford chosen & Ingaged

m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp Sen <sup>r</sup>	}	Chossen to be of the Towne Counsell
L <sup>t</sup> John Albro		
m <sup>r</sup> William Hall		
m <sup>r</sup> William Wodall		

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Treasurer  
 Thomas Ginings Sen<sup>r</sup> chossen Towne Serjant

m <sup>r</sup> John Brigs	}	chossen Cunstables
m <sup>r</sup> John Strainge		
m <sup>r</sup> Latham Clarke		

John Sanford	}	chossen Survayers for Catle.
John Tripp Sen <sup>r</sup>		

m<sup>r</sup> John paine and William Alin of prudance Island are admitted ffree Inhabitants of this Towne.

Voated. Whereas John Strainge was chossen Cunstable, and he pleadinge to the Towne to be Released from Serveinge in that office Eleaginge that he Conceives him Selfe other-wise Ex-cussed by Reason of the loss of one of his members in the warrs in England Thereupon the Towne doe Release him And have made choyce of Gersham Wodell Cunstable in his Roome who accordingly is ingaged.

Voated Whereas there was an order. made by this Towne at their meetfinge held march the 8<sup>th</sup> 1668 wherin it was Ordered that the Sum or Sums of any person or persons who have not payd their proportion in Rate or Rates That what any person was then (by the Awditt apoynted to Examine of the Accounts of the Sayd Rates) behinde in payment It should be taken by dis-

traynt if not other-wise payd, and returnd into the Towne Treasury The Towne doe now againe Revise the Sayd order, and doe Referr the prossicution thereof unto the Majestrats To them forth-with by distraynt to Cause the Sum̄s Menciond in the accounts given in by the then apoynted Auditors to be accordingly gathered and brought in, And for their more full information the Towne clerke is to deliver a Copie of the Account vnto the Majestrates, And That the Treasurer Emeadiatly vpon the Receipt of the monies due or any part thereof is to Satisfy m<sup>r</sup> Richard Bulgar what the Towne is indebted unto him.

m <sup>r</sup> William Baulston	}	chossen over-seers for the poore in this Towne for this yeare
m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall		
m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Wilbur		

Voated That the Care in provoidinge for the Suteable Supply of Henry Eves this yeare is Referred to the over-seers of the poore to Order ffor the most Ease to the Towne and Comfort of the Sayd Eves according to the best of their jugments

Voated That the Towne Serjant for this insueinge yeare as his wagis from the Towne for warneinge Towne Meetings Deputies and jury-men untill this time twelve-months the Sum̄ of Six pence payd him by Every ffreeman of this Towne whome he Shall Soe warne, And that if the Sayd Serjant Shall neglect to warne any ffree-man to the Towne meetings who are in the Towne or may have Notice thereof he shall forfeitt and pay to that person he Neglects to warne the Sum̄ of twelve pence

Voated That whereas it is informed to this meetinge that phillip Sachim of mount hope hath putt Severall Swine on hog-Island therein intrudeinge on the Rights of this Towne It is Ordered that a letter shall be drawne up by the Towne clerke to forewarne the Sayd phillip from any further proceeds in that nature, and also forth-with to remove Such Swine or other Catle he hath putt on the Sayd Island, or other-wise the Towne doe Conceive he deales unjustly with them, and he will Constraine them to

further proceeds to defend their Legall Rights against him: And the Sayd Letter is to be Signed by the majestrats with the Towne clerke, and a Copie thereof left on Record for the Townes use

[146] At a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of portsmouth the: 16<sup>th</sup> of October, 1660

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Moderator for this meetinge: Anthony Shaw, Hugh Moissier, and John pinner are admitted ffreemen

John Sanford	}	are Chossen Debuties for the
m <sup>r</sup> Samuell Wilbur		Next Gen <sup>l</sup> Assembly to be held
L <sup>d</sup> ffran. Brayton		the last Wedensday in this
M <sup>r</sup> William Wodell		instant October

Anthony Emry	}	chosen Grand-jurry-men, to Serve at
Thomas Cornell		the Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held
John Cooke		this instant Octob <sup>r</sup> at Newport.

John Almy	}	chosen pettitt-jurry-men to Serve at
William Cadman		the Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held
Gidion ffreeborne		this instant October at Newport.

Voated Whereas It is Complained by Divers to this meetinge, that m<sup>r</sup> William Almy hath fenced in a high-way, betweene his now dwelling house and the Dwelling house of m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman in this Towne of portsmoth, which high-way doth lead to one of the most principle wattering-places for Catle in this Towne: whereby Severall of the Inhabitants are much wronged, and have Complained, and Desired the Sayd m<sup>r</sup> Almy to throw the Sayd way open: And he Refuseinge Soe to doe: The Towne Therefore doe Order that a Legall Course Shall be taken by the Towne against m<sup>r</sup> Almy for the Defence of their Right in the Sayd high-way: And to that End Trie a title in Law with the

Sayd m<sup>r</sup> Almy And Therefore doe agree to apoynt a person to prossicute against the Sayd m<sup>r</sup> Almy this next Court of Tryalls and Soe to follow it in the Townes behalfe and with their Authorety till a judgment in Law be procured M<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman afore-Named is Chosen and Authorized to be the person to prossicute on the Townes behalfe the afore-Named premises against m<sup>r</sup> Almy, And to that End to use his vtmost Indea<sup>o</sup> in all lawfull waies to Carry on the Same: and for his Charge therein he is to be borne harmeless by the Towne.

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, held the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 1669

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m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Moderator for this meetinge:

John Sanford	} Chossen Deputies for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Asembly to be Held at Newport the 22 <sup>th</sup> of this instant Month March.
m <sup>r</sup> William Wodell	
L <sup>t</sup> John Albro	
Ens <sup>r</sup> Lott Straing	

At a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth the 27<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1670

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Moderator for this Meetinge.

m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp Sen <sup>r</sup>	} Chossen Deputies for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Asembly to be held at Newport the first Wedensday in May next beinge the 4 <sup>th</sup> Day of that month.
John Sanford	
L <sup>t</sup> John Albro	
m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell	

m <sup>r</sup> Latham Clarke	} Chossen to Serve on the Grand jury at the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the first Munday next followinge the first Wedensday in May afore-sayd
m <sup>r</sup> William Wilbur	
m <sup>r</sup> Hugh persons	

Jarad Bourne	}	Chossen to Serve on the pettitt jury at the Court of Tryalls afore-sd.
Hugh Moisser		
Samuell Sanford		

[147] Voated that John Sanford is chossen an Atturney for the Towne to make Defence in the Townes Behalfe to that action Comenced by m<sup>r</sup> William Almy against the Towne. Voated that this meetinge is adjourned till to-morrow Eight of the clock

At the meetinge of the Towne on the Sayd adjournment it beinge Aprill 28<sup>th</sup>

Voated that m<sup>r</sup> William Hall is chossen an Aturney for the Towne to plead and mannage the Townes Defence in an action Comenced by m<sup>r</sup> William Almy against m<sup>r</sup> Williã. Baulston Treasurer on the Townes behalfe

Att a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the towne of portsmouth Held on their Election Day beinge the 6<sup>t</sup> of June. 1670

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Moderator of this Meetinge:  
John Sanford Chossen Towne Clerke and Ingaged.

John Sanford	}	Chosen to of the Towne Counsell & Ingaged
m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall		
m <sup>r</sup> William Hall		
m <sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman		

m <sup>r</sup> John Brigs	}	chossen Cunstable and Ingaged.
m <sup>r</sup> Gersh~ Wodall		
m <sup>r</sup> Tho. ffish		

m<sup>r</sup> Williã Allin chossen Cunstable and Ingaged

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Treasurer. Ingaged.

Thomas Jenings chossen Towne Serj<sup>t</sup> and Ingaged

m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp	}	Chossen to Survaie Catle.
John Sanford		

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston  
 m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall  
 m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Wilbur } Chossen Overseers for the poore in  
 this Towne

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggshall  
 m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>ll</sup> Wilbur  
 m<sup>r</sup> Robert Hazard  
 m<sup>r</sup> Lott Strainge } Chossen Debuties to Sitt at the next  
 Gen<sup>tl</sup> Asembly to be held at Newport  
 the 7<sup>th</sup> of this instant June.

Voated to be the forme of the Ingagment to all the Towne officers

Yow A: B: beinge Called and chossen by the free Voate of the Inhabitants of this Towne of portsmouth in his Ma<sup>tes</sup> Name to the office off—— Doe in this present Asembly ingage yo<sup>r</sup> Selve faithfully to Exicute the Sayd office of——in the due Exicution of Justice in this Towne according to the lawes Established unto us by our Charter<sup>and</sup> according to the best of yo<sup>r</sup> Vnderstanding

m<sup>r</sup> Caleb Arnold            }  
 Henry Brightman        } Admitted ffree-men  
                                   } of this Towne.

Voated that m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall m<sup>r</sup> William Hall and m<sup>r</sup> William Wodall or the majo<sup>r</sup> part of them are Authorized to make a Rate for the payment of the Townes Debts and the Supply of the poore in this Towne:

It is agreed that the afore-Named persons are to Levie and make a Rate of Thirty pownds on the Inhabittants in this Towne which being by them drawne up, they Shall deliver it to the Overseers of the poore in this Towne who Shall Cause on the Townes Charge timely Notice to be given vnto all persons Rated to bring the Sum̄s they are Rated unto whome the Sayd Overseers [148] Shall apoint to Receive it and in Such time they Shall See Cause to apoint it to be done in, and if any person Shall neglect to performe his part accordingly, then distraynt forth-with to goe forth from the Majestrate Majestrates to Levie

and distrayne the Same on the person Soe Neglectinge who also Shall beare all the Charge of the Sayd Distraynt  
 Voated That Wheras En<sup>s</sup>. Thomas Brooke an Antient Inhabitant in this Towne hath Requested this meetinge to give him leave to have the use of a peece of Land for his accomodation in the managment of his Trade beinge a Lether dresser, and to build and improve the Same.

The Towne doe agree and Consent that the Sayd Thomas Brooke shall have Soe much Land Layd out unto him at the Brooke joyneinge unto the Land of William James as may there be Layd out without prejudice to the Neighbours: And it is left to the discession of m<sup>r</sup> William Hall and L<sup>t</sup> John Albro to lay out the Same which Sayd Land the Sayd Brooke Shall injoy dureinge his Naturall life And at his decease the Sayd Land with the fencinge and Such building as shall be theron Shall Returne againe and be the true and proper intrest of the Towne

Benjamin Congden Stands propownded to be admitted a free-man of this Towne.

Att a Meetinge Held by the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 1670.

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Capt Samuell Wilbur	} Chossen Deputies to Sitt at the next Gen <sup>rl</sup> Asembly on Speciall occasion Called and to Sitt at Warwick the 29 <sup>th</sup> of this instant month June.
Serj <sup>t</sup> Robert Hazard	
L <sup>t</sup> John Albro	
m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall	

Voated that John Sanford William Hall and Thomas Cornell are chossen to awditt m<sup>r</sup> Bulgars accounts and Returne their Result unto the next Towne meetinge. and they to awditt the Sayd accounts betweene this and Satterday next come Sennitt.

Voated that wheras the Majestrates and deputies in this Towne are to goe to Warwick to the Gen<sup>rl</sup> Asembly there to Sitt and be:



It is ordered that for the Conveniency of their goeing theither they hyre a Boate and the Charge thereof to be borne by the Towne.

Voated that the Towne Serjant Shall for this yeare have nine pence from Every ffrec-man in this Towne for warninge Towne Meetings Deputies and jury-men

William Clarke is admitted a free-man in this Towne.

David Vahan Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman in this Towne.

Att a Meetinge of the free Inhabittants of the Towne of portsmouth Held Octob<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1670

m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall	}	Chossen Deputies for the Gen <sup>rl</sup> Assembly to be held at Newport the 13 of this instant Octob <sup>r</sup>
m <sup>r</sup> Robert Hazard		
m <sup>r</sup> William Cadman		
m <sup>r</sup> John Cooke		

ffrancis Brayton	}	Chossen Grand jury-men for the Court of Tryalls to be Held at Newpt the 19 <sup>th</sup> of this instant Octob <sup>r</sup>
Caleb Arnold		
Lott Strainge		

Thomas Cornell	}	Chossen pettit jury men for the Court of Tryalls afore-sayd
William Smyton		
John Almy		

[149] m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall	}	Chossen Deputis ffor the Gen <sup>rl</sup> Assembly to be held at Newport the 26 <sup>th</sup> of this instant October./
m <sup>r</sup> William Wodall		
m <sup>r</sup> Richard Bordin		
John Sanford		

m<sup>r</sup> John Greens Letter beinge Red in the Townes meetinge— It was Voated that the Towne See noe Cause to accept the motion therein made to the Towne in puttinge the Sute dependinge betwixt m<sup>r</sup> Almy and the Towne to Refferance. Not one man decentinge.

It was Voated that m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford was aded to those men that were ordered to Asist m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston to implead m<sup>r</sup> William Almy in the Case depending betwixt the Sayd William Almy and m<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>r</sup> Baulston in the behalf of the Towne.

At a meetinge of the ffree Inhabittants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 23 Novem<sup>r</sup> 1670

m<sup>r</sup> william Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voated that men be Chossen to make a Rate in this Towne of 5<sup>l</sup> according to the Orders of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Asembly Held at Warwick June the 29<sup>th</sup> 1670 and the Asembly Held at Newport October the 26<sup>th</sup> 1670

Voated that m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall m<sup>r</sup> Williã Hall m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell and John Sanford are chossen and Authoreized they or the Majo<sup>r</sup> part of them to Levie and Make the afore-sayd Rate of ffifty one pownds on the Inhabittants of this Towne: And the Sayd Rate by them or the Majo<sup>r</sup> part of them to be proportioned and made within Six daies after this meetinge.

It is further Ordered that as Soone as the afore-sayd Rate is made It shall be brought in and delivered vnto m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston who is herby Authorized to Send forth the Towne Serjant with the Sayd Rate to Each person Rated to acquaint them what they are Rated and also to Order Each person to Carry in the Sum he is Rated vnto the Gen<sup>l</sup> Treasurer m<sup>r</sup> John Coggeshall according to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assemblys Orders and the Charge of the Serjant to be payd by the Towne

Whereas there apeeres in an antient Awditt to Remaine in the hands of ffrancis Brayton the Sum of two pownds Seventeene Shill<sup>s</sup> & Six pence peage Six <sup>¶</sup> penny and he afirminge he hath payd it yett is nott Certaine to whome: The Towne doe agree that if the Sayd Brayton pay halfe the Sayd Sum. in peage Eight <sup>¶</sup> peny he shall be acquitted/

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabittants of the Towne of ports-  
mouth, Held the : 3 : of Decemb<sup>r</sup>: 1670

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voated that a Rate of Ninteene pownds Eleven Shill<sup>s</sup> & Seven pence  
Shall be made in this Towne beinge the Remaininge part of  
the .100<sup>l</sup> Levied on this Towne by the Collony in the yeare (1664)  
and the Sayd Rate accordinge to the last Asemblys Order to be  
Carried in and payd to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Treasurer of this Collony.

Voated that those persons that made the last Rate of 51<sup>l</sup> Shall  
betweene this and Wedensday Next make the afore-sayd Rate of  
Ninteene pownds. 11<sup>ss.</sup> 7<sup>ds.</sup>

Voated that whereas It is Complayned by Severall to this meetinge  
that Severall persons are Suffered to Inhabitt and abide in the  
towne Whereby the Towne are and may be putt to great Charge:  
The Towne doe Order that Some persons be chossen and im-  
powred to forwarne all persons who are in this Towne & not  
Orderly Received or that Shall come into this Towne for abide-  
inge in this Towne without Consent of the Towne. The persons  
Chossen and impowred are the Overseers of the poore in this  
Towne and William Wodell is aded to them.

David Vahan and ffrancis Brayton jun<sup>r</sup> are admitted Inhabittants  
Thomas ffish jun<sup>r</sup> and Georg Brownell are admitted Inhabittants

[150] Whereas Nathanill potter hath Requested the Towne  
to lett him have the use of a peece of Land Lyinge betweene the  
Land of William Wodell & Edw<sup>d</sup> ffisher at the Mill Swamp:  
The Towne Doe Consent and agree. that the Sayd Nathanill  
potter, Shall have the use of Soe much Land at the place afore-  
sayd ffor the time of ffowerteene yeares as there may be Con-  
veniently Layd out, And then the Sayd Land to Returne to the  
Towne againe, And the Sayd Land is to be Layd out at the  
discession of William Hall, L<sup>t</sup> John Albro, William Wodall  
and Edward ffisher.

Voated That Whereas John Straing hath Desired of the Towne to Exchainge three or fflower Acres of Land for his Necessary accomodation in Building at his Land. The Towne doe Order and Consent that Soe much Land Shall be Layd out unto the Sayd John Strainge by the Lotters and at their discession Soe as it Extend Not to the Eastward of the Comon Rhod-way betweene this Towne and Newport and for Soe much as Shall be Layd out to him the Sayd Strainge: Soe much of his Land Shall be Layd out and left to the Towne as Comon.

At A Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, Held the 26<sup>t</sup> of Aprill 1671

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell	}	Chossen Deputies to Serve at the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Asemblies to be held at Newport on the 2. & 3 daies of May next
m <sup>r</sup> William Smyton		
m <sup>r</sup> Josh Coggeshall		
John Sanford		

Georg Lawton	}	Chossen Grand-Jurry-men to Serve at the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held at Newp <sup>t</sup> on the 8 <sup>th</sup> day of May next
Thomas Lawton		
Jacob Mott		

Anthony Emry	}	Chossen pettit Jurry-men to Serve at the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held at Newp <sup>t</sup> on the 8 <sup>th</sup> day of may next.
Ralph Earll:		
Thomas Manchester		

Voated Whereas it doth apeare that the <sup>owners &</sup> Inhabitants of prudance & patience Islands by their intertaineinge of Straingers may therby occassion this Towne great charge & trouble It is Therefore Ordered that from hence forward the owners or Inhabitants of the Sayd Islands prudance & patience shall not Receive nor intertaine any Strainger or Straingers without the Consent and aprobaton of the Towne, which if they doe, whatever, charge or

damāge Shall acruē thereby Shall be borne and the Towne kept indemnified by the Owners & Inhabitants of the Sayd prudance & patience Islands.

Voated Whereas James Parker late Inhabitant at prudance is in Such a distempered Condition that he is now licke to become a Towne Charge: The Towne doe therefore Order that the Treasurer m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Shall take into his Custody what-ever Estate can be found belonging unto the Sayd parker and to dispose thereof for the Supply of the Sayd James parker Soe farr as it will accomodate him: And if the said James parker, have a desire to go from hence to Barbadoz as is informed he hath declared: It is ordered that the Treasurer Shall take Care for his passage by the first oportunety and Supply him with Such things Necessary and the charge therof to be borne by the Towne Not Exceeding the Sum of tenn pownds.

Voated that whereas Ensigne Lott Strainge hath declared in this present Meetinge that he is much wronged by m<sup>r</sup> Talman in not fenceinge against him as by the order of the Towne January the 5<sup>th</sup> 1660. he the Sayd Talman was ordered to doe whereby the Sayd Lott Strainge hath been deprived of the Benefitt and use of his Land and that he may not loose the Benefitt thereof this yeare alsoe. the Sayd Ensigne Lott Strainge hath desired the Towne to graunt him leave for one yeares time to fence in the Sayd high-way lyinge betweene his Land and the Sayd m<sup>r</sup> Talmans: The Towne doe Consent and give leave vnto the Sayd Lott Strainge to fence in the Sayd high-way for Twelve Months time; he Setting up a paire of Draw barrs at Each End the Sayd Lane that those that have Occassion may freely pass and repass puttinge up the Barrs againe The Sayd Ensigne Strainge haveinge promised the Towne to take a progress in law or other wise to cause the Sayd Talman to maintaine his part of fence against him, and alsoe promised that the Sayd high-way Shall be layd open againe to the Towne at or afore twelve months be Expired from this meetinge.

Voated That wheras William Newman gave in a Bond of 50<sup>l</sup> vnto the Treasurer in the Townes behalfe to depart this Towne with his wife by the first day of this instant Aprill which Sum̄ he hath forfitted by not performinge his obligation in Removeinge from the Towne accordinge [151] to the Contents of his Sayd Bond. And he haveinge peticoṅd this meeting to Remitt the pennalty of fforfittinge his Sayd Bond. The Towne upon his peticon doe graunt his Request and doe cleere him from the fforfiture of his Bond: And wheras the Sayd Newman hath peticoned the Towne to permitt him to Inhabitt a time longer in this Towne the Towne doe give him Liberty to abide in this Towne-Shipp Vntill the begininge of June next, Soe that he remove him Selve and wife Cleerly out of this Townes Liberties before the first munday in the Sayd next june, which if he doe not he the Sayd Newman Shall forfitt the Sum̄ of five pownds to the Towne Treasury

Voated ffor as much, as there is many Damages done in Corne and Grass, and many Catle hurt and many harte burneings amongst Neighbours: It is Ordered for the time to come that he or they within the Bounds of this Towne of portsmouth that will make Suffitient ffences Shall Recover Satisfaction of the owners of the Catle that doth him damage or of the owners of the Catle that doth him damage: or of the owners of the ffences by which he hath his damage the fence beinge not found according to Order ffor a fence Called a Virginia ffence It is ordered that it Shall be fower ffoot and a halfe high Stakt with Stakes halfe a foot above the fence plumb up and that not any of the Rayles be above fower inches from his ffellow till it come to the Rayle next under the Stakes and that next under the Stakes be but tenn inches from that above the Stakes, And for post and rayles it Shall be of the Same hight of the Virginia ffence fflower ffoot and Six inches high and the distance betweene Every rayle accordinge to that of the Virginia ffence afore-sayd And for Stone wall they Shall be fower foot and Six inchis high, And

what is accounted A sufficien fence

for a hedg or a hedg and ditch or a Ditch only the Suffitiencie of any of them Shall be juged according to the Veiwers Jugments: And for that purpose fower men Shall be Chossen they or any two of them to See and Veiw the ffencis when men Shall have occasion to looke for Satisfaction for damage done by other mens Catle or other mens ffencis joyneinge upon them and these fower or any two of them Veiwers to be well payd of those that the damage Shall light upon

The men Chossen to Veiw and Surveigh ffences are Edward ffisher Edward Lay L<sup>t</sup> John Albro and Georg Lawton.

Voated It is ordered that a Suffitient pownd be Sett up in this Towne and in the place where the old pownd was and that the Treasurer m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston is to take Care and Cause it to be done and Sett up if it can be by the last of June next, and to that End the Treasurer is to imploy William Hall or Some others to Efect the worke the charge wherof is to be borne and by the Towne. And John Sanford and L<sup>t</sup> ffran. Brayton are to Asist m<sup>r</sup> Baulston in the Efectinge the worke

Voated that Thomas Jenings Sen<sup>r</sup> is chosen pownd keeper and is to have for his paines two pence  $\text{P}$  head for all Catle that are pownded for Trespas, which is to be payd by the owners of the Catle, and the Sayd Jenings in his absence is to apoynt one in his Roome:

[152] At A Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth on their Election Day being the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1671

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this meetinge.

John Sanford Chossen Towne Clerke: Engaged.

m<sup>r</sup> Georg Lawton

John Sanford

m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman

m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell

L<sup>t</sup> ffrancis Brayton

m<sup>r</sup> William Hall

}  
} Chossen of the Towne Counsell.

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Towne Treasurer Engaged  
 Thomas Jenings chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

John Cooke	}	Chossen Cunstable
Danill Greenell Engaged		
L <sup>r</sup> Francis Brayton		
William Allin: Engaged.		

m <sup>r</sup> William Baulston	}	Chossen Overseers of the poore
Capt <sup>n</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Wilbur		
m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall		

John Sanford	}	Chossen Survayers for Cattle as Shall be Tranceported off the Island within this Towne-shipp.
m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp		

Ordered that the Order made June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1658 Concerninge the  
 Survayinge of Cattle is Continewd Only it is Excepted that  
 such who on their Necessary occasion doe Ride their Comon  
 Rideinge horse they need not goe to the Surveiwers.

Voated and Ordered that a Rate of ffifty pownds be forth-with made  
 and Levied in this Towne for the Supply of the poore and pay-  
 inge of Towne Debts: And it is ordered that five men Shall be  
 chossen and Authorized they or the major part of them to Levie  
 and assess the Sayd Rate of 50<sup>l</sup> the men chossen and apoynted  
 to make the Sayd rate are John Sanford m<sup>r</sup> Georg Lawton, m<sup>r</sup>  
 Thomas Cornell m<sup>r</sup> phil. Shearman and m<sup>r</sup> Robert Hazard.  
 And that the Sayd Rate Shall be made by the persons Chossen  
 or the Major part of them before or on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this instant  
 June.

Voated that the persons afore-Named to make the rate of 50<sup>l</sup> are  
 alsoe ordered to Awditt the rate of 30<sup>l</sup> Levied the 17<sup>th</sup> of June  
 1670 and make returne to the Towne

It is also Ordered that when the Sayd Rate of 50<sup>l</sup> is made and  
 Signed by the afore named persons appointed therto or the Major  
 part of them the Towne Serjant Shall informe each person, what



he is rated and the Sayd Rate is to be brought in and payd vnto the Towne Treasurer m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston, on the 26<sup>t</sup> day of this instant June and if any person Shall Refuse or Neglect to pay his part of the Sayd Rate assessed, then by a warrant from the Majestrates in this Towne the Sayd Sum or Sum̄s assessed in the Sayd Rate Shall be Seaised and taken from the person Soe Refuseinge or Neglectinge to pay together with the Charge of Such Distraint. The rest of the overseers of the poore are joynd with the Treasurer m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston in the Receipt of the Sayd Rate.

Voated That John Sanford Towne Clerke Shall be allowed and payd by the Towne out of this next Rate of 50<sup>l</sup> the Sum̄ of Three pownds for his Ordinary and Extraordinary imployment as Towne Clerke this last yeare

Voated that whereas William Newman with his wife was Ordered at the last Towne Meeteinge to depart this Towne before this instant Meetinge vpon the pennalty of fforfittinge of ffive pownds the Towne doe order that his Sayd fforfiture of 5<sup>l</sup> Shall Not be Remitted vntill he give in Suffitient Security for his Departure.

John Coggeshall jun<sup>r</sup> and Thomas Wayte are admitted ffreemen of this Towne.

Thomas Brigs of prudance Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman.

[153] At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, at their Meetinge Held the 6<sup>t</sup> of July 1671

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voated That wheras the Rate of 50<sup>l</sup> ordered to be Levied at the last Towne Meetinge June 5<sup>th</sup> 1671 was according to the Sayd Order made. yett was detained Soe long that the time of paiment was Elapsed, And the Sayd Rate beinge to this Meeting presented is now ordered to goe forth, and Each person

therin Assessed is to bringe in his Sum̄ Mentioned in the Sayd Rate which is Dated June the 13<sup>th</sup> 1671 according to the Tenure of the Sayd Order in June last and is now to be payd and brought in by Each person on Wedensday next which will be the 12<sup>th</sup> day of this instant July And those that Neglect to bring in their proportions Assessed in the Sayd Rate Shall be distrained on as Exprest in the former Order of June the 5<sup>th</sup> which Said Order, in that Respect is hereby Continewed.

It is Ordered That m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman is Continewed the Townes Agent and Atorney and m<sup>r</sup> William Hall is Now joynd unto him to proscicute and finnish the layinge open the high-way and Spring ffenced in by m<sup>r</sup> Almy (for which he was the last Court of Tryalls fownd Guilty) vntill it be layd open accordinge to the true bounds therof John Sanford is added unto them to Asist in the Matter.

Voated It is Ordered that William Hall Shall be payd and allowed him out of this 50<sup>l</sup> Rate the Sum̄ of fforty Shill<sup>s</sup> in Consideration of his trouble and Charge. on the Townes behalfe in the difference betweene the Towne and m<sup>r</sup> William Almy.

Voated Wheras the Inhabitants of the Island prudance have Complained that they Know not how to pay the last Levies on them in the 50<sup>l</sup> Rate and the 19<sup>l</sup> Rate to be payd to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Treasurer, ffor as Much as the Sayd Levies are Not devided and pertickularly assessed on the Inhabitants: And they desireinge that for as much as they Cannot amongst them selves agree to devide it on the pertickulars Have desired the Towne to Send over Some persons to devide and Levie it for them, The Towne therefore have chossen John Sanford and m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp to goe to prudance and have alsoe impowred them there to Levie assess and devide the Sayd Rates on the pertickular Inhabitants of the Sayd prudance that Each may Know the proportion he is to pay And alsoe the Said two persons are impowred when they come there if there appeere any wrong to any the Inhabitants of prudance in this last 50<sup>l</sup> Levie they have power to rectefy it to the

Complaint  
prudance  
men

best of their informations and Judgments Soe the whole Sum Levied be made up amongst the Inhabitants of prudance And for their charge and trouble herein the Inhabitants of prudance Shall beare and Satisfy it:

Voated That wheras there is a motion made in the late Gen<sup>l</sup> Asembly vnto the Severall Townes for the lessninge the Number of Deputies in Each Towne. and for the takeinge due Course for the payinge those that attend. and for an act of Oblivion for remitinge of what hath been formerly due. This Towne haveinge Considered the Motions Doe very well approve the act of Oblivion for what hath been formerly due. But doe not See Cause to lessen the Number of their Deputies, And doe order for the ffuture incourragment of their Deputies to Attend Gen<sup>l</sup> Asemblys That those that atend that Service. Shall by the Towne from time to time be truly payd for their Service according to fformer Lawes of this Collony; And a Copie of this Order is to be Delivered to this Townes Deputies. when chossen for the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Asembly.

Voated That Wheras m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton hath taken in and built vpon Some Land at his farme against Icobod potters house. Neere the huntinge Swamp which proves to be on part of the Comon, and he haveinge Motiond. the Towne. That for as much as he hath been at great charge theron Desires the Towne to grant him the Sayd Land promissinge to Lay downe as much Land to the Comon, and Such Land that if it doe not by the Judgment of two men (by the Towne appointed to Judge it) apeere to them to be as good that then he will make up the quallity by Leaveinge out the more in quantety as the Said two men Shall Judge Equall. Vpon which Motion & Conditions the Towne have granted the Said Land he hath now fenced in from the Comon vnto him he performeinge his afore-said promis, And leaveinge the well vnfenced to the Comon, And the Said Well to be Secured. by Thomas Martin and Icobod potter.

It is ordered that John Sanford Shall have Twenty ffive Shill<sup>s</sup>

allowed and payd him out of this 50<sup>l</sup> Rate for Soe much Ordered him by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Asembly for Copies of the last Asemblys Orders.

The persons appointed to judge and Lay out the afore-sayd Land granted to be Exchanged with m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lawton are:  
L<sup>t</sup> John Albro and m<sup>r</sup> William Hall.

[154] At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 22<sup>th</sup> of Septem<sup>r</sup> 1671

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Moderator for this Meetinge

John Sanford	}	Chossen to Serve Deputies at the two next Gen <sup>l</sup> Asemblys the one to be held on the 25 <sup>th</sup> day of this Instant Month the other to be holden the last Wedensday in October Next at Newport
m <sup>r</sup> Rob <sup>t</sup> Hazard		
m <sup>r</sup> Caleb Arnold		
L <sup>t</sup> ffra <sup>z</sup> Brayton		

m <sup>r</sup> Hugh parsons	}	Chossen to Serve on the Gran-Jurry at the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be holden at Newport the last Wedensday Save one beinge the 18 <sup>th</sup> day of october next.
m <sup>r</sup> Edward ffisher		
m <sup>r</sup> Icobod potter		

Ensigne Lott Strainge	}	Chossen pettit Jurry-men for the afore-said Court of Tryalls
m <sup>r</sup> John Almy		
m <sup>r</sup> Antho. Shaw		

phillip phetaplace haveinge propounded him selfe to be admitted a freeman amongst us, the Towne doe grant him leave to hyre and Inhabitt in the Towne and in the meane time he Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman the next meetinge.

At a Meeting Held october the 14<sup>th</sup> 1671

Voated that phillip phitaplace is admitted an Inhabitant amongst us.

It is voated and ordered that a rate be made in this Towne to raise the Sum̄ assessed on them by the last Gen<sup>l</sup> Asemb<sup>~</sup> & to return y<sup>e</sup> Sd rate to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Treasu<sup>r</sup> according as y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Asem<sup>~</sup> have ordered. It is alsoe ordered that Seven men be chossen to make the Sd rate, they or any fower or more of them to make and assess y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> rate on the p<sup>t</sup>ickular Inhabitants in this Towne. And the persons chossen are, phil. Shearman, John Tripp Sen<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Sanford Tho; Cornell, Lathā Clarke. Caleb Arnold and William Alin of prudance; And the Tow<sup>o</sup>. Serj<sup>t</sup>: Shall give Notice to W<sup>m</sup> Alin of the To<sup>s</sup> choice & y<sup>t</sup> he meet the rest chossen to make the rate at m<sup>r</sup> Baulstons house

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1671

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M<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voated upon the Consideration of the want of more Survayers for Catle in Respect that persons Inhabitinge remote from the Towne are Strained in Cominge Soe ffarr, to the former Survayers, and alsoe their trouble to goe Soe ffarr The Towne doe Agree to choose two more Survayers, who are m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman and Mathew Bordin.

John Sanford	} Chossen Deputies for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Assembly to be held and sitt at Newport on the first Tuseday in Aprill next.
m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp	
m <sup>r</sup> Georg Lawton	
m <sup>r</sup> Thom <sup>o</sup> Cornell	

Voated that wheras John Sanford hath made appeere to this Meetinge that he hath purchased Eight Acres of Land of Job Haukins which was granted by the Towne to Rich<sup>d</sup> Haukins in 1643 and by him given unto his Said Sonn Job Haukins: The Towne doe agree and order that the Said Sanford Shall have the Said grant performed and layd out to him

Voated that m<sup>r</sup> Baulston Shall have his former grant of tenn acrs made good to him in the Com<sup>o</sup>n ffence.

Voated Wheras Complaint is made to this meetinge of great abuis and Mollestations to the Inhabitants of this Towne by the Indians Drunkenness which is much occassioned by the freaquent practices of Severall persons who are not Lycenced to Sell Strong drinke to the Indians whereby the peace and quiett of many is much disturbed, And for the preventinge the Said abuis within this Towne-shipp: It is ordered that ffor the ffuture noe person within this Towne Shall Sell Directly nor indirectly, any Strong drinke as Liquors, Syder, wine, or Strong beere, unto any Indian or English by retaile but only Such who are or Shall be Lycenced therto by the Towne; And if any Shall be found Trancegressinge this order. Vpon Complaint made and probation theron, by any person or persons vnto the Majestrates or a Majestrate in this Towne the ofending person Shall forfitt and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings to the Towne Treasury for each defect herein and if any person as afore-said doe not forthwith pay the Said pennalty it Shall be taken by distraint out of the Estate of the Ofending person by a warrant to the Cunstable vnder the hand of the Majestrates or a Majestrate .

[155] At a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 25<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1672

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge  
Voated that the last Asemblys Orders be red in this meetinge:  
which was done.

m <sup>r</sup> William Hall	}	Chossen Deputies to Atend the Gen <sup>l</sup> Asemblyes to be held the 30 <sup>th</sup> of Aprill, instant, and the Election and Asembly to be held the first of May next
m <sup>r</sup> William Wodell		
m <sup>r</sup> Edward ffisher		
m <sup>r</sup> Anthony Emry		
Joseph Martin	}	Chossen Gran-Jurry men for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the Sixt day of may next.
William Wilbur		
Gidion ffreeborne		

John Bordin        } Chossen pettitt-Jurry men to atend the  
 Ralph Earll.       } afore-said Court of Tryalls the 6<sup>t</sup> of  
 Danill Lawton     } may next.

At A Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsm<sup>o</sup>  
 on their Election Day beinge munday June the 3<sup>d</sup> 1672

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall Chossen Moderator of the meeting.  
 John Sanford Chossen Towne Clerke. Engaged

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp Sen<sup>r</sup>        } Engaged  
 m<sup>r</sup> William Hall Sen<sup>r</sup>    } Engaged        Chossen to be of  
     John Sanford         } Engaged        : the Towne Councill  
 m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman     } Engaged        of this Towne.  
 m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell        } Engaged  
 m<sup>r</sup> Edward ffisher        } Engaged

m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell chossen Towne Treasurer Engaged  
 Thomas Jenings Sen<sup>r</sup> chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

William Brigs            } Engaged  
 Icobod Sheiffeild       } Engaged  
 Latham Clarke           } Chossen Cunstables  
 William Allin            }

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston     } Chossen overseers for the poore in  
 m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall    } the towne  
 m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell        }

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp Sen<sup>r</sup>        } Chosen Survayers for Catle.  
     John Sanford         }  
 m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman     }  
 m<sup>r</sup> Mathew Bordin        }

Voated that the late Assembly acts Should be Red which was  
 accordingly done

That whereas the Towne according to law and Custom have  
 made choyce of their Towne officers for the Insueinge Yeare,

And whereas m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston the Eldist Asistant in this Towne is abscent from this Meetinge, and m<sup>r</sup> Joshuah Coggeshall Scrupling to Administer the Engagement to the officers now chossen whereby they may be inabled to Act: for the preservation of the peace of the place: The Towne doe Order that Messingers be Sent unto m<sup>r</sup> Baulston to desire him to come to this Meetinge, that according to law and Custom, the officers May be Engaged to the Severall places they are Elected unto, and make Speedy Returne hereof unto this Meetinge, The Messingers Sent from this Meetinge are L<sup>t</sup> William Correy and Serj<sup>t</sup> Jacob Mott.

Benjamin Congden, Thomas Brigs of prudance, Thomas Hicks and John Manchester are admitted ffreemen of this Towne.

[156] Voted That ffor the future noe Towne meetinge shall have power to act in any Towne Meetinge in affaires Relatinge to the Towne Except there be at least the number of ffifteene present at the Said meetinge, And ffurther ordered That for the future Noe Moderator of the Towne Meeting. Shall presume to desolve Such Said Meeting without the Major Vote of the Said Meetinge, And if any Moderator Shall from the Meeting withdraw him selfe without the leave of the Major part of the meetinge It Shall be in the power of that Meetinge to Elect an other to the place of Moderator and Soe proceed on in the affaires of the Towne, for which they were Called and Conveaned

Edward ffisher, Edward Lay, L<sup>t</sup> John Albro, and Georg Lawton are chossen Survayers for ffencis in this Towne.

That John Sanford Shall have Therty Shillings from the Towne Treasury for his Service this last yeare as Towne Clerke.

Voted Whereas This Towne stands Indicted in the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls for the deficiency of the Bridg on the Comon Neere Georg Lawtons house: The Towne Conceive that Bridg is Occassioned by the Said Georg Lawtons makeinge a damm there, and therefore doe Conceive he Ought to Maintaine the said Bridge: Therefore the Towne doe Order that two men be

the number  
that make  
A Town  
meeting



chossen by the Towne to goe to the Said Georg Lawton and in the Townes behalfe desire him to make the Said Bridg Suffitient, or otherwise leave the high-way in the like Condition it was before he made that damn, The persons chossen are Robert Dennis and Serjant Jacob Mott, and they are to make Returne of his Answer to the next Towne Meetinge.

That the Eight acres of Land ordered to be layd out to John Sanford at the <sup>Towne</sup> Meeting held the 14<sup>th</sup> of March last is now ordered to be layd out by the Lotters leaveing a hig-way Twenty Rod wide betweene the Land of Joseph Anthony and that downe at the Sea John Tripp Sen<sup>r</sup> doth protest against the afore-said act and grant of the Said Land.

That m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman m<sup>r</sup> Caleb Arnold and John Sanford or any two of them are appointed to Awditt the late Treasurers accounts Relatinge to the Towne: And It is ordered that what is found of the Townes Remaineinge in the late Treasurers hands Shall be Returned unto the pressent Treasurer, and the Awditt are to make Returne thereof to the next Towne Meetinge

This meetinge is Desolved

John Simmons Stands propounded to be Admitted a freeman afore the desolveing

At A Meetinge of the ffree. Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Octo<sup>r</sup> 1672.

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp Chossen Moderator of this meetinge.

John Sanford.	}	Chossen Deputys to Serve at the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Assembly to be held at Newport the last Wedensday in this instant Octob <sup>r</sup> :
m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp		
m <sup>r</sup> John Anthony Sen <sup>r</sup>		
L <sup>s</sup> Willia Cadman		

L <sup>s</sup> William Correy	}	Chossen Gran Jury men for the Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the last Wednesday Save one in this instant October.
S <sup>t</sup> Jacob Mott		
m <sup>r</sup> John Brigs.		

Robert Hazard.	}	Chossen Pettit Jury men to Serve at the Court of Tryall afore-said.
Georg Brownell		
William Clarke.		

Voted Whereas the last Towne Meetinge held the therd of June last Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis and Serjant Jacob Mott were desired by the Towne and Authorized to goe to m<sup>r</sup> Georg Lawton and Treat with him about the Bridg Neere to the doore of his dwelling house for the deficiency of which said Bridg the Towne Stands Indicted, and they Returning to this Meetinge that accordingly they aplied them selves to the Said m<sup>r</sup> Lawton and Received, his Answer, which doth not give the Towne Satisfaction: The Towne doe Now Order that men be againe Sent to him to Signefy they are Not Satisfyed that a Bridg Should Continew in the Towne Soe dangerous, and that if he doe not take Some Speedy Course to mend it, and make it in a Safe Condition for people to pase and Repase, the Towne will be forced to take Some other Course therein which they Rather desire may be prevented: And It is ordered that the said Robert Dennis and Serj<sup>t</sup> Jacob Mott are chossen to be the persons to goe to Geo. [157] Lawton againe and Carry a Copy of this Order with them, And alsoe the Towne Clerke is Ordered to draw out Coppys of this and the late Towne meeings Orders herein, and present it to the next. Court of Tryalls thereby to acquaint them with the Townes Care in this Matter

Voted That a Rate of Twenty pownds be made in this Towne for the Supply of the poore in the Towne to be disposed off at the discretion of the Overseers of the poore The persons chossen and appointed are S<sup>t</sup> Robert Hazard L<sup>t</sup> Francis Brayton John Sanford, m<sup>r</sup> Caleb. Arnold, and m<sup>r</sup> John Bordin, they or the Major part of them are impowred and Authorized to make the Said Rate, and the Said Rate is to be made betweene this and the, 19<sup>th</sup>, day this instant October, and when the Said Rate is made, the Rate makers shall Returne the Rate unto the Treasurer who there-

upon is impowred to Send it forth with the Towne Serjant to Signefy unto each person what they are Rated, and the Said Rate is to be brought in and payd by each person unto the Treasurer by the last day of Novemb<sup>r</sup>. Next, and to be payd, pease at three Shillings ℥ Bush<sup>r</sup>. Indian Corne at three Shill<sup>s</sup> ℥ Bushall porke at three pence ℥ pound, Beife at two pence ℥ pound, Butter at Six pence ℥ pound. wooll at twelve pence ℥ pound, peage after the Rate of Sixteene ℥ peny white, and for cheese and other pay as men can agree with the Treasurer And if any person or persons Rated doe Refuse or Neglect to pay and deliver in the Sum<sup>s</sup>. they are Rated unto the Treasurer on or before the Said last of November then Shall warrant be given forth from the Majestrates or Majestrate one or both in this Towne to distraine and bringe in the Same with charge by law due for the distraint.

Voted That the persons at the last Meetinge chossen to Awditt the late Treasurers accounts are Still Continewed, and they are Ordered to finish that worke and Makē their Returne to the Next Towne Meetinge.

Voted This Meetinge is Desolved.

At a Meetinge off the .ffree. Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth at their Meetinge held the 6<sup>t</sup> Day of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1672

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall Chossen Moderator of the meetinge

Voted That for as-much as there was a Rate of 20<sup>l</sup> ordered the last Towne Meetinge to be made for the Supply of the poore in this Towne and those then appointed to be the Rate-Makers haveing Neglected to make the Said Rate, This Towne doe now againe Revise that Order and doe appoint and Authorize the persons then chossen to proceed in that worke. and Make the Said Rate, and whereas there doth apeere Severall other Debts, due from the Towne, Viz<sup>t</sup> to m<sup>r</sup> Brenton two Barrills of porke, and to

John Sanford 5<sup>l</sup> 10<sup>s</sup> The Towne doe Now see Cause to augment the Rate and add Twenty pounds therto. Soe that Now the Rate Shall be fforty pounds, which Shall be brought in to the Treasurer in Specia and at prices, and in the Same Manner and vnder the Same pennalty. as is Express in the Said last Towne Meetings Order, And it is Ordered that the Treasurer take Speciall Care, out of the Said Rate to Satisfy and pay those persons that have Engaged to m<sup>r</sup> Brenton for the Said two Barrills of porke. And It is ordered that the Said Rate, is to be made and ffinished and Returned to the Treasurer at or before the 14<sup>th</sup> of this instant December, and to be brought in and paid to the Treasurer by each person upon the 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> daies of this instant December. And It is Ordered that m<sup>r</sup> Latham Clarke and m<sup>r</sup> John Coggeshall are added to the fformer Raters to the Makeinge of this Rate.

[158] Whereas m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman m<sup>r</sup> Caleb. Arnold and m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford were impowred to Awditt. and Receive. the late Treasurers m<sup>r</sup> Baulstons accounts Concerninge the Towne and that worke being Not yett ffinished this Meetinge doe Continew their power in that work and Order them with all Convenient Speed to finnish their power in that worke. and Order them with all Convenient Speed to finnish it and Make Returne thereof to the Next Towne Meetinge

Voted: That the afore-said 5<sup>l</sup> 10<sup>s</sup> due from the Towne to John Sanford Shall be paid to him out of this 40<sup>l</sup> Rate by the Treasurer

Thomas Eaton, Lawrance Springhast, are propounded to be admitted ffreemen of this Towne.

Voted. This Meetinge is dissolved.

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 2 of March 1671

m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston chossen Moderator of this Meetinge

John Sanford	}	Chossen Deputies to Serve at the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Asembly Espetially Called to Sitt and be houlden at Newport the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of this Instant month March
m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall		
m <sup>r</sup> George Lawton		
m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell		

Voted this Meetinge is Desolved

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of ports-  
mouth Held the 29<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1673

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge

William Hall	}	Chossen Deputies to Sitt and act at the two next Gen <sup>l</sup> Asemblies, on the 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> of May next at Newp <sup>l</sup>
William Wodell		
William Cadman		
Robert Dennis		

Gidion ffreeborne	}	Chossen Gran-Jurry-men
John Cooke		
ffrancis Brayton		

Mathew Bordin	}	Chossen Pettitt Jurry-men
Samuell Sanford		
William Hall jun <sup>r</sup>		

Voted. that a Letter from the Towne of Warwick Subscribed by  
their Clerke be Red which was accordingly done.

Voted Thomas Eaton, Robert Hodgson, Gyles pearce, Adam Mott Jun<sup>r</sup>,  
Will Lany John Heath, Robert Brownell, Thomas Manchester  
jun<sup>r</sup> are admitted ffree-men of this Towne.

Voted this Meetinge is Desolved.

[159] At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of  
portsmouth held on their Election Day beinge the 2 of June 1673

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

by the Election

John Sanford, chossen Towne Clerke Engaged

m <sup>r</sup> Phillip Shearman	}	Chossen to be of the Towne Council
John Sanford		
L <sup>t</sup> William Cadman		
m <sup>r</sup> Edward ffisher		
m <sup>r</sup> John Brigs		
m <sup>r</sup> Robert Dennis		

m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell Chossen Towne Treasurer Engaged

Thomas Jenings chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

Robert Hodgson	}	chossen Cunstables
Joseph Martin		
Mathew Bordin		
William Allin		

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp and m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell  
chossen Overseers of the poore

John Sanford	}	Chossen Survayers of Catle.
m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp		
m <sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman		
m <sup>r</sup> Mathew Bordin		

Voted That whereas m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston hath in his Custody Sevrall  
Coppies of Gen<sup>l</sup> Court and Asemblys acts which the Towne doe  
conceive belonge to them The Towne doe Order that Some  
persons be chossen to treat with m<sup>r</sup> Baulston and desire of him  
that what belongs to the Towne may be delivered and if to them  
it doth appeare that the Said Copies have been paid for by m<sup>r</sup>  
Baulston out of his owne Estate That then the Towne are  
willinge to allow him his disburcements and charges for the  
Said Copies. The persons chossen are m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman m<sup>r</sup>  
William Hall and John Sanford who are impowred to treat with

m<sup>r</sup> Baulston and Receive the pertickulars and Returne their actings herein to the next Towne Meetinge.

That John Sanford Shall have Therty Shillings for his Service this last Yeare as Towne Clerke to be paid him by the Treasury.

That the power of the Lotters in layinge out of Land for the future is by this meetinge made Null and Voyd. Untill the Towne See cause to Empower it againe

this meetinge is Desolved.

At a Meetinge of the free-men of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1673

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp chossen Moderator of this Meetinge

John Sanford	}	Chossen Deputies to Sitt and act in the Next Gen <sup>l</sup> Assembly to be held at Newport
m <sup>r</sup> Edward ffisher		
m <sup>r</sup> Adam Mott		
m <sup>r</sup> John Bordin		

L <sup>t</sup> William Correy	}	Chossen Gran-Jurry-men for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport.
Ensigne Lott Strainge		
m <sup>r</sup> Thomas ffish		

Daniell Greenell	}	Chossen to atend the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport on the Jurrey of Tryalls.
John Coggeshall		
Thomas Eaton		

John Simmons stands propounded to be admitted a free-man.

[160] George Sisson Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman

John Smith and John Snooke are propounded to be admitted ffreemen

Upon the Request of William Lawton who was a Souldier in the foart at New-Yorke and by the Dutch takeinge New-Yorke, was forced from his habitation there, and now thereupon beinge in distress doth desire liberty to Sojourne in this Towne and follow

his trade for a livelyhood beinge a taylor: The Towne haveinge Considered his Request, doe grant the Said William Lawton Liberty to abide in this Towne-shipp, untill the meetinge, before the Gen<sup>l</sup> Asembly and Election in may Next

Voted Vpon the Complaint of m<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Smyton to this meetinge Concerninge a differrence that is betweene her selfe and Thomas Jenings Concerninge the devission line of their land joyneinge together, and She Eleaginge that She hath ussed all Neighbourly meanes she can\* to Issue the Said Differrence, which notwithstandinge proves Inefectuall, and therefore desires the Townes assistance in ussinge their Endeavors for Setlinge the line and if possible to Issue the differrence. And The Towne findeinge that formerly Viz<sup>t</sup> in the yeare 1661 May the 11<sup>th</sup> in the licke differrence between m<sup>r</sup> John Porter and m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brownell the Towne have acted and Chose five-men as appears by that Order for the Issueinge of that differrence, and not Only that but all other differrences of that Nature, and there beinge but three men of the Said five Now liveinge in this Towne, the Towne doe See Cause to Continew. their power, and <sup>in Stead †</sup> ~~leiw~~ of those two wantinge, the Towne add two more to those Surviveinge three, the persons added are m<sup>r</sup> William Hall and Capt<sup>n</sup> John Albro, who with the Said three Surviveors Viz<sup>t</sup>: m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs L<sup>t</sup> ffancis Brayton and John Sanford, or the Major part of them the Towne doe impower to use their Endeavors to Issue the Said differrence and all other of that Nature in this Towne, and make returne of what they doe in the premisses from time to time to the Towne.

Voted This meetinge is Desolved.

At a Meetinge of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth Held the. 28<sup>th</sup> day of Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1673.

\* In paler ink "can" is changed to "could."

† This correction is in paler ink.



Mr John Tripp Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge

sted That the account of those whoe are Indebted and behinde in Rates be openly Read

John Kease, Samuell Bordin, Marke Athy and John Hoomery and Benja<sup>r</sup> Chase are propounded to be ffree men of this Towne.

George Sisson and John Simmons are admitted ffreemen of this Towne

sted That whereas m<sup>r</sup> Peter Talman is behinde in Rates the Sum of fflowerteene or Seventeene Shillings, and he haveinge been at charge in the Cure of Leonard pearcy and beinge willinge and haveinge acquitted the Towne from any further claime concerninge the Said Leonard the Towne doe thereupon offsett the Said Sums and doe allow it him

sted this meetinge is desolved.

At a Meetinge of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Aprill 1674

Capt<sup>n</sup> Samuell Wilbore chossen Moderator of this meetinge.

John Sanford	}	Chossen Deputies to Sitt and act at the two-next Gen <sup>tl</sup> Asemblys to be held at Newport in May next.
L <sup>t</sup> Willia <sup>r</sup> Cadman		
Ens <sup>r</sup> Lott Strainge		
m <sup>r</sup> William Wodell		

Thomas Lawton	}	chossen to Serve on the Gran-jurry at the next Court of Tryalls in may next at Newport.
Hugh Parsons		
Thomas Manchester		

Henry Brightman	}	chossen to Serve on the jury of Tryalls at the next Gen <sup>tl</sup> Court of Tryalls in May next at Newport.
Thomas Wayte		
Icobod potter		

[161] Voted That a Letter Directed to the moderator and free-men of this Meetinge be opened and Read. which was accordingly done, and was Subscribed John Clarke.

Marke Athy. John Kease, Samuell Bordinge, and Benj<sup>r</sup>. Chase are admitted free-men of this Towne.

Voted That William Lawton Taylor, hath Liberty granted him to Sojourne and Inhabitt in this Towne-shipp twelve-months from the time of this meetinge.

John Wilbore. Sonn of William Wilbore Stands propounded to be admitted a freeman of this Towne.

Voted that this Meetinge is Desolved

Att a Meetinge of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth on their Election Day beinge the first day of June 1674

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

John Sanford Chossen Towne Clerke.

John Sanford	}	Chossen to be of the Towne Councill and Engaged
L <sup>t</sup> William Cadman		
Ens <sup>r</sup> Lott Strainge		
m <sup>r</sup> John Brigs Sen <sup>r</sup>		
m <sup>r</sup> Thomas ffish		
m <sup>r</sup> Rob <sup>t</sup> Dennis	}	

m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell Chossen Tresurer Engaged

Thomas Jenings Chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

John Bordin	}	chossen Cunstables and Engaged
William Wilbore		
Danill Greenell		
Thomas Brigs of prudance		

m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall	}	Chossen Overseers of the poore.
m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp		
m <sup>r</sup> William Wodell		

m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp	}	Chossen Survayers of Cattell.
m <sup>r</sup> William Wodell		
m <sup>r</sup> John Heath		
John Anthony jun <sup>r</sup>		

Voted Vpon Searious Consideration of the inconveniencys that may insue to the Towne by beinge too forward in admittinge freemen, and for the future to prevent the Same, and that if ffreemen hereafter be admitted that are persons that are not free-borne it may be Knowne and detirmined what freedome and prevelidges they are admitted unto, The Towne See Cause to Referr the further Consideration of the Matter unto a Comittee, desireinge and impowringe them to draw up Some absolute detirmination in the. premisses, and present what they agree on and draw up to the next Towne Meetinge for their Consideration and Confirmation if then by the Towne aproved of, as alsoe to Consider Some way to prevent the great Imbezlinge of the wood and timber in our Townes Comons, and to Consider of Some way to prevent the driveinge of Sheep on the Comon and therby removeinge them from their wonted walke; The Names of those appointed to be of this Comittee are m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman, John Sanford ffrancis Brayton Sen<sup>r</sup> William Wodell, William Hall, John Albro, Gidion ffreeborne.

Voted That the Towne Clerke John Sanford Shall have fforty Shillings for his Service done for the Towne as Towne Clerke this last year and the Said Sum to be paid him out of the Treasury by the Towne Treasurer.

Voted the meetinge is desolved

[162] At a Meeting of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth, held at m<sup>r</sup> Brigs his house the 10<sup>th</sup> of Octob<sup>r</sup> 1674

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp Chossen Moderator of this meetinge.

m <sup>r</sup> Jacob Mott	}	Chossen Deputies for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Assembly to be held at Newport the last Wensday in this instant October.
m <sup>r</sup> Thomas ffish		
m <sup>r</sup> Daniell Lawton		
m <sup>r</sup> John Anthony jun <sup>r</sup>		

m <sup>r</sup> John Almy m <sup>r</sup> Mathew Bordin m <sup>r</sup> John Strainge	}	Chossen to Serve on the Grand Jury at the next Gen <sup>l</sup> Court of Tryalls to be held at Newport the last Wensday Save one in this instant october.
Georg Sisson Jeremiah Wayte David Vahan	}	Chossen to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the Court of Tryall afores <sup>d</sup>

Voted The Generall Asembly acts made in May last publickly Read  
 That whereas Thomas Jenings Towne Serjant is removed and  
 the Towne Know not where nor whether he is gon, The Towne  
 have Chossen Thomas Manchester Sen<sup>r</sup> to be Towne Serjant  
 untill the next Towne-Election.

Voted that the Towne Serjant for his Service this part of the yeare  
 insueinge for warning Towne Meetings Deputys and Jury-men  
 Shall have Six pence from each freeman for his Service therein

Voted That John Wood a weaver is permitted to Sojourne in this  
 Towne untill the next Towne Meeting

Voted Whereas at the last Towne-meeting there was a Com̄ittee ap-  
 pointed to draw up their Result in Severall matters Relatinge to  
 Sundry greivences in the Towne, and they not haveinge done  
 any thing in that Matter, the Towne doe See Cause to Continew  
 the power to them then Comitted, and doe order that they make  
 their Returne thereon unto the next Towne Meetinge, and it is  
 Referred unto William Wodell and John Sanford to Indeaavor a  
 Meetinge of the Said Com̄ittee to Consider of the premisses in  
 Some Convenient time between this and the next Meetinge.

Voted this Meetinge is desolved.

At a Meetinge. of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of Ports  
 mouth at John Sanfords house the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1675

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Capt <sup>n</sup> John Albro	}	Chossen Deputys for the two next Gen <sup>l</sup> Asemblys to be held at New- port in May next.
m <sup>r</sup> Georg Lawton		
m <sup>r</sup> Gidion ffreeborne		
m <sup>r</sup> William Wodell		

ffrancis Brayton Sen <sup>r</sup>	}	Chossen Grand-Jurry-men
Thomas Wood		
Anthony Shaw		

Joseph Anthony	}	chossen to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls
Abraham Anthony		
Thomas Eaton		

voted That phillip Cuming is admitted to Soujourne at William  
Wodells untill the next Towne meetinge

voted that William Manchester, William Brownell, and John Wilbore  
are admitted ffreemen of this Towne:

voted this Meetinge is Desolved.

At a Meetinge of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of ports-  
mouth on their Election day the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1675

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp chossen Moderator of the meetinge.

John Sanford chossen Towne Clerke Engaged

John Sanford	}	Chossen to be of the Towne Councill and Engaged
Lott Strainge		
William Cadman		
Thomas ffish Sen <sup>r</sup>		
Robert Denis		
Gidion ffreeborne		

[168] William Wodell Chossen Towne Treasurer Engaged

Thomas Manchester Chossen Towne Serjant Engaged

Voted that there be four Cunstabes chosen in this Towne-shipp  
besids one at prudance.

Joseph Anthony	}	Chossen Cunstables and all Engaged
Georg Sisson		
Georg Brownell		
William Wodell		
William Allin		
m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall	}	Chossen overseers of the poore, and alsoe to take Care that Straingers be Not Entertained in this Towne but according to Order.
m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp		
m <sup>r</sup> Willia <sup>r</sup> Wodell		
m <sup>r</sup> John Tripp	}	Chossen Surveiers of Cattell for this yeare.
John Sanford		
John Anthony jun <sup>r</sup>		
Robert Hazard		
Abra <sup>r</sup> Anthony		

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp is appointed to prove all Measures and weights as are brought to him in this Towne-shipp and Seale them accordinge as the law of this Collony hath provided.

Voted that the Charge of procureinge true Measures Viz<sup>tt</sup> a Gallon and a halfe Bushall accordinge to the Standards appointed by the Collony Shall be borne and paid by the Townes Treasury.

Voted that the Councill of this Towne are Empowred to Awditt the Townes accounts with the Treasurer for these two yeares last past and Make returne thereof to the next Towne Meetinge.

Voted The Towne doe grant Liberty to Phillip Cumminge to Soujourne in this Towne till the Towne See further Cause to remove him:

Voted: Upon the Engagement of Nicholas Browne and William Browne in this meetinge unto the Towne. that John Wood, a weavor nor his ffamily Shall not be any Charge to the Towne for the time of twelve-months and a day from this meetinge. The Towne doe grant the Said John Wood Liberty to Soujourne in this Towne the Said Time of twelve months and a day.

Voted That John Sanfords accounts as Recorder and Towne Clerke is Referred to the Towne Councill to Awditt and what they finde due to him Shall be paid him by the Towne Treasurer.

Whereas m<sup>r</sup> William Baulston hath Engaged under his hand that Cornelus Higman dureinge the time he is with Richard Bulgar Shall not be chargeable to the Towne, The Towne doe grant that the said Cornelus Higman hath Liberty to Sojourne in this Towne dureinge the time of that Engagement :

Voted that the Complaint of Severall Concerninge m<sup>r</sup> Talmans inclossinge a hie-way is Referred to Consideration at the next Sittinge of this meetinge.

Voted that this Meetinge is adjourned untill the first munday in july next which will be the fifth day of the Said month :

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth held the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1675.

m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voted Whereas by an Order of the Governour Dep<sup>t</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup> and Councills of the Towne of Newport and this Towne held the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1675. a Rate of four hundred pound was ordered to be levied in this Island and this Towne to pay one hundred and twenty pounds of the Said 400<sup>l</sup>. The Towne doe order that nine men be chossen to make the Said Rate.

The persons chossen are m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman, John Sanford, Capt<sup>n</sup> John Albro, m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall m<sup>r</sup> John Tripp, Thomas ffish Sen<sup>r</sup>, Latham Clarke, Gidion ffreeborne & John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup> they or the Major part of them are Empowred to make the Said Rate and with all Convenient speed Returne it under their hands unto the Treasurer of this Towne :

Voted that whereas there is a debt due to John Sanford as Recorder and Towne Clerke for Coppys of Asembly acts and Towne Service; Therefore there Shall be aded tenn pounds in the Said Rate Soe that the rate Shall be made one hundred and thirty

pounds out of which the Said John Sanford Shall have his debt from the Towne beinge five pounds Eighteen Shillings paid him by the Treasurer.

And it is ordered that what each person paies in to the Treasurer Shall be paid in at Such rates or prices as Newport men agree to pay their rates, which is to be informed and mentioned in the warrant from the Majestrates for Callinge in the rates, And it is ordered that the daies for each person to bringe in their Rates when the Rate is finished Shall be appointed by the Rate-makers and mentioned in the warrant :

Voted this Meetinge is desolved.

[164] At a Meetinge of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth Held the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1675 at the house of John Brigs

Capt<sup>n</sup> John Albro chossen Moderator  
 John Coggeshall chossen clerke for that  
 Robert Hazard chossen first deputy  
 Capt<sup>n</sup> John Albro chossen second deputy  
 Samuell Wilbore chossen third deputy  
 Caleb Arnold chossen fourth deputy

Adam Mott chossen first gran Juryman  
 Jacob Mott chossen Second gran Juryman  
 Mathew Borden chossen third gran juryman

John Anthony chossen first of the Jury of Tryalls  
 William Correy chossen the Second of the jury of tryalls  
 Isaac Lawton chossen the third for the jury of tryalls

Win Mill land : Granted by the Towne that a wind-mill may have soe much ground out of the Com<sup>on</sup> as the Sweep Carries round

Liberty to  
 Hugh Cole Granted by the Towne that Hugh Cole may have liberty to make use of some of the win falls that is downe for to build a



small frame, and to make some wheeles for the use of the Townesmen for their mony:

Attorneys for  
the Towne  
It is Ordered that Lott Strainge, Francis Brayton and Anthony Emry are chosen by the Towne for Attorneys to plead the Townes right for a hie-way which Peter Talman is Indicted for and have power to choose an Atorney at the Townes charge

Orderinge  
of wood  
Ordered by the Towne that not one green tree or trees Shall be faln but they shall be Carried away top and body all that is fitt for Timber or fire-wood Except such timber as William Correy doth use about the Mill for the tearme of two yeares, that is to say the wood that growes upon the Comon upon the pennalty of five pound a tree. After any tree is faln it must not lye above a month before it be all cutt out into fire-wood:

A: True Coppy Entred  $\text{p}$  me. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

At a Meetinge of the free-Inhabitants of the Towne of ports-mouth. held at L<sup>t</sup> Will. Correys house the 8<sup>th</sup> of December: 1675

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voted. Whereas the Councill of warr in this Island at their Meetinge  
the of 120.<sup>1</sup> held the 6<sup>t</sup> of this instant month, have Ordered a rate of one hundred and Twenty pounds to be levied in this Towne.

The: Towne doe Order that those persons who were chossen at the meetinge held the 16<sup>th</sup> of July last to make and assess the rate then Ordered: Shall be the persons to make and levie this rate, they or the Major part of them, which is to be made and signed will all Convenient speed

Voted this meetinge is desolved.

At a Meetinge held 14<sup>th</sup> of January 1675

m<sup>r</sup> John Albro chossen Moderator:

John Keese chosen Clerke for the day

It is Voted and detirmined that all those persons which have

Concerninge  
Indians

Indians which was brought on this Island have liberty for Six weeks time to Sell and send them off from this Towne.

It is further Ordered that noe Inhabitant in this Towne for the future shall buy or keep an indian or Indians in his house or Else where, upon the forfeiture of five pounds Sterll. for every Indian bought:

Copp<sup>a</sup> Entred  $\text{P}$  me. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth held at the house of John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> of March  
1675

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall chosen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voted  
Concerninge  
Indians

Whereas Severall persons in this Towne-shipp have made purchass of Indians which were latly taken and brought to the Island, which apeares troublsome to most of the Inhabitants, and the Sufferinge Such Indians to abide amongs us may prove very prejuditiall, It is therefore ordered that all those persons whoe have any Indian man or woman in this Towne have one months time liberty from this Meetinge to Sell and Send them off from this Towne, and that noe Inhabitant in this Towne-shipp after that time Shall for the future buy or keep any Indian or Indians soe bought or to be bought upon the pennalty and forfeiture of five pounds Sterll for every Month they shall keep any Such Indian, and the Same pennalty to be duly [**165**] taken by distraint by Vertue of a warrant under a Majestrats hand to any Cunstable and Returned to the Towne. Treasury:

Robert Hazard	}	Chosen Deputys for the Gen <sup>l</sup> Asembly to be held by Especiall Order from the Governo <sup>r</sup> at Newport the 13 <sup>th</sup> of this instant.
Mathew Bordin		
L <sup>r</sup> Willi. Correy		
John Sanford		

Voted. whereas severall persons by Reason of the troublsom times with the Indians are necessitated (by their beinge forced from

and lent for  
plantinge

their habitations, and thereby Some of our Neighbours) for a Supply of Land to plant on, and this Towne beinge willinge to afoard Neighbourly Charety to men in want and distress, doe agree and Order that one hundred acres if there be Occassion for Soe much Shall be Sett or laid out in Such Convenient places in this Townes Comons as may be most Convenient for those that want releife, and Soe as it may not be prejudiciall to any free Inhabitant, and what shall be Soe lent to men <sup>they</sup> <sub>^</sub> shall improve by Sowinge or plantinge for the time of two yeares from the date of this Meetinge, and noe longer, and then the Said Land to be freely left with the fences to the Towne, and not built upon, and for the proportions to each man and the places where they shall be accomodated is by this meetinge Referred to a Committee of Six men or Major part of them: The persons chosen are m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall Capt<sup>m</sup> John Albro, m<sup>r</sup> William Wodell, John Sanford, m<sup>r</sup> phillip Shearman and Robert Hazard

Concerninge  
es goeing  
he Comon.

Voted That noe person within this Towneshipp Shall have liberty of above one horse kinde above a yeare old to pasture on the Comon from the first of Aprill till the last of October yearly for the future; and that, one horse kinde soe beinge on the Comon to be kept well fettred or Shackld, and if any horse kinde above one Yeare old be found on the Comon in this Towne-shipp Contrary to this Order, if the owner thereof after warneinge given take not Speedy Course to ffetter or shackle the said horse kinde, It shall be Lawfull for any person to kill the Said <sup>un</sup> <sub>^</sub> horse kinde soe unfettered or <sub>^</sub> shackled

Samuell Albro, and Joseph Nicolson Stand propounded to be admitted freemen

Voted this meetinge is desolved:

At a Meetinge of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth held at John Briges house the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1676

Capt<sup>n</sup> John Albro chosen Moderator of this Meetinge.

Voted that the four Deputies to be chossen shall be the Deputys for this Towne for both the Asemblys, to be held at Henry Palmers house at Newport on the Second and third days of may next :

m <sup>r</sup> Georg. Lawton	}	Chossen Deputies for the Asemblys afore-said
m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Wilbore		
m <sup>r</sup> Gidion ffreeborne		
L <sup>t</sup> ffrancis Brayton		
Hugh Mosher	}	chossen Gran-jurrio <sup>rs</sup> for the Court of Tryall in May Next.
Latham Clarke		
Henry Brightman		
William Cadman	}	chossen for the jury of Tryalls at the Court of Tryalls to be held at New- port in May Next.
Adam Mott jun <sup>r</sup>		
John Albro jun <sup>r</sup>		

The last Asemblys acts were in this meetinge publickly read  
Voted this Asembly is desolved.

At a Meetinge. of the ffree-Inhabitants of the Towne of ports-  
mouth, on their Election day the. 5<sup>th</sup> of June. 1676.

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall Chossen Moderator of this Meetinge.  
John Sanford chossen Towne. Clerke. Engaged.

John Sanford.	}	Chossen of the Towne Councill and all Engaged only William Wodell
John Albro Sen <sup>r</sup>		
Samuell Wilbore.		
John Heath		
ffrancis Brayton Sen <sup>r</sup>		
William Wodell		

[166] William Wodell. Chossen Towne. Treasurer Engaged.  
Thomas Manchester Sen<sup>r</sup> Chossen Towne Serj<sup>t</sup> Engaged.

William Wilbore Sen <sup>r</sup>	}	Chossen Cuustables
Hugh Parsons		
Mathew Greenell		
William Allin		

John Tripp Sen <sup>r</sup>	}	Chossen Survayers for Cattell
John Sanford		
John Anthony		

m <sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall	}	are chosen overseers for the poore in this Towne and alsoe to take Care that noe persons come to Inhabitt in this Towne but accordinge to order.
m <sup>r</sup> William Cadman		
William Wodell		

Voted That the Towne Clerke John Sanford Shall be paid the Sum<sup>m</sup> of four pounds Currant pay on this Island. and the Same to be paid by the Towne Treasurer for his Service as Towne Clerke and his labour and trouble for other writeings for the Towne Councill, and alsoe Shall have Sixteen Shillings in like pay for Soe much due to him for Coppys of Asembly acts which in the whole is four pound Sixteen shillings to be paid by the Treasurer at price currant to the merchants

At a Meetinge of the ffree Inhabitants of the Towne of portsmouth Held at m<sup>r</sup> Briges house the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 1676

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall chosen Moderator

m <sup>r</sup> William Wodell	}	are chosen Deputyes for the Next Gen <sup>l</sup> Assembly
m <sup>r</sup> Mathew Bordin		
m <sup>r</sup> John Bordin		
m <sup>r</sup> Daniell Lawton		

John Strainge	}	are chosen to be on the Gran-Jurry the next Court of Tryalls
Daniell Greenell		
Daniell Wilcocks		

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ffrancis Brayton ju<sup>r</sup> }  
Benjā. Shearman } are chosen to be on the pettit-jurry  
Tho Manchester jun<sup>r</sup> } the Next Court of Tryalls.

This meetinge by Vote desolved:

At a Meetinge of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of ports-  
mouth held at m<sup>r</sup> Brigses house the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1677

m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall chosen Moderator

John Sanford }  
L<sup>t</sup> ffrancis Brayton } chosen Deputys for the two Next  
m<sup>r</sup> Edward Lay } Gen<sup>tl</sup> Asemblys  
S<sup>t</sup> Thomas Wood }

Robert Hassard }  
Samuell Sanford } are chosen to be on the Gran-Jurry  
Gidion ffreeborne } the next Court of Tryalls

Joseph Anthony }  
Thomas Havens } are chosen to be on the pettit jury  
Thomas Dorfie } the next Court of Tryalls.

The last Asemblys acts published.

Voted this meetinge is desolved.

[167] At a meetinge of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of  
Portsmouth on their Election day heald at William Bolston's  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1677

Samuell Wilbore Chosen moderator of this meeting

John Anthony Chosen Towne Clerke and Engaged

William Cadman }  
Joshua Coggeshall } Chosen to be of the Towne Councill  
Robert Hazard } and all Engaged  
William Wodell }  
Peleg Tripp }  
John Borden }

William Wodell Chosen Treasurer Engaged

Thomas manchester Senior chosen Towne Serjant Engaged

Thomas Eaton	}	chosen Counstables Engaged
John Coggeshall		
Abraham Anthony		
William Allin		

Joshua Coggeshall	}	are chosen overseers for the poore in this Towne and alsoe to take care of the cominge in of persons to this Towne that are Straingers and may bee Chargeable
William Cadman		
William Wodell		

John Tripp Sen <sup>r</sup>	}	Chosen Surveyers of Cattell
John Sanford		
John Anthony		

uoted William Coggeshall Joseph Nicolson sen<sup>r</sup> Joshua Coggeshall jun<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Hall and Thomas Cornell are all admitted freemen of this Towne

uoted Robert Hauens and William Wilbore Junior admitted freemen of this Towne

uoted that William Earl hath Liberty to Trancport three or foure Thousand of B<sup>o</sup>rd or plank

uoted this meetinge is desolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 14<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 1696 at the house of William Cory

voted Joseph Sheffield Chosen moderator

voted this meeting is dissolved

[168] at a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth held at John Brigses Senior hous on the : 2<sup>th</sup> : of october : 1677 :

Samuell Wilbore Chosen moderator for this day

John Sanford	}	are choosen deputyes for the next genarall Assembly
George Lawton		
Caleb Arnold		
Latham Clarke		

matthew Borden	}	are choosen granjury men for the next Court of Tryalls
Robert Denniss		
William Cory		

Hugh mosyer	}	are chosen to bee of the jury for the Court of Tryalls
Joseph Tripp		
Henry Brightman		

voated that John Sanford Shall have forty waight of good marchantable Sheeps wool for his last years searuis in being Towne Clerke

voated that John Cooke Junior Sonn to Thomas Cooke is admitted a free man of This Towne

voated that the land lent unto perticler<sup>n</sup> men out of the Common in this Towneship for their present<sup>n</sup> supply to plant on it being now to Return unto the Towne againe the Towne do agree and order that it Shall bee in the powre of A Committy which the Towne Shall Choose to let out or set the Same or any part thereof for one yeare to whome and on what terms they or the major part of them Shall See good only for Sowing and the Rent for the use of the Same to bee paid into the treasury for the use of the Towne

A Commity  
impowered  
Concerning  
Land

voated that the Commyty Chosen for the Abouesaid Service are George Lawton John Albro senior William Wodell Robert Hodgson and Peleg Tripp

voated that George Lawton is aded to John Albro and the Rest of the Commity for the Straightening of Lines of mens Lands accordig<sup>n</sup> to former order

voated this meeting is dissolved



at a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of december 1677 at John Brigs senior his house

- voated Samuell Wilbore Chosen moderator for this day  
 voated that the two late Assemblys acts Should be Read which was  
 accordingly don  
 Arthor Cook Giles Slocum<sup>Junior</sup> and Joshewa Rallings Stands pro-  
 pounded to be free men in this Towne  
 voated This meeting is desolved

[169] At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held at John Brigses house the 23<sup>th</sup> of Aprill : 1678 :

- voated Samuell Wilbore Chosen moderator for this day  
 voated John Sanford  
 Hugh parsons  
 William Cory  
 William Wilbore  
 John Heath  
 John Brigs Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 John Strainge  
 George Brownell  
 Anthony Shaw  
 Samson Shearman  
 voated That John Sanford Shall have<sup>35 Shillings</sup> for writing of Copies of the  
 assemblies acts in May and october last paid to him out of the  
 Tresurie assoone as the Town make The Tresurer able to pay it  
 voated that Job Hawkins Shall have liberty to plant on the Island  
 Caled Gould Island Two or three years or longer if the Town  
 see Cause that is to say for his owne vse but not to lett it to any  
 other person  
 voated That Stephen Brayton is admitted a freeman of this Town

voated that Arthur Cooke and Giles Slocum Jun<sup>r</sup> are admitted freeman of this Towne

voated Thomas Brigs is admited a free man of This Towne

voated Latham Clarke Peleg Tripp and Daniell Lawton are Impowered to forewarne Newport people that they Shall not cutt nor Carye any wood or Timber that is all Ready Cutt out of our Commons and if Either of our men aforesaid Shall See any of Newport people Cuting or a Cariing A way any of our wood or Timber aforesaid they have power hereby to take it away  
voated This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election day held at the house of John Briggs Sen<sup>r</sup>: the 3<sup>d</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1678

Samuell Wilbur Chosen moderator of this meeting  
John Anthony Chosen Towne Clerke and Engaged

William Cadman	}	all Chosen to be of the Town Councill and all Engaged Excepting <sup>o</sup> ly Robert Hassard ^
Robert Hassard		
Latham Clarke		
William Wodell		
Peleg Tripp		
Jacob mott		

William Wodell Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged  
Thomas Havens Chosen Town Serjant Engaged

[170] Thomas Eaton }  
Abraham Anthony } are Chosen Counstables and  
John Coggeshall } Engaged

William Allin of prudence Chosen Counstable

William Wodell	}	Chossen overseers of the poore, and allso to take Care that Straingers be not Enter-tained in this Town but according to order
Willam Cadman		

John Tripp Sen<sup>r</sup> }  
 John Sanford }  
 John Anthony } Chossen Surveyers of Cattle  
 Robert Hodgson }

voated Abiell Tripp is admitted A freeman of This Town

voated This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1678: at the house of John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup>

John Albro Sen<sup>r</sup> Chosen moderator for this day

A Copie of the Court orders last past Read in this meeting

James Samson Standeth propounded to bee a freeman is this Town

voated This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth at the house of John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup> the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 8 moneth 1678

John Albro Chosen moderatar for this day

William Wodell }  
 Robert Hodgson } are Chosen deputies for the next gen<sup>r</sup>  
 Francis Brayton sen<sup>r</sup> } assembly  
 Latham Clarke }

Gedion ffreeborne } are chosen grand Jury men for the  
 matthew Borden } next Court of Tryals

John Borden } are chosen to bee of the Jury for the  
 Benjamin Shearman } next Court of Tryals

voated This meeting is desolved

At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of <sup>the</sup> <sub>A</sub> Towne of Portsmouth

December the 31<sup>th</sup> 1678 being by vertue of a warrant from authority warned to meet to here the Acts and orders of the court of Generall assembly held in october last, Read, and also to make a Rate of Sixty Eight pounds which by the Said court was ordered for this Towne of Portsmouth to pay as their part and Share of A colony Rate of three hundred pounds &c

John Albro chosen moderator

Philip Shearman, John Albro, William Cadman, Latham Clarke, William Earl Joseph Tripp, and John Coggeshall, are chosen they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate of Sixty Eight pounds on all the Rateable Estate in this Township according to the best of their Judgments and to deliver the Said Rate being made within one moneth next after the date of this meeting unto the majestrate in this Towne for him to take Care of and to give forth his warrant to the Towne Serjeant for the warning of all persons Concerned to pay their parts Rated according to Court order

voated John Albro, William Cadman, Peleg Tripp, and William Wodell, are chosen [171] A Committee to meet with foure of Newport men, <sup>who</sup> according to the aforesaid court order are <sup>to meet</sup> upon or before the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January next after the date of this meeting at the hous of George Lawton in this Towne to adjudge and auditt all accounts depending betwixt Newport and Portsmouth Relating and only growing by Reason of the late Indian wars

voated William Wodell, and Peleg Tripp, are aded to the Committee Robert Hodgson and William Cadman for to dispose of Indians for this Towns use according to the Gen<sup>l</sup> assemblys order.  
voated This meeting is desoved

Att A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth held at the house of John Brigs sen<sup>r</sup> the first of the 3<sup>d</sup> moneth Called may: 1679:

John Albro Chosen moderator

George Lawton	}	are Chosen deputies for the next Gen <sup>r</sup> assembly
William Correy		
ffrancis Brayton		
William Cadman		
Thomas ffish	}	are Chosen to be on the Grand jury the next Court of Tryals
Adam mott		
Daniel Lawton		
Lott Strainge	}	are Chosen to be on the petty jury the next Court of tryals
Isaac Lawton		
Benjamin Hall		

This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election day held at the house of John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup> the : 2<sup>d</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth : 1679 :

John Albro Chosen moderator

John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke and Engaged

William Cadman	}	are all Chosen to be on the Towne Councell and <sup>all</sup> <sub>^</sub> Engaged Excepting Lathum Clarke and George Brounell
Lathum Clarke		
William Wodell		
Peleg Tripp		
John Borden		
George Brounell		

William Wodell Chosen Towne Treasurer and Engaged

Thomas manchester Chosen Towne Serjeant and Engaged

Joseph Anthony	}	are all chosen Counstables and all Engaged Excepting Thomas Waite
Gideon ffreeborne		
Thomas Eaton		
Thomas Waite		

[172] William Allin of Prudence Chosen Counstable

William Wodell }  
 William Cadman } are Chosen overseers of the poore and  
 also to take Care that Straingers be not Entertained in the  
 Towne but according to order

voted John Anthony }  
 John Borden } are all Chosen Surveyers of Cattel and  
 Abiel Tripp } noe boat man Shall veiw any Cattel  
 Joseph Anthony } Sheep or Swine which is Caryed of in  
 Thomas Buts } his boat Except a nother vewer helps  
 and William Hall } to vew them Which is not A boat man

James House Standeth propounded to be a freeman in this  
 Towne

voted that John Anthony Shall have forty Shillings in monney or pay  
 according to money for his Service done in being Towne Clerke  
 the Last two years and it Shall be paid by the Towne Treasurer

voted This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
 mouth at the house of John Brigs the 23<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month: 1679:

voted John Albro Chosen moderator.

and acts of the Generall assemblies in may Last Read

voted that Thomas Jenings Shall have Six pounds of wool paid him  
 by the Treasurer which is for warning of A Town meeting in  
 october 1674.

voted it is granted to ffrancis Brayton to have A License to Keep an  
 ordinary or victualling house for one year in the place where he  
 now dweleth he first giveing bond according to Law for the  
 Keeping of good orders, and do also pay for his License ten  
 Shillings<sup>money</sup> into the Treasury

voted it is granted to William Correy to have A License to Keep an  
 ordinary or victualling house for one year in the place where he  
 now dweleth, he first giveing bond according to Law for the

Keeping of good orders, and do also pay for his License tenn Shillings money into the Treasury.

[173] voted it is granted to John Borden, Thomas Durfee, and the Widow mary Tripp, to have Each of them A License for one year to Sell victuals and drink to Travelers and to afford them Entertainment as may bee needfull and Convenient they first giveing bond according to Law for the Keeping of good orders and do also pay into the Treasury ten Shillings for Each License

voted it is ordered that none of the five persons shall be allowed to Sell that Sort of drink commonly Called Rum at any higher price then after the Rate of two pence the gill

voted that the Town Clerke with the Treasurer William Wodell are Impowered to draw up the Licenses and deliver them to the persons Concerned they first giveing bond as abovesaid, and paying into the Treasury the money due as afore appointed

voted that there Shall be A Rate of Thirty five pounds according to wool twelve pence the pound made on the Rateable Estate of the Inhabitants in this Town.

voted Phillip Shearman, William Correy, Gideon ffreeborn, Caleb Arnold, John Brigs, and William Wodell, are Chosen they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate within ten daies of this meeting, and haveing made it Shall take Care forthwith to deliver it or cause to be delivered unto the Town Sarjeant who by vertue of this order is also forthwith to give notice to all persons Concerned of what they are Rated and to warn them to pay into the Treasuery within ten days next after the makeing of the Said Rate what they are Rated.

voted This meeting is desolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth At the house of John Brigs sen<sup>r</sup> the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 8<sup>th</sup> moneth 1679

voted William Cadman Chosen moderator

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Lathum Clarke  
William Wodell  
Pelleg Tripp  
John Borden

} are Chosen deputies for the next  
Generall assembly

Robert Hodgson  
matthew Borden  
Hugh Parsons

} are Chosen to be on the Grand Jury  
the next Court of tryall[ ]

Joseph Tripp  
John manchester  
Joshua Coggeshall Jun<sup>r</sup>

} are Chosen to be on the petty Jury  
the next Court of Tryall

voted This meeting is desolved

[174] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of  
Portsmouth At the house of william Corry the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the  
12<sup>th</sup> moneth 1679:

John Albro Chosen moderator

George Lawton  
William Cadman  
William Wodell  
Peleg Tripp

} are Chosen deputies for the next  
Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly

This meeting is desoved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitant of the Towne of Ports-  
mouth at the house of William Corry the 19<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>d</sup>  
moneth 1680

voated John Albro chosen moderator

George Lawton  
William Wodell  
William Cory  
and John Borden

} are chosen deputies for the next  
Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly



Robert Dennis  
Joshua Coggeshall  
and Daniel Lawton } are chosen to serve on the Grand  
Inquest

Giles Slocum Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas Cornel and  
Henry Brightman } are Chosen to serve on the jury of  
tryals

John Corry is admited a freeman in this Towne

George manchester is admited a freeman in this Towne

voted Where as the Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly Sitting in march last hath Represented to this Towne as to others in this Colony the Searious consideration of Some way for the Raising of moneys for sending an Agent for England and also ordering from Each Towne and place in this Colony a Returne unto the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly in may next

In answer to the order and desire of the said assembly in march last Wee of the Towne of Portsmouth on Road Island at our meeting held the 19<sup>th</sup> day of aprill: 1680: doe by our Towne deputies make this Returne unto the Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly to be Sitting in Newport in may next that this Towne are Willing and doe hope shall be able to pay and contribute according to their Just propotion with the Rest of their neighbours in this Colony to the value of three hundred pounds in or as money in A publick Assesment on the whole for the Supply of an Agent for England if the Gen<sup>l</sup> assembly see Cause for the publick good and weale of this Colony to Send and imploy one provided that Each Towne and place in this colony be justly accrding to true propotion assesed with us, and that all former assesments and publick Rates by this colonys assemblys on Each Towne and place may be duely inspected and those whoe are backward or Refrectory in paying what hath been assesed on them may be Efectually gathered and Emproved for the use it was assesed or Such other use as the Assembly of this Colony Shall order for the good of the publick

And it is ordered that the Towne Clerke doe Transcribe this act and Signe the Same on the behalfe of this Towne and deliver the Same unto all or any one of the deputies by this Towne chosen for the aforesaid Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly in may next  
 voated that Thomas Hix Surrendering and leaving his Eight acres of land w<sup>h</sup>ich was granted to william England unto this Towns Common for which and in lue thereof after a Straight line Run on the South East<sup>side</sup> of that land which he the Said Thomas Hix bought of John Coggeshall from the Southermost Corner unto the flag pond where the fence now stands then he the Said Thomas Hix is to have Eight acres laid out there the whole length not takeing any more of the flag pond  
 voated This meeting is desolved

[175] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Towne of Portsmouth on their Election day at the house of William Corry the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth: 1680:

John Albro chosen moderator

John Anthony Chosen Towne clerke and Ingaged

William Cadman

Lathum Clarke

William Wodell

Peleg Tripp

William Corry

John Borden

} are all chosen to be on the Towne  
 Councill and Ingaged

William Wodell Chosen Towne Treasurer and Ingaged

Thomas manchester Chosen Towne Serjeant and Ingaged

Robert Hodgson

John Keese

Benjamin Shearman

Joseph Anthony

} Ingaged

} are Chosen Counstables

} Ingaged

William Allin of Prudence Chosen Counstable

William Wodell }  
 Joshua Coggeshall } are Chosen overseers of the poore, and also  
 William Cadman } to take Care that Strangers be not Enter-  
 tained in this Towne but according to order

voated John Anthony }  
 John Borden } are all chosen Surveyers of Cattle and noe  
 Abiel Tripp } boat man Shall veiw any Cattle Sheep or  
 Joseph Anthony } Swine which is Carried of in his boat Except  
 Thomas Buts } a nother veiw helps to veiw them which is  
 and William Hall } Transport or carry from of this Island with-  
 in the liberties of this Township any Sort  
 of Cattle<sup>Sheep</sup> or Swine without being veiwed ac-  
 cording to order he or they so doeing Shall  
 forfit and pay the just Sum of twenty Shill-  
 ings to this Towne for Every Such default

A bill of 24 Shillings being presented to this Towne by mary  
 Tripp Widow voated it is owned and<sup>ordered</sup> to be paid by the Towne  
 Treasurer

voated Richard Knight a weaver is permitted to sojurne in this Towne  
 upon his good behaviour untill the last day of october next  
 Ensueing the date here of and then the Towne Councell hath  
 power to move him or continue him untill the next Towns  
 meeting as they see Cause

voated that no Indian Shall have liberty to cut any wood upon this  
 Towns Commons on the first day of the weeke nor in the night  
 time in Case they so doe it is Lawfull for Any free man in this  
 Towne to take it for his owne vse

voated John Anthony Shall have twenty shillings in or as money for  
 his last years Service<sup>done</sup> in being Towne Clerke and it shall be  
 paid by the Towne Treasurer

voated whereas the way formerly appointed for paying the Town Sar-  
 jeant his wages for his service to the Town in that his Said  
 office doth not prove So Satisfactory as desired; for that it

faileth in divers perticulars It is Therefore agreed and ordered that the Town Sargeant Shall have the Sum of three pounds in money or money pay paid him by the Town Treasurer for his Labour and service for this year now Ensuing in warning Town meetings Town Councils and all Such other Services which he as Town Sargeant ought to do for the Town he performing Said Services

voted This meeting is desolved

[176] At a meeting of the free Inhabitnts of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Cory the 30<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> moneth 1680:

voted John Albro Chosen moderator

voted	William Cadman Latham Clarke Peleg Tripp and John Brigs sen <sup>r</sup>	} are Chosen deputies for the nex Gen <sup>rl</sup> assembly
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voted	Gideon ffreeborne and William Wilbore	} are Chosen to Serve on the Grand Inquest
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voted	Isaac Lawton Thomas Waite and John Albro Jun <sup>r</sup>	} are chosen to Serve on the next Jury of Tryall
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voted that Joseph Anthony Surrendering and leaving out a quarter of an Acre of his land lying on the Southwesttermost End of the Rocky hill which is nere his house unto this Towns Commons: for which and in lue thereof he Shall have a quarter of an Acre laid out unto him adjoyning unto his land on the northEastermost End of the Said Rocky hill nere pocassit River and the Said land is to be laid out by the men who are Chosen by this Town to Straighten lines between man and man or by the major part of them

voted this meeting is desolved

At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of John Brigs the 12<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> moneth 1680:

voted George Lawton Chosen moderator

voted Robert Hodgson, Caleb Arnold, George Browell<sup>n</sup>, Benjamin<sup>^</sup> Shearman, Daniel Lawton, John Cooke, and William Wilbore<sup>^</sup>,<sup>are chosen</sup> they or the major part of them to make A Rate of twenty-two pounds according to money on the Rateable Estate of the Inhabitants in this Town<sup>h</sup> wich is assesed on this Town by order of the Gen<sup>r</sup> Assembly in<sup>^</sup> may last past and the Said Rate is to be made within :6: days after the date of this meeting and forthwith to be delivered to the Town Clerke who Shall forthwith Transcribe the Same and Returne the original with the Copy to any one of the assistants in this Town to be further dissposed of as Law Requiereth

voted John Brigs is appointed to Spake to Thomas fish that he lay out that acre of land to this Towns Commons which was lent to Henry Eves

voted William Wodell Chosen to sel and dispose of the house and fenceing which is on the land lent to Thomas Brooks

voted John Albro and John Sanford are Chosen to meet with the Rest of the Auditters to Auditt John Clarks account

voted This meeting is dissolved

[ 17 107 ] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held at the house of William Corry the 27<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> moneth 1680

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted major John Albro, William Wodell, Caleb Arnold, Robert Dennis, Robert Hodgson, and George Brownell, are Chosen a Comittee, they or the major part of them and are hereby betrusted and

fully Impowered in the name and in the behalf of this Town: to Let, Set, or Lease out unto any person, or persons, for any term of years not Exceeding Seven, the Island Called Hog Island belonging to this Town or Such part thereof as is not yet by this Said Town already disposed off: and to Let, Set, or Lease out the Same, or Such part thereof, and for Such Rent and on Such terms as they the Said Committee, or the Said major part of them Shall agree on: All waies provided that there Shall be Reserved unto the free Inhabitants of this Town their wonted Liberty of takeing timber and fire wood from off the most part of Said Island

And in Case the Said Committee or major part of them Can not to their Satisfaction find how or to whome to Lease out the Same

Then in that Case they are hereby desired and Impowered to use their best Indeavour by possession or otherwise to maintain This Towns Right and Interrest therein untill the Town Shall further order

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held at the house of William Cory the 21<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> moneth 1680: voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted it is agreed that Hog Island May be Leased out as was ordered the last Towns meeting

voted John Sanford, John Brigs, and Francis Brayton, are chosen and added to the six men which by this Town at their meeting held the 27<sup>th</sup> of December last were chosen A committee concerning hog Island: and the Said nine men are hereby betrusted and fully Impowered, they or the major part of them to act and do in the name, and in the behalf of this Town concerning hog Island; according to that which by the Town at their said meeting was ordered to be done by the said Six men or major part of them

voted where as at a meeting of this Town the 12<sup>th</sup> of november last there were Cartain men chosen to make a Rate of two and twenty pounds, as was ordered by the Generall Assembly in may last and the persons appointed to make the said Rate, not having yet done any thing in the case, alledging the wants of Rule to act by; and the time then limited for to have made the said Rate being past; this meeting do now again appoint the Same men to make the Said Rate and to finish it within ten days next after this meeting: and for Rule in that Case it <sup>is</sup> ordered that all Lands Rateable in this Town Shall be valued <sup>as</sup> worth forty shillings the acre, and all horse Kind and Cattell which are above a year old, at forty shillings a piece and all swine above a year old, at six shillings apiece and sheep and lambs after the Rate of four pounds the score, and for all other Estate Rateable it is Left to the Rate makers to do according to their discretion in the valueing thereof. And it is further ordered that all persons concerned, on notice to them given by the Town serjeant Shall give in unto the Ratemakers or unto one or more of them: the number of <sup>the</sup> acres of their Lands and the numbe[ ] of their horses and mares and cattel of all sorts as above mentioned; and if any do willfully neglect or Refuse they are to forfeit twenty shillings unto the Town Treasury and the Ratemakers in that Case are to value the Estate of Such neglecting persons according to their discretions

voted this meeting is dissolved

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[178] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corry the 14<sup>th</sup> of the first moneth: 1681.

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

Lathum Clark	}	are Chosen deputies for the next Gen <sup>rl</sup> assemblies
William Wodell		
Peleg Tripp		
and Arther Cook		
Joseph Nicolson	}	are Chosen to serve on the Grand Inquest
and Hugh Parsons		
John Coggeshall	}	are Chosen to serve on on the next Jury of Tryalls
Samson Shearman		
and Richard Pearce		

voted Whereas at this meeting it hath been Represented the want of Some Survaiors on the Island Prudence in this Township to take a true and Exact view of all Cattell that shall be Transeported from off the Said Island which by Reason of distance from the late Chosen Survayers in this Town may be Neglected, and that the Said wholesom order of Survaying or veiwing all sorts of Cattell Transeported from this Town or any part thereof may be duely observed & maintained that Soe farr as may be damage may not acruē to the Inhabitants

It is ordered that for and untill the next Election of officers in this Town of Portsmouth m<sup>r</sup> William Allin and John pearce Both Inhabiting on Said Prudence Shall and have power as survayers to veiw and take a true account of all Cattell of what Sort Soever that Shall be from the Said prudance Island Transeported alwaies provided they the Said Allin and pearce Shall be together in and at the view and Survey of all Cattell Transeported

voted This meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the house of William Cory the 6<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1681.

voted major John Albro chosen moderator  
John Anthony chosen Town Clerke    Ingaged



William Cadman	}	Ingaged	are chosen to be on the Town Councill
William Wodell		Ingaged	
Latham Clarke		Ingaged	
John Sanford		Ingaged	
Peleg Tripp and John Borden		Ingaged	

William Wodell Chosen Town Treasurer Ingaged  
 Thomas manchester Chosen Town serjeant Ingaged

William Wodell	}	Ingaged	are chosen Constables
matthew Borden		Ingaged	
Joseph Tripp			
and Joseph Anthony		Ingaged	

william Wodell	}	are cohosen ouerseers of the poore and also	
Joshua Coggeshall		to take care that Strangers be not Enter-	
and William Cadman		tained in this Town but according to order	

John Sanford, John Anthony, John Kees, and Robert Lawton	}	are chosen survaiers of Cattell
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[179] Major John Albro	}	are Chosen they or the major part	
John Sanford		of them to Auditt the Town Treas-	
William Cadman		urers accounts and make Returne	
and caleb Arnold		thereof to the next Towns meeting	

voted There being by this Town a committee former chosen and Im-  
 powered concerning Hog Island, to Lett, Sett, or Lease out the  
 Same, or such part there of &c as by their acts bearing date  
 December the 27<sup>th</sup> 1680. and January the 21<sup>th</sup> 1680 may appear

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in which said acts or orders it not being so Clearly and fully  
 Expressed as it might have been, when the time of Such Lease  
 as by the Said Committee or major part of them, <sup>made in the behalf of the Town</sup> Shall begin to  
 take Effect, as to be the beginning of the term Leased for: Now  
 for Explanation of the mind and Intent of the Town in that  
 Respect it is hereby agreed and ordered that if the Said Com-

mittee or said major part of them Shall for certain years or time according to Said former order or orders Lease out unto any person or persons, the said Hog Island, or such part thereof as in said orders or in any of them is Expressed, that then the term of years or other time for which the Said Lease Shall be made; shall be accounted to begin the Twenty fifth day of march Last past before this meeting

voted This meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corry the 9<sup>th</sup> of the fifth moneth 1681 :

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted William Coggeshall Chosen Constable Ingaged

voted It is agreed and ordered that a Rate of Twenty pounds according to money Shall be Levied and assessed on the Estates of the free-men and Inhabitants &c in and belonging unto this Township that major John Albro, John Sanford, John Coggeshall, Peleg Tripp and William Wodell, are chosen and Impowered, they, or the major part of them to make the Said Rate, and to proportion it according to their discretion on the Estate in this Township as abovesaid, and that the Said Rate Shall within two-and Twenty daies next after this meeting be made and signed by the Said five men, or major part of them.

voted Thomas manchester Town Serjeant Shall have Twenty <sup>Shillings</sup> accord- ing to money payd him for more then ordinary Service done by him last year

voted John Anthony Shall have Thirty Shillings in or as money for his last years service done in being Town Clerk paid him by the Town Treasurer

voted This meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Cory the 29<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> moneth 1681.

voted George Lawton chosen moderator

voted John Sanford  
 Caleb Arnold  
 Arthur Cooke  
 and Gideon ffreeborne } are Chosen deputies for the next Gen-  
 erall assembly Siting at provid[ ]

voted William Cory  
 and ffrancis Brayton sen<sup>r</sup> } are chosen to serve on the nex  
 Grand Inquest [180]

voted Thomas Eaton  
 John manchester  
 and Thomas manchester Jun<sup>r</sup> } are Chosen to serve on the  
 next Jury of Tryals

voted for as much as here is great nessesity for Another Constable to  
 be Chosen in this Town matthew Grinell is chosen Constable  
 and Ingaged

voted This Town haveing at their meeting held the 6<sup>th</sup> of June Last,  
 appointed A Committee to Audit the accounts of their Treasurer  
 William Wodell and make Return thereof to the Town, which  
 they having now done, and the Said accounts being in this  
 meeting Read and accepted are ordered to be Kept in the Town  
 Clerks office amongst the Records and writings there belonging  
 to the Town.

voted William Allin and John Pearce Chosen surveyers for Prudence  
 untill the next Election of Town officers<sub>in this Towne</sub> according as they wear  
 at a meeting the 14<sup>th</sup> of the first moneth 1681.

voted this meeting is dissolved.

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth  
 at the house of the widow mary Cory the 6<sup>th</sup> of the first moneth  
 1682

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted William Cadman  
 Latham Clarke  
 Henry Brightman  
 William Wodell } are Chosen deputies for the next Gen<sup>l</sup>  
 assemblyes

Gideon ffreeborne } are Chosen to serve on the next Grand  
 Jacob mott } Inquest

Benjamin Shearman }  
 John Albro Jun<sup>r</sup> } are chosen to serve on the next  
 John Cooke Cap<sup>t</sup> Cooks Son } Jury of Tryals

voted that the overseers of the poore in this Town are hereby ordered  
 and Impowered to take Care for the maintainance of Job Haw-  
 kins according to their discession and the charge to be boren  
 by the Town

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free-Inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
 mouth at the house of the widow mary Cory on their Election  
 day the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1682

voted William Cadman Chosen moderator

voted John Anthony Chosen Towne Clerke Ingaged

voted major John Albro } Ingaged  
 William Wodell } Ingaged  
 Latham Clarke } Ingaged are Chosen to be on the Town  
 John Sanford } Ingaged Councill  
 John Borden } Ingaged  
 John Anthony } Ingaged

voted William Wodell Chosen Town Treasurer Ingaged

voted Thomas Jenings Chosen Town Serjeant Ingaged

voted Samson Shearman } Ingaged  
 John Albro Jun<sup>r</sup> } are chosen Constables  
 Daniel Lawton }  
 Joseph Anthony } Ingaged

voted William Allin of Prudence Chosen Constable

[181] voted Joshua Coggeshall } are Chosen overseers of the  
                   William Wodell } poore and to take Care that  
                   and William Cadman } Strangers be not Entertained  
   } in this Town but according  
   } to order

voted John Sanford }  
       John Anthony } are Chosen Survayers of Cattel  
       John Keese }  
       and Robert Lawton }

voted whereas there hath of Late been a Small difference between this Town and David Lake about fifty Shillings money pay which he in the year 1676 Received for Indians the Town accounting that of Right it Should have been by him Returned to them. and which by their Treasurer in the name and in the behalf of the Town of him was Demanded; but he accounting it his own Refused to make Return thereof yet now being present at this meeting, and for Issue of the difference offering that he having now in the hand of William Wodell the Sum of five and twenty Shillings and nine pence Like pay, the Town shall have that if they will accept of it in Lieu and in full of their Said Demand to which Said offer of his the Town do yield accepting of the said one pound five Shillings and nine pence in full of their Said demand to Say of the Said fifty Shillings hereby acquitting the said David in all Respects from further trouble or Charge Concerning the Same.

voted Thomas manchester Shall have three pounds and ten Shillings in or as money for his last years Service done in being Town Serjeant paid him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Sanford }  
       John Anthony } are chosen Survaiers of Cattell  
       John Keese }  
       and Robert Lawto }

voted John Anthony Shall have twenty Shillings in or as money

fo his Last years Service done in being Town Clerke paid him  
by the Town Treasurer  
voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
mouth at the house of the widow mary Cory the 28<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup>  
moneth 1682

voted William Cadman Chosen moderator

voted Gideon ffreeborne	}	are Chosen deputies for the next Gen'l assembly
Caleb Arnold		
Joseph Nicolson		
and Robert Hodgson		

voted mathew Borden	}	are Chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest
and Adam mott		

Robert Brownell	}	are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals
Thomas Waite		
and Giles Slocum Jun <sup>r</sup>		

voted matthew Grinell Chosen Constable and Ingaged  
voted This meeting is dissolved

[182] At a meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of  
Portsmouth at the house of the Widow mary Cory the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
the 12<sup>th</sup> moneth 1682

voted William Cadman Chosen moderator

voted the deputies This day chosen Shall Serve at both the next  
Courts

voted William Wodell	}	are Chosen deputies for the next Gen'l Assemblies
major John Albro		
Latham Clarke and		
Thomas Cornell		

voted ffancis Brayton Sen<sup>r</sup> } are chosen to serve on the next  
 and William Wilbur Sen<sup>r</sup> } Grand Inquest

John Coggeshall }  
 Jacob mott and } are chosen to serve on the next jury  
 Peleg Shearman } of Tryals

voted whereas William Ricketson hath petitioned this meeting for liberty to Erect and Set up a water mill for publick use, between the place where John Tylers mill Stood or near there unto between that and Gideon ffreeborns Land: And to that End to have Liberty to make a damm or dams and also to make such trench, or trenches as may be suitable in that Respect and also to grant him one acre of Land near there unto for his accomodation So long as he Shall Keepe and maintaine or Cause to be Kept and maintained a mill there This Town doe so farr Condescend to his Request that they are willing he Shall be accomodated if Conveniently it may be, And doe Referr the matter to the Judgment and determination of A Committee by this <sup>meeting</sup> to be chosen to view the place and seariously Consider the matter and the Town doe Empower the Said Committee or major part of them to act in the premises, and doe allow of Ratefy and Confirm what the Said Committee or major part of them Shall see Cause to doe there in to be as Authentick as if done by the whole Town

voted major John Albro, John Sanford, William Wodell, Caleb Arnold, George Brownell, John Tiler, and Benjamin Hall, are Chosen to be the Said Committee and are Impowered they or the major part of them to act as abovesaid and are desired to finnish if Conveniently they Can the abovesaid business by the Last of this moneth

voted William Earl hath liberty to build a wharf four Rod northwardly of from Abiel Tripps wharff

voted John Borden hath liberty to finnish his wharff

voted Abiel Tripp hath liberty to finnish his wharff

voted Joseph Anthony hath liberty to build a wharff Against the house which he now dwelleth in

voted that if any swine be found on this Towns Common which are above a quarter of a year old between the midle of march<sup>next</sup> and the Midel of June next after the owner hath Suffitient warning and doth not Take Some Spedy Cours with them any free [183] man hath libertie to Kill them Swine, Phillip Commig standeth propounded to be made a freeman in this towne

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of the Widow mary Cory on their Election day the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1683 voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Town Clerke Engaged

voted John Sanford	}	Engaged
Latham Clarke		Engaged
William Wodell who		Refusing in his Room was chosen Robert
		Hodgson and Engaged
		Chosen to be on the Town C <sup>u</sup> ncill
Peleg Tripp		Engaged
John Borden and John Anthony		Engaged

Caleb Arnold Chosen Town Treasurer who Refuseing in his Roome was Chosen John Anthony and Engaged

Thomas manchester Sen<sup>r</sup> chosen Town Serjeant and Engaged

Jacob mott Sen <sup>r</sup>	}	Engaged
matthew Borden		
John Keese		Engaged
and Gideon ffreeborne		Engaged



William Allin of Prudence Chosen Constable

Joshua Coggeshall	}	are chosen overseers of the poor and to take care that Strangers be not Entertained in this Town but according to order
William Wodell		
and William Cadman		

John Sanford	}	are Chosen Survayers of Cattel
John Anthony		
John Keese		
Robert Lawton		
and Robert Hodgson		

voted Thomas Jenings for his last years Service in being Town Serjeant Shall have three pounds ten Shillings in or as money paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer

voted major John Albro, John Sanford, and Caleb Arnold are Chosen they or the major part of them to Audit the accounts of William Wodell the Late Town Treasurer and make Return thereof to the next Town meeting

voted Philip Shearman, John Sanford, Latham Clarke, ffrancis Brayton Sen<sup>r</sup>, and John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup>, are Chosen and Impowred by the Town they or the major part of them to Lay out the highway two Rod wide begining at the Sea Side on the norwest Side of this Island at the head of William ffreeborns Lot and So to Run that bredth to the Common at the head of the Land Layd out to Ralph Earl deceased and to be accomplished as speedily as Conveniently may be

voted this meeting is dissolved

[184] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 14<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> moneth 1683 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

William Wodel	}	Chosen deputies for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> assembly at warwick
Caleb Arnold		
Arthur Cooke		
Latham Clarke		

John Sanford	}	Chosen deputies for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> assembly at Providence
Henry Brightman		
Peleg Tripp		
and John Coggeshall		

Robert Hodgson	}	Chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport
and Hugh Parsons		

Joshua Coggeshall	}	Chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport
William Wilbur Jun <sup>r</sup>		
and Thomas Eaton		

voted Robert Lawton Thomas Hassard Joseph Sheffeild and William Cory are all Taken in freemen of this Town

Job Almy Standeth propounded to be a freeman in this Town  
voted This meeting taking into Consideration the many services the Town Council have these severall years done for which they yet have had nothing Allowed in Compensation thereof wherefore it is hereby agreed and ordered that that money which is now already Come into the Treasury for Licences this present year Granted to ordinary-Keepers Shall be Equally divided Amongst them that are of the present Councill if they will accept thereof

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At a meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> moneth 1683 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted Richard Cadman Jacob mott Jun<sup>r</sup> and William Brouning are all Taken in freemen of this Town

voted Stephen manchester is taken in a freeman in this Town  
voted it is agreed and ordered that a Rate of Thirty pounds in or as money Shall be Levied and assessed on the Estates of the freemen and Inhabitants &c belonging unto this Township

voted William Wodell, Latham Clarke, Robert Hodgson, John Coggeshall and Thomas Wait, are Chosen and Impowered, they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and to proportion it according to their discretion on the Estate in this Township as abovesaid and that the Said Rate is within one moneth next after this meeting to be made and Signed by the Said five men, or major part of them

voted that the abovesaid Rate is to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before the Last of June next

William Ricketson and Daniell Eaton Standeth propounded to be made freemen in this Town

voted this meeting is Adjourned untill the 18<sup>th</sup> day of this instant January and then to meet again at the house of the Widow mary Cory

of the Town of Portsmouth

the free Inhabitants<sup>λ</sup> met according to Ajourment at the house [185] of the widow mary Cory the 18<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> moneth 1683:

voted it is Agreed and ordered that there shall be a book bought for the use of this Town to Record marriages births and Deceases in and the said book to be paid for by the Town Treasurer and that the Town Clerke Shall have six pence Apiece paid him for Recording Each marriage and three pence apiece paid him for Recording Each birth and Deceas in this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 10<sup>th</sup> of the first moneth 1684 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator  
 voted the deputies this day Chosen Shall Serve at both the next  
 Gen'l assemblies

William Wodell	}	are chosen deputies to attend the next Gen'l assemblies
Francis Brayton		
Caleb Arnold and Robert Dennis		
William Wilbur	}	are chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport
and John Borden		
Samuell Shearman	}	are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport
Abiel Tripp and		
Anthony Shaw		

voted that whereas in the year 1668 there was by this Town two  
 acres of Land on the windmill hill Exchanged with William Earl  
 and William Cory for two acres of Land in two other places; and  
 the Said William Earl and mary Cory being the present owners  
 of the Said two acres on the windmill hill and having now for  
 their more Conveniencie desired of this Town a Reexchanging  
 of the Said Lands that So the Said William Earl may have again  
 that acre which was by the Said Exchange Laid out to the Town  
 at the upper End or Corner of his Land, and mary Cory have the  
 other acre which the Town had in Said Exchange; and that the  
 Said two acres of Land on the windmill hill may be Returned to  
 the Town again: This meeting being willing to grant the Reason-  
 able Request and desires of the Said William Earl and mary  
 Cory Concerning the premises and to the End it may be Efected  
 William Wodell, and John Borden, both of this Town are desired  
 appointed and fully Impowered in the name and in the behalf of  
 this Town with the Said William Earl and mary Cory to make  
 and perfectly to Execute the Exchange of the Said Lands in  
 Such way and manner and by such writing or writings as to  
 them Shall seem needfull in the Case;

voted that if any Swine be seen a Killing of a lamb or Lambs

on this Towns Commons at any <sup>time</sup> hereafter; after the owner of Said swine hath Sufficient warning and doth not Take some Spedy and Efectual Cours with them to prevent the Same; any freeman hath Liberty to Kill them swine

voted that if any Dog or Dogs bitch or bitches be found Rambling from home without his master or Some of his masters ffamily with her him or them; any freeman hath Libertie to Kill Such Dogs or bitches

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[186] At a meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election day the 2<sup>d</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1684 at the house of the widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke Engaged

voted	William Wodell	}	Engaged
	John Sanford		Engaged
	Latham Clarke		Engaged
			are chosen to be on the Town Councill
	Robert Hodgson	}	Engaged
	John Anthony		Engaged
	and Peleg Tripp		Engaged

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged

voted Thomas manchester Sen<sup>r</sup> chosen Town Serjeant and Engaged

voted	matthew Borden	}	Engaged
	George Brownell		who Refusing in his Roome was
			chosen William coggeshall Engaged
	Jacob mott	}	are Chosen Constables
	and Joseph Anthony		Engaged

voted Thomas Brigs of Prudence chosen constable and Engaged

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- voted John Anthony  
Peleg Tripp  
and John Borden } are chosen overseers of the poore in  
this Town
- voted John Sanford  
John Anthony  
John Keese  
Robert Lawton  
and Robert Hodgson } are chosen surveyers of Cattle
- voted William Allin  
and Thomas Brigs } are chosen Surveyers of Cattle at  
Prudence Island

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
mouth the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> moneth: 1684: at the house of the  
Widow mary Cory

- voted major John Albro Chosen moderator
- Daniel Lawton  
Gideon ffreeborne  
George Sisson  
and Peleg Tripp } are Chosen Deputies for the next  
Gen<sup>rl</sup> assembly at Warwick
- Peleg Shearman  
and John Borden } are chosen to serve on the next  
Grand Inquest at newport
- Abraham Anthony  
Isaac Lawton  
and John Keese } are chosen to serve on the next Jury  
of Tryals at newport
- voted Thomas manchester for his Last years Service in being Town  
Serjeant Shall have three pounds ten Shillings in or as money  
paid to him by the Town Treasurer
- voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke  
Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him by the  
Town Treasurer
- voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of the Widow mary Cory the 12<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> month 1684

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted William Wodell, Peleg Tripp, Robert Hodgson, John Coggeshall, and Benjamin Shearman, are Chosen and Impowered they or the major part of them to make a Rate of Twenty Six pounds Seventeen Shillings and four pence according to money on the Rateable Estate of the inhabitants in this Township [187] which is assessed on this Town by order of the Generall assembly in october Last past and the Said Rate is to be made within 13 dayes after the Date of this meeting and forthwith to be Deliverd to the Town Clerk who Shall forthwith Transcribe the Same and Returne the originall with the copy to any one of the Assistants in this Town to be further Disposed of as Law Requireth

voted that nicolas Bown, and the Widow Hall are Excused, and not to be Rated in this present Rate

voted it being now Signified to this Town that major Peleg Sanford and others having procured something in writing as A confirmation or Enlargement of the Estate or Right of this Jsland with Jntention of good to both Towns on the Jsland and all the freeholders therein, And it being proposed to this Town that they will be pleased to appoint Some men as A Committee in the behalf of this Town to Jnspect the Said writing and to Consult and Advise with the procurers thereof, how the Estate therein and thereby procured may best be Conveyed to the Town in Generall, and to all perticular persons therein according to their Just Rights &c.

This meeting Do Agree to the Said motion and to the End abovesaid major John Albro, Philip Shearman, Peleg Tripp, Jchabod Sheffield, Robert Hodgson, John Sanford, and Latham clarke, are chosen A Committee and Desired in the behalf of

This Town (at Some Convenient time) to give A meeting unto Said major Sanford and the Rest with him Concerned as above-said, with them to Consult and Advise Concerning the premises, and to make Return to the Town at the next Town meeting, of their proceedings therein :

voted This meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 16<sup>th</sup> of the first month: 1685: at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

Latham Clarke	}	are chosen deputies for the next Gen <sup>l</sup> assemblys at newport
Henry Brightman		
John Coggeshall		
and Joseph nicholson		

Giles Slocum	}	are chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport
and William Wilbur		

John Pears mason	}	are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport
John Pears		
and John Cory		

voted the Deputies this Day chosen are to serve at the two next Gen<sup>l</sup> assemble[ ]

voted major John Albro, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sanford, m<sup>r</sup> Latham clarke, and m<sup>r</sup> John coggeshall they or the majo<sup>r</sup> part of them are by this Town of Portsmouth and on Said Towns behalf Chosen and Empowered a com̄ittee, to meet with those Seven Gen<sup>t</sup> the Late purchasers of the Remainders and Revertions of Rhode Jsland and if newport Towns-men be pleased to make choise of men to joyn with them; for the Drawing up and mak[ ] firm and Efectuall Deed or Deeds from the Said purchasers for the Confirmatio[ ] of Said purchass, unto all persons it Doth properly



belong unto; And if newport people Shall not see Cause to join in the premises the aforesaid committe[ ] proceed with the purchasers, on behalf of this Town and make Retu[ ] thereof to this Town and the Town to Except or Reject as they Shall see [ ]

[188] voted whereas at A meeting held the 10<sup>th</sup> of march 1684<sup>3</sup> on the desire of William Earll and Widow mary Cory, for<sup>the</sup> Re-Exchainging of two acres of Land, which in A meeting held in Aprill 1668. was Exchainged between this Town and William Earll, and the Deceased William Cory, and the Town on the searious Consideration of their motion at the aforesaid meeting the 10<sup>th</sup> of march Cosented to the desires of Said William Earll and mary Cory and appointed persons for the Efecting thereof. And it appearing that since there hath not been anything done therein by those appointed, and the Said partyes Still Desiring the performance thereof And on searious Consideration of the Aforesaid meetings conclusion therein, And preventing future trouble This meeting Do consent and it is ordered that the two acres of Land granted to Said Earll and cory is again accepted to be again properly the Towns And the two acres of Land that was to be by Said Earll and cory in leiw thereof to be Layd down to the Town; is Released and to be and Remain to the true proprietors thereof. without any trouble or mollestation from this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved:

At A meeting of the free inhabitants<sup>of the Town of Portsmouth</sup> on their Election Day the first of the 4<sup>th</sup> month: 1685: at the house of the widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Town clerke Engaged

- voted William Wodell } Engaged  
 Latham Clarke } who Refusing was chosen in his  
 Room John Borden Engaged  
 Peleg Tripp } Engaged  
 are chosen to be on the Town Council  
 Robert Hodgson } Engaged  
 John Anthony } Engaged  
 and John coggeshall } Engaged
- voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged  
 voted Thomas manchester Chosen Town Serjeant Engaged
- Samuell Shearman Engaged }  
 John Pearce in the Comfenc } are Chosen Counstables  
 Benjamin Hall Engageed }  
 and Daniell Lawton }
- voted Thomas Brigs of Prudence Chosen Counstable Engaged
- voted John Anthony }  
 Peleg Tripp } are chosen overseers of the poor  
 and John Borden }
- voted John Sanford }  
 John Anthony } are Chosen Surveyers of Cattel  
 John Keese }  
 Robert Lawton }  
 and Robert Hodgson }
- voted William Allin } are Chosen Surveyers of cattel at  
 and Thomas Briggs } Prudence Island
- voted major John Albro, Philip Shearman, John Sanford, Latham  
 Clarke, Robert Hodgson, Giles Slocum, Gideon ffreeborn, and  
 Benjamin Hall, they or the major part of them are by this Town  
 of Portsmouth and on Said Towns behalf Chosen and ffully  
 Empowred A committee, to meet with those Seven Gen!men  
 the Late purchasers of the Remainders and Revertions of Rhode  
 Island and if newport [189] Townsmen be pleased to make

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 Chse of men to Joyn with them; for the Drawing up and making  
 firm and Efectuall Deed or Deeds from the Said purchasers for  
 the Confirmation of Said purchase, unto all persons it Doth  
 properly belong unto; And if newport people Shall not see  
 Cause to joyn in the premises the abovesaid Committee or major  
 part of them to proceed with the <sup>said</sup> purchasers on behalf of this  
 Town fully to Jssue the Same and to make Return thereof to  
 this Town:

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth  
 the 14<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1685 at the house of the Widow mary  
 cory

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted matthew Borden  
 John Sanford  
 Thomas Cornell  
 and Giles Slocum } are chosen deputies for the next  
 Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly at providence

voted Joseph martain  
 and Joh<sup>s</sup>ua coggeshall } are chosen to serve on the next grand  
 Inquest at newport

voted John Cook son of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cook } are chosen to serve on the next  
 William Cory } next Jury of Trials at newport  
 and Stephen Brayton }

voted Thomas manchester for his Last years Service in being Town  
 Serjeant Shall have three pounds ten Shillings in or as money  
 paid to him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke  
 Shall have twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him by the  
 Town Treasurer

voted that the Town Councill Shall have one half of the Licence

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money this present year and the other half to the Treasurer for the use of the Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 30<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> month 1685 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

major John Albrosen moderator

voted it is agreed and ordered that A Rate of Thirty pounds in or as money Shall be Leavied and Assessed on the Estates of the freeinhabitants &c belonging unto this Township

voted William Wodell, Latham Clark, Robert Hodgson, John Coggeshall and Thomas Brigs of Prudence Jsland, are chosen and Impowred they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and to proportion it according to their discession on the Estate in this Township as Abovesaid and that the Said Rate is within one month next afte[ ] this meeting to be made and signed by the Said <sup>five</sup> men or major part of them and to be paid into the Town Treasury o[ ] or before the Last of June next

voted Daniel ffish and John ffish are Taken in freemen in this t[ ]

voted Thomas Townsend standeth propounded to be Taken in a free[ ] in this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[190] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 19<sup>th</sup> of the first month <sup>1686</sup> at the house of the widow mary Cory

voted major John Albrosen chosen moderator

voted William Wodell  
John Coggeshall  
Peleg Tripp  
and Robert Hodgson } are chosen Deputies for the next  
Generall Assemblys at newport

voted Gideon ffreeborne } are choses to serve on the next  
and William Coggeshall } Grand inquest at newport

Daniel Lawton }  
matthew Borden } are chosen to serve on the next  
and Thomas Hassard Jun<sup>r</sup> } Jury of Tryals at newport

voted whereas at a meeting of this Town the 30<sup>th</sup> of november Last there were certain men chosen to make a Rate of Thirty pounds in or as money and the Said men Appointed to make the Said Rate; not haveing yet done any Thing in the case; now is chosen and Impowred John Sanford, Latham Clarke, Robert Hodgson, John Coggeshall, and Thomas Brigs of Prudence Jsland they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and to proportion it according to their discession on all the Rateable Estate in this Township and that the Said Rate is within one month next after this meeting to be made and Signed by the Said five men or major part of them and to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before the Last day of June next:

voted Thomas Townsend is admited A freeman in this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A Town meeting of free inhabitants of Portsmouth the ninth Day of the second month (April) 1686 at the house of the Widow mary Cory

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted John Anthony Town clerk being Absent by Reason of Lame-ness William Wodell is appointed as Deputy clerk to supply his place in his Absence this meeting:

voted it is by this meeting Agreed that A Committee of Eleven men Shall be now presently chosen to Consider of, and to Endeavour what they Can to find out Some good and Convenient way how And to whom to devide the commons or vndevided Lands in this Township; And to make Return in writing to the Town at their

next meeting or Coming together, of what [191] they do in the case, for the Town then Either to accept thereof or other wise as they Shall see Cause.

voted the persons chosen to be of Said Committee are philip Shearman, major John Albro, Peleg Tripp, William Wodell, Jchabod Sheffield, George Brownel, John Sanford, Giles Slocum, Caleb Arnold, George Lawton, and Robert Dennis, who are desired, they or the major part of them to meet together and to take the premises into their serious Considerations, and to do what they can therein, and to Draw up their thoughts thereon, in writing, as to what they Judge <sup>most</sup> Sutable to be done in the Case, and the Same to present to the Town at their next coming together, in order to farther proceedings as abovesaid

voted William Wodell Junior, Thomas Potter, Stephen Cornell, nathaniel Potter Junior, and Robert ffish are all of them Admitted freemen of this Town.

voted This meeting is Adjourned untill the twentieth Day of this Instant month and then to meet together again in this place, at or near, nine a clock in the morning. According to adjournment At the Reemeeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the house of the Widow mary cory the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1686:

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election Day the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1686 at the house of the Widow mary Corey

voted George Lawton chosen moderator

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke Engaged

- voted William Wodell } who positively Refuseing in his Room  
 Robert Hodgson } was chosen John Borden Engaged  
 John Anthony } Engaged  
 Latham Clarke } are chosen to be on the Town councill  
 Peleg Tripp } who positively Refuseing in his Room  
 and Jchabod Sheffield } was chosen Gideon ffreeborn Engaged  
 Engaged  
 Engaged
- voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged  
 voted Thomas manchester chosen Town Serjeant Engaged
- voted Jacob mott }  
 matthew Borden } who positively Refuseing in his Room  
 William Wodell Jun<sup>r</sup> } was chosen Benjamin Hall Engaged  
 and Joseph Anthony } Engaged  
 are chosen constables
- voted Thomas Brigs of Prudenc Jsland chosen constable
- voted John Anthony }  
 Peleg Tripp } are chosen overseers of the poor  
 and John Borden }
- voted John Sanford }  
 John Anthony } are chosen Surveyers of cattell  
 John Keese }  
 Robert Lawton }  
 and Robert Hodgson }
- voted Thomas Brigs and Jeremiah Smith are chosen Surveyers of  
 cattell at Prudence Jsland - - [192]
- voted Thomas manchester for his Last years service in being Town  
 Serjeant Shall have 4 pounds in or as money paid<sup>to</sup> him by the  
 Town Treasurer
- voted John Anthony for his Last years service in being Town Clerke

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Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him by the  
Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
mouth the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1686 at the house of the Widow  
mary Cory

voted George Lawton chosen moderator

voted Thomas Townsend }  
Jsaac Lawton } are chosen deputies for the next  
Captain Robert Lawton } Gen'l assembly at Warwick  
and Latham Clarke }

voted Joshua Coggeshall }  
and William Wilbur } are chosen to serve on the next  
Grand Inquest at newport

voted George Sisson }  
Peleg Shearman } are chosen to serve on the next  
and William Burrington } Jury of Tryals at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
mouth the 14<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 1686 at the house of the  
Widow mary Corey 7

voted major John Albro Chosen moderator

voted Latham Clarke }  
and Daniel Lawton } are chosen to Serve on the next Grand  
Inquest at newport

voted Thomas Townsend }  
Thomas manchester Jun<sup>r</sup> } are chosen to serve on the next  
and Thomas Hassard Jun<sup>r</sup> } Jury of Trials at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved



At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 7<sup>th</sup> of the second month 1687 at the house of the Widow mary coreys

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted George Sisson  
William corey  
and John Keese } are chosen Counstables

voted George Brownell  
Benjamin Shearman  
Latham Clarke  
John Borden  
John Anthony  
Thomas Cornell  
and Peleg Tripp } are chosen Select-men

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voted ordered that Every man of this Town give in to the Select men Appointed A List of all there Inclosed Lands Cattell hors Kind Sheep and Swine all above a year old at or before munday next being the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant by 9 of the klok in the morning at the house of mary corey in order to be Rated according to warrant from the Treasurer and Such that Shall neglect or Refuse to bring in Such List as Abovesaid, it Shall and may be in the power of Said Selectmen to Asses annd Lay such valewation upon them as they or the major part of them Shall see Cause and all former constables to Remaine according to former order till the now chosen are Jngaged  
voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 29<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1687 at the house of the Widow mary corey

voted John Coggeshall Justice Chosen moderator

voted John Anthony, Peleg Tripp and John Borden are Im-  
powered to Sell that Land which was old Bulg[ ]s and the  
Incomes to be for this Towns use

voted Thomas manchester for his Last years Service in being  
Town Serjeant Shall have Three pounds and ten Shillings<sup>in or as money</sup> paid  
to him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town  
Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid to him  
by the Town Treasurer

voted Cap<sup>t</sup> Caleb Arnold, Thomas Townsend Shreif, John cogge-  
shall Justice, and John Anthony are chosen to Draw A Letter  
to Informe concerning hog Island and Employ a man to carey it  
to his Excelency and speack Concerning the premises for this  
Towns bennifitt and the Charge to be paid by this Town

voted This meeting is Dissolued

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
mouth the 12<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1687 at the house of the Widow  
mary Corey

voted John Coggeshall Justice chosen moderator

voted Peleg Tripp chosen Commissioner

voted Thomas Cornell,

John Anthony

John Borden

Giles Slocum

Jsaac Lawton

Latham Clarke

and Jerimiah Smith

} are chosen Select men

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voted John Anthony

John Borden

and George Brounell

} are chosen Surveyers of Cattell  
Sheep and Swine

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 24<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month 1687 at the house of the Widow mary Corys

voted major John Albro and John Borden are Chosen and Appointed to go to boston and Rightly Jnform his Exelency Concerning the affairs of hog Jsland for which now John Borden is Arrested

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth held the 10<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 168<sup>7</sup><sub>8</sub> at the house of William Corey

voted and it is agreed and ordered that a Rate of fifty pounds in or as money Shall be Levied and assessed on the Estats of the free inhabitants &c: belonging unto this Township

voted the Commissioner and Select men are Chosen and Jmpored they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and proportion 50 Rate it according to their discessions on the Rateable Estate in this Township as abovsaid and that the Said Rate is within Eight daies next after this meeting to be made and Signed by the Said commissioner and select men or major part of them and to be paid in to the Town Treasury on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of march next

voted that every freeholder belonging to this Township who desir it Shall have four acres of Land to plant sow or mow Staked out to them for the time of four years out of our undivided Land according to the discession of Peleg Tripp Latham Clarke and Giles Slocum or the major part of them who are Chosen and Appointed by vote to Stake out the Same as conveniently as may be and no mowing Land is to be Staked out Except any Small part happen to fall out in their Lot And the aforesaid Staked out Land to be Surrendered up and the possession Left to the ffreeholders of this Township of portsmouth at the Expiration of the Said time of four years and it is agreed that Every one to whom such a Lot is Staked

out he or they Shall make and maintain his or their Equall part or proportion of the fencing there unto belnging :

[195] Publique notice by his Exelencies command was given unto the Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth, they being Required to make there Rights Appeare before his Exelencie at boston by the 14<sup>th</sup> of this Jnstant month march of A certaine percell of Land petitioned for by Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Townsend Therefore, the Jnhabitants of the Said Town, being mett Together at the house of Richard Cadman in said Portsmouth on the second day of march 168<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> And there with an unanimus Consent Did make Choise of Eight persons, to Draw up an Answer for to make our Claimes and Rights Appear before his Exelency at Boston, unto the aforesaid Lands and all other our undivided Lands or commos the persons chosen are major John Albro, John Coggeshall, Christopher Almy, William Wodell Peleg Tripp, Robert Hodgson Latham clarke and Thomas Cornell, And also Christopher Almy and John Borden are nominated and Appointed to goe to Boston, to make our Claimes and Rights Appear unto the Aforesaid Lands before his Excelencie the Goven<sup>r</sup> in boston aforesaid, money being gathered for the use as abovesaid whereof Christopher Almy had four pounds and John Borden Twenty Shillings, and Six Shillings was Spent at newport by the Committee that was chosen

march the 26<sup>th</sup> day 1688

A Town meeting of the Jnhabitants of Portsmouth being mett together at the house of Richard Cadman in Said T[ ] by order form the Justices at their court of sessions [ ]d at newport the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1687 for to chuse men to make A County Rate of 41 pounds 6 shillings and Eight pence which is proporsioned and Assesed on the Said Town

voted Robert Hodgson, George Brownell, Robert Lawton, matthew

Borden, and Jsaac Lawton, are chosen they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate

Also it is Agreed at the same Town meeting and voted that A

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Rate of 25 in & as money shall be made and Assessed on the Jnhabitants of this Township of Portsmouth for the Releif of the poore and to pay this Towns debts money being due unto John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup> which he paid in the behalf of the Town and the Said Rate to be brought in and paid unto this Town Treasrer on or before the first day of July next; notice to be given unto the Jnhabitants by the Constables of Portsmouth who are to gather the same

voted that the above named persons who was Chosen before shall Also make this Rate by the Last day of Aprill next, if the Said Rate

be paid in grane or wooll Jndian corne at 2 <sup>*S*</sup> bushel barley

*S*  
at 2: 6<sup>d</sup> <sup>*S*</sup> bushel oats at 12<sup>d</sup> <sup>*S*</sup> bushel wooll at 7<sup>d</sup><sup>*d*</sup> <sup>*S*</sup> pound all to be good and merchantable according unto the price befor[ ] Sett

[196] At A meeting of the free Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 21<sup>st</sup> of the Third month 1688 at the house of Richard Cadman by order from the Governour and Council in Boston bearing Date the 17<sup>th</sup> of march: 1687:

voted Peleg Tripp Chosen Commissinor

voted John Borden

John Anthony

Thomas Cornel

Robert Hodgson

Giles Slocome

and matthew Borden

} are Chosen Selectmen

voted Daniel Lawton

Abraham Anthony

and John Keese - -

} are  
Chosen Constables

and Jeremiah Smith of Prudence Island Chosen constable

voted John Anthony chosen Town Clerke and Engaged

At A meeting of the ffreeinhabitance of the Town of Portsmouth  
the 9<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1689 at the house of William Corey

voted Christopher Almy chosen moderator

voted christopher Almy

Jsaac Lawton

Henry Brightman

and Samson Shearman

} are Chosen Deputies for the next  
Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly at newport

voted Latham Clarke

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a[ ]d Thomas manchester Jun<sup>r</sup>

} are chosen to serve on the next  
grand Inquest at newport

voted Robert Lawton

John Albro Jun<sup>r</sup>

and John Cooke Jun<sup>r</sup>

} are chosen to serve on the Jury of  
Trials next at newport

voted George Brownel

John Anthony

and William coggeshall

} are chosen veiwers of cattel and  
Sheep according to former order

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer

voted Thomas manchester Sen<sup>r</sup> is to have four pounds in or as money  
paid to him by the Town Treasurer for this present years Ser-  
vice in being Town Serjeant

voted ffrancis Brayton Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hassard and Peleg Shearman are  
chosen overseers of the poore

voted This meeting is Dissolved

[197] At A meeting of the ffree Inhabitants of the Town of  
Portsmouth the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month ffebruary 1689 ) At  
the house of William Cory in Said Portsmouth: 90)

voted John Coggeshall Chosen Clerke for that Day

voted George Lawton chosen moderator

Christopher Almy }  
 Jchabod Sheffield } are chosen Deputies for the next Gen-  
 Henry Brightman } erall Assembly to be held at newport  
 and Latham Clarke }

Jsaac Lawton }  
 and Giles Slocum } are Chosen to Serve on the next  
 Grand Inquest at newport

George Sisson }  
 William Cory } are chosen to serve on the next Jury  
 and Zuriel Hall } of Tryals at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
 mouth held at the house of William corey the 31<sup>st</sup> of the first  
 month 1690

voted Christopher Almy chosen moderator  
 the Court order Read

voted George Sisson }  
 Gidion ffreeborn } are Chosen Deputies for the next  
 Henry Brightman } Generall Assemblys to be held at  
 and Robert Lawton }

voted Christopher Almy George Sisson Henry Brightman and  
 Gideon ffreeborn are chosen and Impowred they or the major  
 part of them to Agree with James Talman or Some other Skilfull  
 man to Cure Ellin Broomer and the charge to be paid by the  
 Town provided it Doth not Exceed ten pounds and also to warn  
 Any Strangers out of this Township or Take Sufficient Security  
 to bear the Town harmless or Keep the Inhabitants thereof from  
 Charge

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[198] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of

Portsmouth on their Election Day the Second of the 4<sup>th</sup> month :  
1690: at the house of William Corey

- voted John Coggeshall Chosen moderator  
voted John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke Engaged  
voted Christopher Almy }  
George Sisson }  
Jchabod Sheffield } are chosen to be on the Town  
Peleg Tripp } Councill  
Giles Slocum }  
and John Borden }
- voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged  
voted Thomas manchester chosen Town Serjeant  
<sup>o</sup>voted Thomas Durfee } Egaged  
Samuell Shearman } are chosen constables  
and Jacob mott Jun<sup>r</sup>: } Engaged
- voted Jeremiah Smith of Prudence Jsland Chosen Constable Engaged  
voted Gideon ffreeborn }  
Jacob mott } are chosen overseers of the poor  
and matthew Borden }
- voted John Anthony }  
George Brownell } are chosen veiwers of Sheep and  
and William coggeshall } Cattle according to fformer order

whereas there is A Complaint to this meeting that their is  
Severall persons in this Township that hath Taken in Comon  
Therefore in consideration whereof it is voted and wee do hereby  
nominate Choose appoint and Impower major John Albro, John  
coggeshall cap<sup>tn</sup> christopher Almy, Peleg Tripp, and John Keese  
A committee they or the major part of them to Enquire and  
Search into the matter and Rectifie the Same and cause the Said  
Commons to be Laid open according to the Discretion of the  
Said com̄ittee or the major part of them And the Said Com-



mittee having Given Every perticular Defective person Sufficient warning within convenient time they and Every of them Shall Lay the Said commons open on or before the first Day of march next upon the penalty of the fforfiture of one Shilling for Every Rod of Land So detained or not Layd open to be paid into the Town Treasure and their fences Standing on the Said Land Shall be Thrown Downen and the Said committee to have Reasonable Satisfaction by the Town Treasurer according as the Town Shall See Cause

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[199] At A meeting of the ffree Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 2<sup>d</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1690: at the house of William Corey

voted John Coggeshall Chosen moderator

voted this meeting is Ajorned untill the first Day of August next and then to Appear at the house abovesaid

At A meeting of the ffree Jnhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 22<sup>d</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1690: at the house of William Corey

voted John Coggeshall chosen moderator

voted George Sisson	}	are Chosen Deputies for the next Gen-
Peleg Tripp		erall Assembly to be held at Ports-
Giles Slocum and		mouth and also for the next Generall
Jehabod Sheffield		Assembly to be held at Providence

voted matthew Borden	}	are chosen to serve on the next
and Samson Shearman		Grand Jnquest at newport

voted Thomas manchester Jun<sup>r</sup> }  
 John Cooke Jun<sup>r</sup> and } are chosen to Serve on the  
 William Burrington } next Jury of Tryals at new-  
 port

voted it is agreed and ordered that A Rate of Twenty pounds or there about in or as money Shall be Leavied and Assessed on on the Estats of the free inhabitants &c belonging unto this Township

voted Christopher Almy, Robert Lawton, Thomas Cornell, Giles Slocum and Zuriell Hall, are Chosen and Impowred they or the major part of them to make the Said Rate and to proportion it according to their Disscession on the Estate in this Township as abovesaid and that the Said Rate is within Three weeks next after this meeting to be made and Signed by the Said five men or major part of them and to be paid in-to the Town Treasury on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> of September next and what is paid in grain Js to be Jndian Corn at 2<sup>s</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel barley at 2<sup>s</sup>-3<sup>d</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel oats at one Shilling  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel and Sheeps wool at 8<sup>d</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  all to be good and merchantable

voted This meeting is Dissolved

[200] At A meeting of the ffre inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corey the 14<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> month 1690:

voted John Coggeshall Chosen moderator

voted George Lawton Jun<sup>r</sup> Taken in a freeman in this Town

voted Robert Lawton, Giles Slocum, Gideon ffreeborn, George Lawton Jun<sup>r</sup>, and William Corey, are Chosen they or the major part of them to make a Rate of Sixty pounds according to A Generall Assemblies order in may Last past the Said Rate is to be made and proportioned on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of this Instant and Signed by the Said five men or major part of them and Return thereof to be made to the Generall Treasurer of this Colony and also to make A Town Rate of About Twenty pounds according

to the Town order the 22<sup>d</sup> of August Last past the Said Town Rate is to be made and proportioned on or before the first Day of December next and Signed by the Said five men or major part of them and to be paid into the Town Treasury on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of December next

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the house of William Corey the 30<sup>th</sup> of the ffirst month: 1691 :

voted John Coggeshall Chosen moderator

voted Henry Brightman  
Latham Clarke  
William Coggeshall  
and John Keese - } are Chosen Deputies for the next Gen<sup>rl</sup> Assembly and Election to be held at newport

voted William Wilbur  
and William Burington } are chosen to Serve on the next Grand Inquest

voted John Wilbur  
Joseph Cooke  
and John Shreve } are Chosen to Serve on the next Jury of Tryals

voted this meeting is Dissolved

[201] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the first Day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1691 : at the house of William corey

voted Robert Lawton chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Town Clerke Engaged

voted Giles Slocum Engaged  
George Sisson Engaged  
George Lawton Jun<sup>r</sup> Engaged  
John Ward Engaged  
Jsaac Lawton  
and Gideon ffreeborn Engaged } are chosen to be on the Town Council

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged  
 voted William Burington chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

voted Robert ffish  
       John Wilbur  
       and Joseph Cooke } are Chosen Constables

voted William Allin of Prudence Island Chosen Constable

voted Jacob mott  
       Thomas Durfee  
       and Thomas Cornell } are chosen overseers of the poore and  
                                   to Take care that Strangers is not  
                                   chargable to the Town

voted John Anthony  
       George Brownell  
       and William Coggeshall } are chosen veiwers of Cattle and  
                                   Sheep according to former order

voted Thomas manchester for his Last years Service in being  
 Town Serjeant Shall have Three pounds in or as money paid to  
 him by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony for his Last years Service in being Town  
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 by the Town Treasurer

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
 moth the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 169<sup>1</sup> at the house of  
 William Corey

voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator

voted that Benjamin Hall Shall have four pounds according to  
 money paid unto him <sup>for</sup> Keeping Lodging and Looking to of Ellin  
 Bromer Three month from the date of this meeting by this Town

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth  
 at the house of William Corey the 29<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 1691

voted Robert Lawton Chosen moderator

voted Christopher Almy  
Giles Slocum  
Isaac Lawton  
and Thomas Durfee } are chosen deputies for the next  
Gen<sup>rl</sup> Assembly and Election to be  
held at newport

voted Samson Shearman  
and Daniel Lawton } are Chosen to Serve on the next  
Grand Inquest at newport

voted Peleg Shearman  
William Corey  
and nathaniel Potter Jun<sup>r</sup> } are Chosen to Serve on the next  
Jury of Trials at newport

voted this meeting is Dissolved

**[202]** At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 28<sup>th</sup> of the first month 1692 at the hous of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator

voted that John Hix hath A quarter of An Acre of Land or Less Lent unto him to make A garden for the time of ffive years from the Date hereof in the common fence near Joseph Anthonys old house and then to Resigne it unto the Town Again And Thomas Hix Joseph Anthony and Thomas Durfee Jun<sup>r</sup> is to Lay it out So that it may not Damnifie any highway

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At at a meeting of the ffree inhabitan of the Town of Portsmouth on ther Election Day the 6<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1692 at the house of William Corey

voted Giles Slocum Chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Town clerke Engaged



oted Giles Slocum Chosen moderator

oted this meeting is Dissolved

**[203]** At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 22<sup>d</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1692 at the hous of William corey

voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator

voted John vaughan and Peleg Shearman are Admitted free-men in this Town

voted William Wilbur } are Chosen to serve on the next  
and William Earl } Grand Inquest at newport

voted John vaughan } are chosen to serve on the next  
Thomas Rimington } Jury of Tiyals at newport  
and Joseph Sheffield }

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 10<sup>th</sup> of the first month 169 $\frac{2}{3}$  at the house of William Corey

voted Giles Slocum chosen moderator

voted matthew Borden } are chosen to Serve on the next  
and Daniel Lawton } Grand Inquest at newport

voted John Wilbur } are chosen to Serve on the next  
Samson Shearman } Jury of Tryals at newport  
and John Shreve }

voted and ordered that if any Ram be found on the common from the 10<sup>th</sup> of August to the 10<sup>th</sup> of november it Shall be Lawfull for any Towns man to geld Such Ram or Rams

voted This meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 12<sup>th</sup> of the Second month 1693 at the house of William corey

voted Giles Slocum Chosen moderator

voted George Lawton Jun <sup>r</sup>	}	are chosen Deputies for the next Generall Assemblies at newport
William Earll		
Peleg Shearman		
and Thomas cornell —		

voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 8<sup>th</sup> of the first month 169<sup>4</sup><sub>5</sub> at the house of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator

voted Isaac Lawton	}	are chosen Deputies for the next Generall Assemblies at newport
Latham Clarke		
George Lawton		
and William corey		

voted Daniell Lawton	}	are chosen to serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport
and Joseph cooke		

voted matthew Borden	}	are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport
Thomas manchester		
and John Corey — —		

voted This meeting is Dissolved

[204] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election Day the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month at the house of William corey

voted major John Albro chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Town clerke Engaged



- voted George Sisson ) Engaged  
 George Lawton Jun<sup>r</sup> )  
 Isaac Lawton ) Engaged  
 John Coggeshall ) are chosen to serve on the Town  
 John Ward Engaged ) counsell  
 and Thomas Durfee ) Engaged
- voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
- voted John Tripp chosen Town serjeant Engaged
- voted John manchester ) Engaged  
 Joseph Sheffield ) Engaged  
 and John Strainge Jun<sup>r</sup> ) are chosen constables
- voted William Allin of Prudence Island Chosen Constable
- voted John Anthony )  
 George Brownell ) are chosen veiwers of Cattle ac-  
 and George Tripp ) cording to former order
- voted John Anthony Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money for  
 his Last years Service in being Town Clerke paid unto him by  
 the Town Treasurer
- voted John Tripp Shall have Thirty Shillings in or as money for his  
 Last years Service in being Town Serjeant paid unto him by  
 the Town Treasurer
- voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Ports-  
 mouth the 10<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> month 1693 at the house of William  
 Corey

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator

voted there is A Rate of 20 <sup>℥</sup> in or as money to be made and Levied on  
 all the Rateable Estate in this Township  
 Giles Slocum Latham Clarke, William Corey Thomas Durfee  
 and John Anthony are chosen they or the major part of them

to make the Said Rate and proportion it on all the Inhabitants in this Township on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of this Instant month according to their Discretion So that it Shall be by Every particular person brought or paid in unto the Town Treasurer on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of December next after the Date hereof  
 voted this meeting is dissolved

**[205]** At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William corey the 12<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 169 $\frac{3}{4}$

- voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator  
 voted John Sanford son of Samuel Sanford is Admitted A freeman in this Town  
 voted William Arnold and Thomas Cooke are Admitted freemen in this Town  
 voted John Anthony is Admitted A freeman in this Town  
 voted Jeremiah mott is Admitted A freeman in this Town  
 voted John Tripp is Admitted a ffreeman in this Town  
 voted there Shall be A commitee chosen they or the major part of them are hereby ffully Impowered to Audit This Towns accounts with John Borden concerning hog Island So that it may be ffree to be disposed for the Towns bennifitt  
 voted major John Albro, Caleb Arnold, Henry Brightman George Brownel John Anthony Benjamin Hall William corey William Wodell and John coggeshall are chosen the abovesaid Com- mittee And the Said commitee or major part of them Shall and have full power to Lay out the Lands on the South Side between the Widow Lays and the Land in Nicholas Browns possession; into Small Lots for the Inlargement of the Town to be disposed of according to the discretion of the Said Com- mittee or major<sup>part</sup> of them for the accomodating of the free inhabitants [ ] Strangers. Especially the Inhabitants before

strangers And those persons that Shall have Lots granted or Settled there Shall have no Right or priviledge in any of the undivided Land in this Township by vertue of Said Lots And also the Said Commitee is to draw up A method ho[ ] to dispose of the undivided Land in this Township and make Returne thereof unto the next Town meeting

voted the abovesaid Commitee or major part of them are to act and performe the abovesaid premises

voted that the Town Treasurer shall deliver unto William Potter A Sufficient quantity of money or moneys worth for the Supply and maintainance of Ellin Bromer

voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of portsmouth at the house of William Corey the 22<sup>th</sup>\* of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 169<sup>3</sup><sub>4</sub>

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator

voted Thomas Durfee  
George Sisson  
William Wilbur  
and John Ward } are chosen deputies for the next General Assemblies at newport

voted Benjamin Shearman  
and Latham Clarke } are chosen to Serve on the next Grand Inquest at newport

[206] voted William Arnold  
John Sanford Samuel Sanfords Son  
and Thomas Durfee Jun<sup>r</sup> } are chosen to serve on the next Jury of Tryals at newport

voted John Borden Shall have Seven pounds Sixteene Shillings and Six pence paid unto him by This Towns Treasurer in or as money which we find is his due concerning hog-Island according to his account

\* Either 22<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>d</sup>. First entry changed.

Wee of the Comētee Chosen at A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on Rhode Island at the house of William Cory the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 169 $\frac{3}{4}$  to Lay out the South-side Into Small Lots and also to consider and draw up in wrighting some fare honest & Legall method and convenient way for deviding all or part of y<sup>e</sup> Rest of our undevided Lands in this Township in such maner And proportions as wee in our understandings Shall Think most Convenient, In persuance of Said order wee have Severall times met And having considered the premises, wee cannot Satisfie our Selves that any fare and Legall corse can be for deviding y<sup>e</sup> whole by Reason of Some watring places for Cattell and other generall Conveniencies to y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of Said Town, but having Sarched the booke of Records doe finde that the fformer way & method hath been to grant to pertickuler persons in Said Town and Therefore wee Think it the most convenient way, first to grant to Every free inhabitant that is A present freeholder y<sup>e</sup> quantety of Twelve Acres of Land at the Least. and more According to quallity and to be Aded Adjoyning to Each freehold where it may be done without prejudece to their neighbours, and where it cannot be Joyned to the freehold, then to be Layd out to such in y<sup>e</sup> neerest Convenient place that may bee: And as for Such persons as have Land in this Township and are not present freinhabitants and y<sup>e</sup> proper owners of s<sup>d</sup> Land comes to make demand for their Rights in y<sup>e</sup> undivided Land they Shall be considered and have their part according to y<sup>e</sup> discession and Judgment of the comētee or disposers of Land or the major part of them that Shall be chosen & appointed to act and doe in the premises herein declared: wee Think it Convenient that the Town choose A survaior with two or three able men to Assist him in Lay-ing out Said Land Equally and Justly according to quallity that noe free holder may be wronged. And that Every person or persons that hath his Land Layd out pay two Shillings pr Acre According to the former custom in Said

Town, for to defray the Charge of Survaing and Laying out. And the Said money to be paid into this Town Treasury for to defray any other Charges that may Arise in this Town: The above written is voted

voted major John Albro chosen surveyer to Survey the above mentioned Land and Lay it out according to voat

voted George Brownel, William Wodell, and George Sisson, are Chosen to be helpfull to the abovesaid surveyer in Laying out the above written proportions of Land according as it is their Directed

voted this meeting is dissolved: Latham Clarke, Gidion ffreeborn, and Giles Slocum doe utterly protest Against the proceeding of this meeting concerning Laying out of any of our undivided Land in this Township

**[207]** At A meeting of the ffreeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth on their Election day the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1694 at the house of William corey

voted Giles Slocum chosen moderator

voted John Anthony chosen Towne clerke Engaged

voted	George Sisson	}	Engaged
	George Lawton		Engaged
	Latham Clarke		Engaged
	John Ward		Engaged
	Isaac Lawton and William Earll		Engaged
			are Chosen to Serve on the Town Councill

voted John Anthony <sup>chosen</sup> Town Treasurer Engaged

voted John Tripp chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

- voted John Sanford Son of Samuel Sanford  
John Keese  
and John Shreve are chosen Constables
- voted Daniel Pears of Prudence Island chosen A constable
- voted William Earll  
John Tripp  
John Anthony  
and James Akin } are Chosen Surveyers
- voted John Tripp Shall have fifty Shillings for his Last years service  
in being Town serjeant in or as money paid unto him by the  
Town Treasurer
- voted John Anthony Shall have Twenty Shillings in or as money  
for his Last years Service in being Town clerke paid unto him  
by the Town Treasurer
- voted this meeting is Dissolved

At A meeting of the freeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 17<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1694 at the house of William Corey: voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator

- voted Isaac Lawton  
Latham Clarke  
George Lawton  
and William corey } are chosen deputies for the next  
Generall Assembly at newport
- voted John Ward  
and John vaughon } are chosen to Serve on the next  
grand Inquest at newport
- voted Robert ffish - - - -  
Benjamin Shearman  
and Thomas Townsend } are chosen to serve on the next  
Jury of Tryals at newport
- voted this meeting is dissolved

At A meeting of the freeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 17<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 169 $\frac{5}{4}$  at the house of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman Chosen moderator  
voted Hog Island Shall be Divided  
voted this meeting is Dissolved

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[Here cease the records of town meetings, with the exception of a few, chiefly of later date, that are scattered through the remainder of the book, among deeds, wills, births, marriages, ear-marks, etc.

For the dates of such meetings, see the table at the beginning of this volume.]

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
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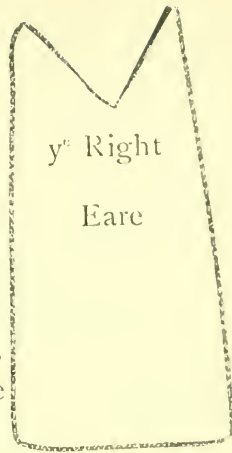
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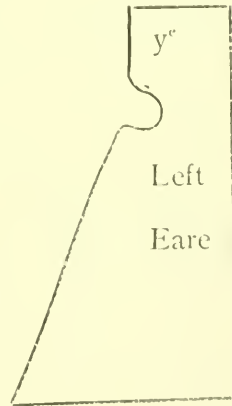


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The Ear marke of the Cattell of  
 A nick or halfpenney under  
 formerly the Widow Port  
 and Recorded the 10<sup>th</sup> of the  
 By me John Anthon

[221]

of George Lautons his Cattell  
 Right Eare and a hapeny  
 de of y<sup>e</sup> same Eare of 26 years  
 red vpon Record ——— nouember  
 e Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

marke of Nathainll Potters his Cattell  
 one both Eares and a hapeny one the  
 f Either Eare of 7 yeares standinge  
 ed vpon Record this 29<sup>th</sup> of november 1667  
 e Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

the marke of y<sup>e</sup> Cattell of Ackabut potter  
 in y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare & a slitt downe in y<sup>e</sup>  
 itt in the left Eare & a hapeny vnder  
 yeares standinge and Entred  
 is 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1667  
 ard Bulgar towne Clarke

marke of philip Longs his  
 op one the Right Eare and  
 wne in y<sup>e</sup> Croke and two nicks  
 the tope of y<sup>e</sup> same Right Eare  
 y vnder the same one the vnder  
 the same Right Eare and a hapeny  
 er side of y<sup>e</sup> left Eare  
 pon Record this 29<sup>th</sup> of november  
 by me Richard Bulgar towne  
 this marke is of 2 yeares standinge

ke of Joseph martins his Cattell  
 both Eares two Nicks vnder  
 e two slets in y<sup>e</sup> top of y<sup>e</sup>  
 15 years standinge and  
 Record the 29<sup>th</sup> of november  
 Richard Bulgar towne

[222] The Eare marke of da  
 is a Crop one Eatch  
 one the hinder side of y  
 standinge and Entred  
 of November 1667 by  
 towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Lefftenant Albr  
 is a Croke one y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare about the  
 midle of y<sup>e</sup> Eare & a slitt downe from y<sup>e</sup>  
 Croke to y<sup>e</sup> Rout of y<sup>e</sup> same Eare, and a  
 hapeny one the fore side of y<sup>e</sup> Left Eare  
 of Nere vpon 30 yeares Standinge and  
 Entred vpon Record the 30<sup>th</sup> of novemba  
 1667 by me Richard Bulgar towne  
 Clarke

Put to James  
 Albro May 18<sup>th</sup> 1830  
 The Eare marke of Samwell Albro  
 is a Crop one y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare about  
 of y<sup>e</sup> same Eare and a slitt downe the  
 the Rout of y<sup>e</sup> Eare, and two hapen  
 fore side of y<sup>e</sup> left Eare of 4 ye  
 and Entred vpon Record the 30<sup>th</sup> of  
 1667 by me Richard Bulgar t  
 Clarke

The Eare marke of Gersham wodell  
 Cattell is a Crope one the left E  
 a Nick behinde vnder the Crop  
 hapene one the fore side of  
 Eare Close to the head of 5  
 standinge and Entred vpon R  
 30<sup>th</sup> of novembar 1667 by  
 Richard Bulgar towne C  
 to distinguish betwen the Eare  
 his Cattell, and the aboue writen  
 wodell his Cattle the said Ger  
 former Eare marke a whole i  
 Eare markes formerly beinge  
     Entred this 16th of  
     by me Richard  
     towne Clarke

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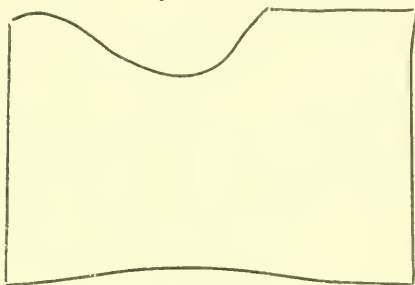
    marke of Icabod<sup>h</sup> Shefelds  
 op one the Right Eare &  
 vnder side of the same  
 t of y<sup>e</sup> Eare & a hinder  
 left Eare of 16 yeres  
 Entred vpon Record the  
 november 1667 by me Richard  
 lgar towne Clarke

The Eare marke of m<sup>r</sup> Calleb Arnold his Cattell is a holl in Each  
 Eare of 3 yeres standinge and Entred vpon Record the 30<sup>th</sup> of  
 Novembar 1667 by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

the Eare marke of Richard Hart his Cattell is two Crops a little  
 hollow doune ward of 12 yeres Standinge and Entred vpon  
 Record the second of december 1667 by me Richard Bulgar  
 towne Clarke

The Eare marke of John Tripp Senyor  
 is a Crop on y<sup>e</sup> Left Eare & a holow  
 utt in at y<sup>e</sup> Crop & a hapeny one the  
 e side of y<sup>e</sup> same Eare vnder

Crope of Nere vpon 30  
 res standinge and  
 red vpon Record the  
 nd day of december  
 by me Richard  
 towne Clarke



e Cattell of Thomas Brayton is A Crop on the  
 Slopt of from the hinder part of the Said Crop  
 own the midle of the Left Ear with A  
 Same Entred and Recorded the 26<sup>th</sup>  
 th 1705 ¶ me John Anthony Town Cle

[224] The Eare marke of John Antho

Cattell is a hole in y<sup>e</sup> left Eare and a Crop  
 Right of 30 yeares Standinge and  
 and Entred vpon Record this second  
 december 1667 by me Richard Bu  
 towne Clarke

The Eare marke of william Earls Cattell is a  
 hapeny vnder the side of y<sup>e</sup> further Eare a  
 a slitt one the Nere Eare of 12 yeares stand  
 and Entred vpon Record by me Richard Bulg  
 towne Clarke December y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1667

The Earemarke of John Tyler his Cattell  
 is two holes through the Right Eare one aboue  
 an other, and a Nicke one the Nether side o  
 the same Eare nere the Rooute of the Eare  
 the left Eare no marke at all this is the

Eare marke of all his Cattell and Ent  
Record the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 1667 and  
standinge by me Richard Bulgar town

The Eare marke of Lewes Matex his C  
a Crop one the left Eare and a Slitt in th  
middle of y<sup>e</sup> Croke with a bitt taken out  
fore side of the same Eare against y<sup>e</sup> slitt  
Entred vpon Record this 12<sup>th</sup> of december 1  
this was henry percey his marke

By me Richard Bulgar  
towne Clarke

The Eare marke of william halls his C  
a Crop one the Right Eare and the  
flower deluce one the left Eare of 3  
yeres standinge and Entred vpo  
Record the 12th of december 16  
me Richard Bulgar towne

[225]

e marke of the Cattell of frances  
ton is a Crop vpon the Right Eare  
no other marke of 26 yeres standinge  
d Entred vpon Record the 13<sup>th</sup> of december  
667 by me Richard Bulgar towne  
Clarke

The Eare Marke of the Cattell of daniell Lawtons Cattle is two  
Nicks behinde the left Eare and one Nick one the fore side of  
y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare of 4 yeres standinge and is Entred vpon Record  
this 16<sup>th</sup> of Janauary 1667 by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke  
the abovesaid Daniel Lawton hath assigned the abovesaid Ear  
marke unto his Son Thomas Lawton to be his proper Earmark

Entered by me John Anthony Town Clerke  
the 3<sup>d</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> moneth 1684



The Eare marke of Samuell Sanfords Cattle  
is a ffore gad one the Right Eare and one the  
left Eare two hapenes one before and the  
r behinde y<sup>e</sup> Eare of 12 yeares standinge  
is Entred vpon Record this 16<sup>th</sup> of Janauery  
67 by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

Eare marke of Hugh Mosher his Cattell is  
o hapenis before vpon the Right Eare and one hapeny  
ne the left Eare before of seuen yeares Standinge  
and is Entred vpon Record this 19<sup>th</sup> of february 1667  
or 68

By me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Joshuah Coggshall his Cattell is a Croke  
one both Eares it beinge his ffathers marke and is Entred vpon  
Record this 9<sup>th</sup> of march 1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

[226] The Eare Marke of Thomas Cooke Sen<sup>r</sup> his Cattle is a  
Crop one the left Eare, and a hapeny vnder the lower side of the  
same Eare, and a Slitt one y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare of 26 yeares Standinge  
or there abouts and is Entred vpon Record this 9<sup>th</sup> of march  
1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

The Eare Marke of Joseph Houldersbe his Cattell is two halfe  
dimonds Cutt in to y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare of one weke Standinge and is  
Entred vpon Record this 9<sup>th</sup> day of march 1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

The Eare Marke of Thomas Cooke Jun<sup>r</sup> his Cattell is a Croop one y<sup>e</sup> left Eare and a Slitt in y<sup>e</sup> Crop and a hole in y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare of 20 yeares Standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 9th day of march 1667 or 68

By me Richard Bulgar  
towne Clarke

The Eare Marke of Daud Ackan his Cattle is a Crop one the Right Eare and a slitt in the same Eare, and a hapeny vnder the left Eare of three yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 25<sup>th</sup> day of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

The Eare marke of mi<sup>s</sup> Rebecka Cornell is a Crop one the left Eare, and a slante pece Cutt of behinde the Right Eare of 28 yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 25th day of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

[227] The Eare Marke of Thomas Cornell his Cattell is a Crop on the left Eare and a hapeny behind it two hapenes one the Right Eare on behinde and the othere before of 15 yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 25 day of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Gyles Slocom is a Crope in the Right Eare, and a hapeny vnder the same one the same Eare, with a Slitt in the left Eare and a hapeny vnder of thirty yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 25th day of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

The Eare Marke of the Cattell of William Woods is a Croop on the Right Eare and a fore gad on the left Eare and two Nicks vnder one the hinder side of y<sup>e</sup> left Eare of 12 yeares standinge or there abouts and is Entred vpon Record this 25th of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

The Eare marke of John Cooke his Cattell is a Crophe one the left Eare and a hapene vnder the Crop one the vnder side of y<sup>e</sup> Eare and a slitt one the Right Eare and a hapeny before or one the fore side of the same Eare of 14 yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 28 day of aprill 1668 By me

Richard Bulgar towne  
Clarke

The Earemarke of Thomas woods his Cattell is the left Eare a Croop and a flower deluce one the Right Eare of 14 yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 28 of aprill 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar Towne  
Clarke

[228] The Eare Marke of Joseph Tripp his Cattell is a Croope one y<sup>e</sup> Left Eare and a hapeny one y<sup>e</sup> fore part of y<sup>e</sup> left Eare and a Slitt downe y<sup>e</sup> midle of y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare of halfe a yeares standinge and Entred vpon Record the 12<sup>th</sup> of Octobar 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar  
towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Nicklas Browne Senyor his Cattell is a slitt downe one both Eares and no more of twenty Nine yeares standinge and is Entred vpon Record this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1668 by me

Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

The Eare marke of Thomas manchestar his Cattel is a Croke one the Left Eare and two Nicks one y[ ] hinder side of y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare of 20 ye[ ] standinge and Entred vpon Record this 29 of march 1669

By me Richard bulgar  
Towne Clarke

The Ear marke of the cattel of Daniel Lawton Jun<sup>r</sup> is A nick or peice cut<sup>out</sup> under the Left Ear with A Crop on the Same Ear it being fformely belonging unto William Wodel Sen<sup>r</sup> Deceased Entred and Recorded ¶ me John Anthoy<sup>n</sup> Town Clerke the 12<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1701

[229] The Eare marke of Daud lake his Cattell is a Croke on the Nere Eare with a small Slit one the fore side of y<sup>e</sup> same Eare of 3 yeres standinge and Entred vpon Record this 29<sup>th</sup> of march 1669

by me Richard Bulgar  
towne Clarke

The Eare marke of John Lightfoots Cattell is a Crop one the Right Eare and a hapene taken of from the hindermust side the whole length of y<sup>e</sup> left Eare of on yeares Standinge and Entred vpon Record y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> of aprill 1669

by me Richard Bulgar  
towne Clarke

The Ear mark of Thomas Hixes Cattel is A Slit in the Right Ear and A halfpenney under the Left Ear of one year and Seven months Standing Entred and Recorded the 30<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> month 1703 ¶ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Benjamin Chase is A Crop on the Left Ear and A Slitt in the Right Ear with a halfpenney under the Same Entred and Recorded the 3<sup>d</sup> of the ffirst month 170<sup>3</sup> ¶ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Thomas Jefferrey is Three Slits in the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 13<sup>th</sup> of the first month 1704  $\text{P}$  me John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattell of Isaac Lawton Son of Dni ll Lawton is two nicks under the Left Ear and a hindgad <sup>on</sup> the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 14<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1704  $\text{P}$  me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Isaac Lawton son of Daniel Lawton is two nicks under the Left Ear and A hindgad on the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 25<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1705  $\text{P}$  me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Richard Sisson is a hindgad on Each Ear and A halfpeny under the Left Ear it being fformely his Grand ffather Richard Sisson<sup>s</sup> Ear mark Entred and Recorded the 17 of the 8<sup>th</sup> month 1705  $\text{P}$  me John Anthony Town Clerke

[**230**] The Eare marke of Thomas ffish Junyor his Cattell is a Croke on both y<sup>e</sup> Eares and two Nicks one the inside of y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare and one Nicke one the fore side of the left Eare of halfe a yeares standinge and Entred vpon Record this 22<sup>th</sup> of may 1669  
By me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

David  
Vahan.

The Eare-marke of David Vahan of the Towne of portsmouth for his Catle: on the Right Eare a hole and a hapeny vnder the eare Close to the head, and a forke on the left eare and a hapeny close to the head vnder the Same Eare. Entred on Record the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1669  $\text{P}$  me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

John pinner,           The Eare-marke John pinner, for his Catle. vnder the Right Eare a hafe-peny. and a hind-gad. on the left Eare. Entred on Record the. 16<sup>th</sup> Day of march. 1669  
70:  
P me John Sanford Tow. Clerke.

John Simmons        The Eare-marke of John Simmons for nis Catle is a forke or Swallows Tayle on Each Ear Entred on Record the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of may 1670.   P me John Sanford Tow. Clerke

Willia' Burrington   The Eare-marke of William Burrington for his Catle. is a hole in Each Eare. Entred on Record. the. 22<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1671  
P me John Sanford T. Clerke.

Robt. Hodgson        The Eare marke of Robert Hodgson for his Cattell. is a Crop on Each Eare and a hapeny vnder Each Crop and a hapeny above on the Right Eare. Entred on Record the. 4<sup>th</sup> of January: 1671  
P me. John Sanford Tow̄ Clerke.

Heñ. Straight.        The Eare marke: of Henry Straight for his Cattell is a fforke or Swallows tayle on the Right eare, with a hapeny on the fore part of the Said Richt Eare and a hingad on the left Eare. Entred on Record the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1671 P me John Sanford  
72      Tow̄ Clerke.

Tho Jenings  
jun<sup>r</sup>

The Eare marke of Thomas Jenings of  
portsmouth jun<sup>r</sup> for his Catle. is a Slaunt-  
inge Crope to the fore part of the Eare and  
a hapeny vnder Entred and Recorded the  
24<sup>th</sup> July 1672.

℞ me John Sanford To. Clerke

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The Eare marke of the Catle of Thomas  
Hicks is a slitt in the Right eare about the  
Midle part of the eare from the top this  
same marke beinge fformerly belonging to  
his ffather. Entred and Recorded the 21<sup>st</sup>  
of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1672

℞ me John Sanford T Clerke.

[        ] Anthony

The Eare-marke of the Catle of Thomas  
Anthony is a Crop of each Eare and a hole  
in each Eare and a hapeny before on the  
left Eare: Entred and Recorded the 21<sup>st</sup> of  
ffebbruary 1672

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℞ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Georg Sisson

The Eare marke of the Catle of Georg  
Sisson is a forke or Swallows tayle on the  
Right Eare, and a hingad on the left Eare.  
Entered and Recorded the: 30<sup>th</sup> Day of May  
1673 ℞ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Gyles pearce.

The. Eare marke of the Catle of Gyles  
pearce is <sup>a</sup> Crop on each eare and slitt in  
Each Crop and a hapeny under on the  
Right Eare. Entered and Recorded the.  
5<sup>th</sup> of July 1673.

℞ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

[ ] Coggeshall The Eare marke of the Catle of m<sup>r</sup> John Coggeshall is two hapenys before one the neere or left Eare, Entered and Recorded the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1673 ¶ me John Sanford Towne Clerke


[ ] Jam Maize The Eare marke of the Catle of William Maize is a Crop on each Eare and a hole in the Right Eare and a slitt in the left eare. Entred and Recorded the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1673:  
¶ me John Sanford Towne Clerke

[ ] Brayton ju<sup>r</sup> The Eare-marke of the Catle of ffrancis Brayton jun<sup>r</sup>. is a slitt in the left Eare and a hapeny vnder the same eare || and A hind-gad on the Right Ear aded ¶ me John Anthony Towne Clerke ||  
Entred and Recorded the 23. of March 1673.  
74  
¶ me John Sanford Tow Clerke.

Benjã. Chase The Eare marke of Catle of Benjamin Chase is a slitt in the left Eare and two hapenys above and two hapenys below on the Said Left Eare, Entred and Recorded the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1674  
¶ me. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Stephen Brayton The Eare-Marke of the Catle of Stephen  
[ ] held by his Son Brayton is a Crop on the Right eare and a  
[ ] ephen Brayton hapeny vnder the Cropp on fore-part of the  
said right eare. Entred and Recorded the  
1<sup>st</sup> of June 1674  
¶ me. John Sanford. Towne Clerke.



The Eare-marke of the Cattle of Benjamin Shearman is a duple V on the left Eare thus described  Entred and Recorded the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 16 4  
 ꝑ me. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

The Ear marke of the cattle of John Tripp Jun<sup>r</sup> is A crop on the Left Ear and A halfpeny on Each Side the Same it fformerly belonging to his uncle James Tripp, and the Said John Tripp hath marked his Sheep of the same marke Ever sence he had Sheep Entred and Recorded the 28<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1705 ꝑ me John Anthony Town Clerke

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James Case

James Case the Earemarke of his Catle is a Crop on the ne[ ] Eare and a hapeny above and below the farr or right Eare Entred and Recorded the 16<sup>t</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1674  
 John Sanford [ ]

Jerem<sup>o</sup> Wayte

The Eare-marke of the Cattell of Jeremiah Wayte is a Cropp on the Right Eare [ ] a hapeny behinde the Said Right Eare, a hindgad on the left Eare and a hapeny behinde on the said left Eare. Entred and Recorded the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 1674  
 ꝑ me John Sanford Towne Clerke.

John Anthony

The <sup>a</sup>Ere mark of the Cattle of John Anthony is a Crop of the Right Eare and a hole in Each Eare Entred and Recorded the : 8<sup>th</sup> of the : 4<sup>th</sup> <sup>moneth</sup> 1677 :  
 ꝑ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

put to David Anthony in 1808

Abraham Anthony The Eare mark of the Cattle of Abraham Anthony is a Crop of the Right Eare and a hole in the left Eare Entred and Recorded the : 8<sup>th</sup> of the : 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1677  
 ℥ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

Joseph Anthony The Eare mark of the Cattle of Joseph Anthony is a Crop of the Right Ear [ ] and 2 holes in <sup>the</sup> Left Eare Entred and Recorded the : 3 : of the : 5<sup>th</sup> moneth : 1677 :  
 ℥ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

Peleg Tripp The Eare mark of the Cattle of Peleg Tripp is a Crop of the Le [ ] Eare and A half-penny cutt out before Each Eare Entred and Record [ ] the : 18<sup>th</sup> of July : 1677 :  
 ℥ me John Anthony Towne C [ ]

Abiell Tripp The Eare mark of the Cattle of Abiell Tripp is a crop of the [ ] Eare and a halfpeny before the Same and a halfpene beh [ ] the Right Eare Entered and Recorded the 27 of the 3<sup>d</sup> mo [ ] 1678  
 ℥ mee John Anthony Town Clerke

James Tripp The Eare mark of the Cattle of James Tripp is a Crop of the Left Eare and A halfpeny on Each Sid the same Eare Entered and Recorded the 3<sup>d</sup> of the fourth month 1678  
 ℥ mee John Anthony Town Clerke

Arthur  
Cooke                      The Eare marke of the Cattell of Arthur  
Cooke is A crop on the Right Eare and A  
halfpenney on Each Sid the Same Eare  
Entered and Recorded the 9<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
moneth 1678 Ɔ mee John Anthony Town  
Clerke

Isaac Lawton              The Eare marke of the Cattle of Isaac  
Lawton is a crop on the Right Eare and 2  
slits in the under side the Left Eare En-  
tered and Recorded the 31 of the : 11<sup>th</sup>  
moneth 1678 Ɔ me John Anthony Town  
Clerke

Peleg  
Shearman                  The Eare marke of the Cattle of Peleg  
Shearman is A fore gad on the Left Eare  
and A nick or pece cut out behind the said  
left Eare  
Entered and Recorded the 1 of the 12<sup>th</sup>  
moneth 1678 Ɔ mee John Anthony Towne  
Clerke

[233] The Eare marke of the Cattel of Robert Durfee is A  
f[ ]ke on the left Eare and A halfpenney under the [ ]ight Eare  
Entered and Recorded the 2<sup>d</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> moneth 1679 Ɔ mee  
John Anthony Towne Clerke

put to James  
Cook son of John  
6<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1789

The Eare marke of the Cattell of William  
Shearman is A foregad on the Left Eare  
and A halfpenney on Each Side the Right  
Eare Entered and Recorded the 31<sup>th</sup> of  
the 3<sup>d</sup> moneth 1679 Ɔ mee John Anthony  
Towne Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattell of William Wodell Jun<sup>r</sup> is A Crop on the Lefte Eare and a nicke Cut out under the Crop behind the Said Eare and A Slit in the Right Eare. Entered and Recorded the: 9<sup>th</sup> of the: 4<sup>th</sup> moneth: 1679:  $\wp$  mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattell of Philip Shearman is A foregad on the Left Eare Entered and Recorded the: 10<sup>th</sup> of the: 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1679  $\wp$  me John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Eare<sup>marke</sup> of the Cattell of Samuell Shearman is A foregad on the left Eare and A hole in the Right Eare Entered and Recorded the: 10<sup>th</sup> of the: 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1679  $\wp$  mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Eare marke of the Cattle of Giels Slocum Jun<sup>r</sup> is A Crop on the Right Eare and A halfpeny on Each Side the Same and A Slit in the left Eare with A halfpeny under the Same Entered and Recorded the 12<sup>th</sup> of: 5<sup>th</sup> moneth 1679  $\wp$  mee John Anthony Towne Clerke

[234] At A meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Portsm[ ] held At the house of William Correys the 18<sup>th</sup> day of the: 6<sup>th</sup> mon[ ] 1679

voted Philip Shearman Chosen moderator

A Copy of A Letter Sent by his maj<sup>estey</sup> to this his Colony Read the act of the Generall Assembly the: 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1679 Read

voted that A Rate of Eleven pounds be made in this Town for the payment of our part of Sixty pounds according to the Late Generall Assemblies order

voted that William Wodel Town Treasurer shall pay fifteene shillings unto John Coggeshall Sen<sup>r</sup> which was alowed him by A Generall Assembly held at newport october the: 25<sup>th</sup> 1676:

John Sanford, John Brigs sen<sup>r</sup>, ffrancis Brayton sen<sup>r</sup>, Edward

Lay, and William Clarke are all Chosen <sup>they or the major part of them</sup> to make the abouesaid Rate of Eleven pounds with Twenty Shillings more aded to the said Rate to defray Charges according t[ ] Court order and the said Sums are to be levied on Each person Rateable in T[ ] Town on or before the last day of This Instant moneth and car[ ] in and be delivered to the Gen'l Treasurer on or before the last day of [ ] Seventh moneth next  
 voted This meeting in desolved

At A meeting of the ffreinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William corey on their Election Day t[ ] 3<sup>d</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1695

- voted John Albro chosen moderator
- voted John Anthony chosen Towne clerke Engaged
- voted George sisson } Engaged
- John Ward } Engaged
- George Lawton } Engaged
- Latham clarke } are chosen to serve on the Town counsell
- Benjamin Hall } Engaged
- and Abraham Anthony } who possitively Refusing in his Room  
 wa[ ] chosen Jacob mott Engaged
- voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged
- voted John Tripp chosen Town serjeant Engaged
- voted John Keese Engaged }  
 Benjamin Shearman } are chosen constables  
 Daniel Lawton }
- voted Daniel Pearse of Prudence Island chosen constable
- voted William Earll }  
 John Tripp } are chosen surveyers  
 John Anthony }  
 and James Akin }

- voted John Tripp shall have five and ffty shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his Last years servis in being Town serjeant
- voted John Anthony shall have Twenty shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his Last years service in being Town Clerke
- voted John Anthony Town Treasurer is ordered to buy A Book for this Towns use and the charge to be boren by this Town
- voted this meeting is Dissolved

**[235]** The Eare marke of the Cattell of John Keese is a  
Right down  
 Slit  $\wedge$  in the fore part of the Left Eare  
 Entered and Recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> moneth 1682 :

put to Lewis Greenhill  
 in 1820


☞ me John Anthony Town Clerke


The Eare marke of the Cattel of Joseph Nicholson is a Crop on the near Eare: Entered and Recorded the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> moneth 1682: ☞ me John Anthony Town Clerke


The Eare marke of the Cattel of Stephen West is A hindgad on the Left Eare and a halfpenny before the Right Entered and Recorded the 10<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> moneth 1683 ☞ me John Anthony Town Clerke


The Eare marke of the Cattell of Philip Cuming is a halpenny on Each Side Each Eare  
 Entered and Recorded the 8<sup>th</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1683 ☞ me John Anthony Town Clerke


the Ear marke of the Cattel of Richard Durfee is a fork on the Left Ear and A hole in the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the 2<sup>d</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> moneth 1683 ☞ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Daniell Lawton is 2 nicks behind the Left Ear Entered and Recorded the 3<sup>d</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> moneth 1684  me John Anthony Town Clerke


The Ear mark of the Cattel of Thomas Durfee<sup>Jun<sup>r</sup></sup> is a fork on the Left Ear and a halfpenny under the Same Entered and Recorded the first of the 3<sup>d</sup> moneth 1684  me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Thomas Gatchell is A Crop on the Right Ear and two halfpennies under the Same Ear Entered and Recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1684  me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Gershom Wodell is a Crop on the Left Ear and a nick or cut out under the Same Ear and a hindgad on the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth: 1684:  
 me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Robert Brownel is a crop on the Left Ear and a hole in the Same and a foregad on the Right Ear: Entered and Recorded the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth 1684  
 me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Eare marke of y<sup>e</sup> Cattel of Joseph Lawton is 2 nicks behind the left ear being the Ear mark of the abovenamed Daniel Lawton (his deceased father) Recorded the 8<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup>: 1721 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

[236] The Ear mark of the Cattell of Benjamin Angell is [ | ] Crop on the Left Ear and a halfpenny before the Sa[ | ] and a Slit in the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the: [ | ] of the 10<sup>th</sup> month 1684  me John Anthony Town Clerke

{ put to }  
{ Tho<sup>s</sup> Shreve }  
{ 1794 } The Ear mark of the Cattell of John Shreve is A foregad of [ ]  
the Left Ear and two hindgads on the Right Ear Entered and  
Recorded the 29<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month: 1685: P me John Anthony  
Town clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattell of Henry Brightman is two half-  
penneys or nicks under the Right Ear and one halfpenny or nick  
before the Left Ear it being formerly his ffather in Law William  
Jamesis Ear mark Entered and Recorded the first of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
month 1685 P me

John Anthony Town clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Lott Strainge is a hole in the  
Right Ear and a halfpenny on Each Side the Left near the  
middle of the Ear Entred and Recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup>  
month 1686 P me John Anthony Town Clerke


{ Put to Stephen }  
{ N. Cornell } The Ear mark of the Cattel of Stephen Cornell is a crop on the  
Left Ear and a halfpenny before the Same and a halfpenny on  
Each Side the Right Ear Entered and Recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> of the  
11<sup>th</sup> month 1686 P me John Anthony Town Cle[ ]


The Ear marke of the Cattel of John Strainge is A crop on the  
Left Ear and A hole in the Right Ear with A halfpenny on Each  
Side the Same Right Ear it is of one and Twenty years Standing  
Entred and Recorded the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month: 1686: P me  
John Anthony Town Clerke


The Ear marke of the Cattel of Robert Colwell is A forke on  
the Right Ear and A halfpenny under the Same and A halfpenny  
before the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 25<sup>th</sup> of the first  
month 1687 P me


John Anthony Town clerke




The Ear mark of the cattel of Gershom mott Jun<sup>r</sup> is A Crop on the Left Ear and A peice slopt of from the hinder part of the Said Crop and a halfpeny under the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 26<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> month 1687:  me John Anthony Town clerke

[237] The Ear marke of the cattle of Robert fish is A crop on the Right Ear and a half peney Afore the Same and A flower deluce on the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 10<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month 1687:  me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattle of Job Lawton is a fork on the Right Ear and two nicks under the Same Entred and Recorded the 7<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 1688  me John Anthony Towne Clerke

The Ear marke of the cattle of Thomas Potter is a Crop on the Right Ear and a slit in the Same and a slit in the Left Ear and a half penney under the Same it being formerly his ffathers Ear-marke Entred and Recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> month: 1689:  me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Earmarke of The Cattle of James Talman is a Crop on the Right Ear and two half pennyes befor the Same and one half-penny before the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 11<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> month 1690  me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattle of othoniel Tripp is A crop on the Left Ear and A half peney before the same with A Slit Right Down the middle of the same Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 25<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1693:

 me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke <sup>the catle of</sup> of Jeremiah Lawton is two niks under the Left Ear and one nik befor the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 26<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1693

 me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattle of Adam Lawton is one nick under the Right Ear and Two nicks under the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 12<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1694

¶ me John Anthony Towne Clerke

A Town meeting At A meeting of the freeinhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William cory the 13<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1695

voted Giles Slocum chosen moderator

voted this meeting is dissolved

The Ear marke of <sup>the cattle of</sup> William Anthony son of Abraham Anthony is a crop on Each Ear and halfpeney under the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 30<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> month 1695 ¶ me John Anthony Town clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Lott Tripp is A Crop on the Left Ear and A halfpeney before the Same and A Slit in the fore part of the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 8<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1705 ¶ me John Anthony Town cleerke

[238] At A meeting of the free inhabitants of the Town of Ports[ ] on their Election day the first of the 4<sup>th</sup> <sup>1696</sup> month at the house [ ] William Cory

voted Giles Slocum Chosen moderator

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Clerke Engaged

voted George Sisson

John Ward

George Lawton

Benjamin Hall

Jacob mott

and Daniel Lawton

) are chosen to serve on the Town Councill

voted John Anthony chosen Town Treasurer Engaged

voted John Tripp chosen Town Serjeant Engaged

voted Samuel Shearman

Thomas Durfee Jun <sup>r</sup>	}	are chosen constables Engaged in his Room was chosen Thomas Cornell Jun <sup>r</sup> Engaged
and matthew Borden		

voted Thomas Scranton of Prudence Island chosen constable Engaged

voted William Earll

John Tripp	}	are chosen veiwers
John Anthony		
and James Akin		

voted John Tripp shall have fifty Shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his Last years service in being Town serjeant

voted John Anthony shall have Twenty shillings in or as money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke

voted this meeting is dissolved

The Ear marke of the Cattel of John Sanford Son of Samuel Sanford is A halfpenny under Each Ear

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Preserved ffish is A Crop on Each Eare and A halfpenny under Each Eare it being fformerly Ralph Cowlands Eare marke Entred and Recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> of the first month 1699 ¶ me John Anthony Town cleerke

700

The Eare marke of the Cattel of Joseph morey is A ffork on the Left Ear and two halfpennys before the Right Entred the first day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month: 1700: ¶ me John Anthony Town cleerke

the Eare marke of the Cattel of William Durfee is A Crop on the Right Ear and A Slit in the Same And two halfpenys before the Left Ear and one halfpenny behind the Same

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Samson shearman is A foregad on the Left Ear and A halfpenny before the Same Entred and Recorded the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 170 $\frac{1}{2}$  <sup>70</sup> me John Anthony  
Town Clerke

[239] The 5 day of march 16 $\frac{89}{85}$   
wee Twelve men whose names are hereunto Subscribed being Chosen and Ingaged on the Coroners Inquest to make Inquiry how one Edward Thornes came by his Death who Dyed suddenly at the house of James sweet Junior of Prudence Island the 5<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant march And so According to our Ingagement wee have made Search And find that some<sup>time</sup> before he was not well and Drinking ouer much Rum was the Cause of his Death

Robert Hodgson fore man  
Gidion ffreeborne  
Stephen manchester  
John Recks  
matthew Grinnell  
Henry finch  
Jacob mott  
Thomas Briges  
John Pearce sen<sup>r</sup>  
John Slade  
John manchester  
John Coggeshall

Elisabeth hall \*

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\* "Elisabeth hall" is written in later style of handwriting.

The Ear marke of the cattel of Joseph Sheffield is A Crop on the Right Ear and A halfpeny under the same with A hingad on the Left Ear it being fformerly his ffather Ichabod Sheffields Ear marke

The Ear marke of the cattel of John Dexter is A hindgad on the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 11<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1702  
 P me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattel of Samuel mott is A Crop on the Left Ear and A Slit in the Same with a halfpeny under the same it being formerly his uncle Gershom mott <sup>deceased</sup> Earmark Entred and Recorded the 1[0]<sup>th</sup> day of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1703 P me John Anthony Town cleerke

The Ear marke of the cattel of William Sanford is A fforegad on y<sup>e</sup> left Ear and A halfpenny under the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the ffirst day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month: 1703: P me John Anthony Town Clerke

Renounced p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford \*

[240] Wee whose names are under written being by vertue of [ ] warrant under the hand of major John Albro Assistant a [ ] Corroner Required and Engaged to view the body of an Indi [ ] who on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this instant month January was found Dead in or near the clay pitt field lands in the Town of Portsmouth on Rhode Island in his maj<sup>ties</sup> Collony of Rhode Island and providence Plantations, Said Indian as wee are informed was called by the Indians Pawkanawcutt by the English symon and wee haveing viwed the Corps of the Said Indian, and being informed that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of this instant near the Eveninge the Said Indian was much distempered with drinke

\*This line is in a later style of handwriting.

Wee to the best of our understanding have Returned this for our verdict in the premises.

That the Said Indian being much distempered with Drink was bewildred, and by the Extreimity of the Cold Lost his Life the Said twelfth of day this Instant in the night:

witness our hands the fourteenth of January 1684

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John Sanford foreman  
John Anthony  
Stephen Brayton

The  marke  
John northway

John Tripp  
John Keese  
Philip Cumming  
Benjamin Ingell

morris  ffreelove  
his marke

Thomas Durfee


William  Shearman  
his marke

Daniel Eaton

[241] [ ]ee whose names are here unto subscribed being warned | |y Joseph cooke cunstable of Portsmouth this 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1692: by vartue of A warrant derived from Athority to Judge of A corps Chast upon Dieres Island soe called and having made dilligent inquiry into the matter doe find that it is that Woman that was nicholas Evines Wife of ffree Towne who coming from prudance in A Coonow with nicholas Howland. by misfortune was Drowned by Stress of wether the: 11: day of August in the year of our Lord God: 1692


Christopher Almy	William Duncan
Iaac Lawton	Ichabod Sheffield Junr
samson shearman	Daniel ffish
Joseph Sheffield	nathaniel Potter
	Lazarus Tilar
	Jacob mott

Wee hose names whoe are under written being Ingaged according to Law to Inquire into the death of A man found in Portsmouth We Think he may be Drowned  
 Portsmouth July the 6<sup>th</sup> 1696

Gedion ffreborne  
 Jacob mott  
 Benjamin hall  
 James Tallman  
 William Cory  
 William Arnold  
 John manchester  
 Richard Heart  
 Edward Brigg  
 Roger  Brally  
his mark  
 Thomas manchester  
 William Wodell

may the ninth day 1697

wee whose names are here under written being called upon the coroners Inquest for to inquire into the death of An Indian Squaw which being found upon the Shore neare the house of William [D]urfie we do find by the best of our intilligence and according to the best of our understandings we find that She was drowned and that water was the cause of her death

Peleg Shearman	Benjamin Potter
William Cory	John Earll
Robert Bennet	Zuriel  hall
Benjamin Shearman	<small>his marke</small>

John Keese  
 George Thomas  
 Ichabod Sheffield Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Joseph Anthony  
 othniel Tripp

[242]

Be it knowen to all men by these presents that I Th[ ] Slow  
 of Roade Iland in the Nannigansets Bay in n[ ]land for and  
 upon good consideration mouing me here un[ ] sould unto  
 Thomas Laiton of Roade Iland in the aforesaid [ ] my  
 house at Road Iland (in the aforesayed Bay together w[ ]  
 all my land there unto adjoyning with the apurtenances, [ ]  
 land beinge about threscore ackers some fenced and other som[ ]  
 unfenced all of it next ajoyning to the land of the aforesayde  
 Thomas Laiton all which land together with the house I doe  
 acknowledg to be the lawfull right and true posession of the  
 aforesayed thomas Laiton to haue and to hould the aforesayed  
 house and land, and peaceably to posesse and enjoy the same for  
 him his heiers and Assignes for euer as his and their true and  
 lawfull right and Inheritance and that the sayed Thomas Laiton  
 his heiers and Assignes shall freely and peaceably haue hould  
 use and posesse and Inioy all the afore sayed House and lands  
 without the lawfull lett troubl suit expulsion molestation or Con-  
 tradiction of me the sayed Thomas Slow my heiers or Assignes.  
 In wi[ ]nes of the true and lawfuull acting and sale therof I ha[ ]  
 sett my hand and Seale hereunto this 4<sup>th</sup> of September in the  
 yeare (1649)

Sealed and deliuered  
 in the presence of

Peter Greene  
 John Greene: Ju:

The marke of  
 Thomas  Slow

A true Copii per me Philip Shearman  
 Toune Clarke









The Ear mark of the Cattel of Jonahan Lawton is A Crop on Each Ear and A halfpeny under the Left Ear it being formerly the Ear marke of William Anthony<sup>s</sup> Cattell son of Abraham Anthony Entred and Recorded the 17<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1706  
 } W<sup>m</sup> Tallman  
 } 1788  
 } me John Anthony Town Clerke


The Ear mark of the Cattel of Giles Slocum is A hindgad of the Right Ear and A halfpenney under the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 15 of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1706 } me John Anthony Towne clerke  
 } put to  
 } Slocum,  
 } 1790

The Ear mark of the Cattel of John Slocum is A Crop on the Right Ear with A halfpenney on Each Side the Same And a hindgad on the Left Ear Entred and Recorded the 22<sup>d</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1706 } me John Anthony Town Clerke

[243] [ ]ortsmouth on Rhode Is the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1683


[ ]ee whose names are under Subscribed beinge by major John [ ]bro Assistant and Corroner appointed and Engaged the [ ]rroners Inquest on the Body of a man who was found Dead in [ ]he Land belonginge to John Potter in Said Portsmouth, and hanging by the head by a linin lact neckcloth, fastened to the bough or branch of A Cherry tree and he is said to be Called by name John Crage, a scotsman and a Tayler by Trade, Wee according to our Engagement haveinge Scariouly viewed the Corps, and the manner of its hanginge with the Lower part of his body and his hands on the ground accordinge to the best of our understandings of the premisses and what information wee haue had: Wee Returne our verdict thereon, unto the said Corroner major John Albro, viz. That Wee doe not finde, but that the Said man Said to be named John Crage, was absolutly the only actor of his owne Death, Witness our hands the day and yeare above written

John Sanford foreman	Thomas ffish	Thomas  manchester jun
William Wodell	William Coggeshall	his  marke
Peter Talman	John Anthony	Thomas Gatchell
ffrancis  Brayton	Stephen Brayton	John  yates
his  marke		his marke
		John northaway
		his  marke

The above written is a True  
 Copy of the originall Entered and  
 Reorded the 3<sup>d</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> moneth  
 1684  me John Anthony Town Clerke

you being of this Corroners Inquest for our Soverreyne Lord the  
 Kinge you Shall well and truly make deillegent Inquire how and  
 in what manner A Indian hoo is found deead in the Towne of  
 Portsmouth on Rodeh Island Came to his death and make A  
 trve Retiurn of your vardit theron unto the Corrone[ ] and this  
 ingagement you make and give upon the penalty of perjury  
 August y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1684. upon Andian Lad of widow fish he being  
 found dead in y<sup>e</sup> woods in portsmouth y<sup>e</sup> Juries verdict is wee  
 find according to the best of our Judgments that he murdred him  
 Selfe being found upon the ground with a walnut pealling hang-  
 ing over him upon A lim of A tree

John Coggeshall fore man	Samson sharman	Richard Cadman
Anthony Shawe	Samuell shearman	Stephen manchester
Georg Sison	Joseph sheffield	John Cook
Benjamin Shearman	gyles Slocum	Stephen Cornell

the above written is a true copy of the originall Entered and  
 Recorded the 15<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 1684  me John Anthony  
 Town Clerk

[244] This present deede bareinge date this first day of the  
 [ ] of march in the yeare of our lorde sixtene hundreth fortie

n[ ] witnesseth that I Nicholas Browne of the towne of Ports[ ] in Roade Iland for a valuabl Consideration in hand receiued haue bargained and sould unto John Woode Senior of the same towne and place, a parcell of land granted to me by the towne, being fortiefue ackers more or lesse lying within the bound[ ] of Portsmouth neer Nuport line bounded on the East with a, parcell of Thomas Lawtons lande, together with my house there on, and all other priuiledges thereunto belonging I the aforesayd Nicholas doe for my selfe my heiers exsequetors or administrators resigne up all my rite title and Interest in every parte and parcell of the forenamed bargained premises unto the aforenamed John Woode his he[ ] administrators or assignes for euer, so that neither I myse[ ] nor any other by or from mee. shall Claime any rite title or interest in any parte or parcell of the bargained premises in witness here of I haue hereto sett my hand and seale the day and date aboue written.

Nicholas Brown his mark



Signed Sealed and deliuered:  
in the presence of  
Philip Shearman  
Heber shearman  
Sara Sharman

A True Copii  $\mathcal{P}$  me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

[245] [ ] Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and Providence [ ]lantations in New England the ninth day of ffebruary in the year of the Lord 1681 morris ffree-love did Take Elizabeth Daughter of Samuell Wilbur of Said Portsmouth to Wife: And They the said morris and Elizabeth were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage  $\mathcal{P}$  mee John Albro asistant Entered and Recorded the .30<sup>th</sup> of the .6<sup>th</sup> moneth 1681  $\mathcal{P}$  John Anthony Town Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and Providence Plantations in New England, The Twenty-third day of february in the year of the Lord 1681 Samuel Shearman Son of Philip Shearman of Portsmouth aforesaid; did Take martha Daughter of John Tripp of Said Portsmouth to Wife; And They the Said Samuel and martha were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage ¶ me John Albro Asistant Entred and Recorded the 30<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> moneth ¶ John Anthony Town Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and Providenc[ ] Plantations in New England, The twelfth day of may in the year of the Lord 1681. William Shearman of Portsmouth aforesaid Son of Peleg Shearman Late of Said Portsmouth Did Take martha Daughter of William Wilbur of the Said Portsmouth to Wife: And They the said William Shearman and the Said martha were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage ¶ me John Albro Asistant Entred and Recorded the 30<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> moneth 1681 ¶ John Anthony Towne Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and Providence Plantations in New England the Sixteenth Day of february in the year of the Lord 1681 Robert Lawton Son of George Lawton of Portsmouth aforesaid Did Take mary Daughter of Garshom Wodell of Said portsmouth to Wife And they the Said Robert and mary were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage ¶ me George Lawton Asistant Entred and Recorded the 20<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> moneth 1681 ¶ John Anthony Town Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in the Colony of Road Island and providence Plantations in New England the nineteenth Day of

January in the year of the Lord 168½ James Tripp Son of John Tripp of Portsmouth Aforesaid Did Take Mercy Daughter of George Lawton of Said portsmouth to Wife: And they the Said James and Mercy were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage 7<sup>d</sup> me George Lawton Asistant Entered and Recorded the 25<sup>th</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> moneth 1682 7<sup>d</sup> me John Anthony Town Clerke

[246] memorandom in Portsmouth on Roadh Island in the C[ ] of Roadh Island and Providence Plantations in New Engl[ ] And in the yere of our Lord: 1682: on the .4. day of April Benjamin Engell ded take to wife widow mary Tripp: and then and there the Said Benjamin and mary where according to Law joynned together in marige by me John Albro Asistant Entered and Recorded the 22<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> moneth 1682: 7<sup>d</sup> me John Anthony Town Clerke

In Portsmouth on Road Island in y<sup>e</sup> Colony of Road Island and Providence plantations in New England, the fifth Day of march—in the year of the Lord one Thousand Six hundred Eighty two Jonathan Gatchell Late of marble-head in the masachusetts Colony in Said new England, Did Take to Wife mary Wodell of Portsmouth aforesaid, Widow and Relict of the Deceased Gershom Wodell of Said Portsmouth; And they the Said Jonathan and mary were then and there according to Law Joyned together in marriage 7<sup>d</sup> me Wm Cadman Asistant Entered and Recorded the 13<sup>th</sup> of the first moneth 1682 7<sup>d</sup> me John Anthony Town Clerke

to frances Wodell

The time when John Anthony was married<sub>λ</sub> was in the year of the Lord 1669 November the 23<sup>th</sup>

The time of the birth of the Said John Anthonys Children  
 John Anthony was Borne the: 28<sup>th</sup> of June in the year: 1671:  
 Joseph Anthony was Borne the: 28<sup>th</sup> of october in the year: 1673:  
 William Anthony was Borne the 18<sup>th</sup> of July in the year: 1676:  
 Susanna Anthony was Borne the first day of January: 1678:  
 mary Anthony was Borne the: 16<sup>th</sup> of June in the year: 1681:  
 Sarah Anthony was Borne the first day of october in the year: 1683

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Preserved Brayton is A crop on  
 the Right Ear and A halfpeny before the Same it being his  
 ffather Stephen Brayton<sup>s</sup> Ear mark <sup>formerly</sup> Entred and Recorded the  
 first day of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1707 ¶ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Eare mark of the cattell of nathaniel Hoult is A hole in the  
 Left Ear and A Slit on Each Side the Same Entred upon  
 Record the 17<sup>th</sup> of the fifth month 1707 ¶ me John Anthony  
 Town clerke it being fformerly old John Stranges Earmark  
 Deceased

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Isaac Lawton Son of Isaac is  
 Two Slits under the the Left Ear and A halfpenney under the  
 Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 21<sup>st</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1708  
 ¶ me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of William Brightman is A hindgad  
 on the Right Ear And A hole in the Left Ear Entred and  
 Recorded the 24<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> month 1708 ¶ me John Anthony  
 Town Clerke

[247] Bee it knowne unto all men by these ¶sents that I  
 Samuel Gorton of the towne of Warwick in the ¶vince of  
 ¶vidence Plantations for & in Consideration of a valuabl some  
 to me in hand payed, haue sould assigned and sett ouer unto

Philip Shearman of Portsmouth in Road Iland a parcell of land lying in Portsmouth aforesayd, by estimation seuen acres more or lesse beinge bounded on either side with the land of the sayd Philip and w<sup>th</sup> the Common at either end together with all the buildings that are thereon & the fences therto belonginge, together w<sup>th</sup> a parcell of medow by estimation twoo acres more or lesse lyinge in the sayd Portsmouth bounded on the North with a parcell of Medowe Granted unto Randall Houlden by the towne of Portsmouth aforesayed, and on the west, South and East by the Hye way that goeth downe to the Cricke together with all my right in a parcell of moweing lande layed out to me upon Hogg Iland I the aforesayed Samuel doe Confirme unto the aforesayed Philip his heiers and assignes all my Right title & interest in euey parte and parcell of the forenamed barganed Premises, so as that neither I nor my heiers nor assignes, nor any other person shall Claime by or from me any Right title or interest thear in or in any part theare of, in wittness thearof I haue hereto sett my hand and Seale this twenty eight of August Ano (1650)

Sealed & deliuered in the  
 presence of Richard moris  
 Samuell Gorton

Samuel Gorton

A true Copii þ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

Portsmouth on Rhode Island Decembe 11<sup>th</sup> 1709

Giles Slocum Assistant being Crouner

Wee whose names Are under written being warned upon the Jury of this Grand Inquest of the Deceased parsen of mary Southwick by name She being A crazheded Woman we ffinding nothin to the Contrary but that She wandred ffrom home and perished with Cold whereas wee all Sett our hands unto this verdit

Bartholomew Hunt	Joseph martin
Thomas Brayton	Adam Hunt
Philip Shearman	Thomas Cooke
Benjamin Lawton	John Shreife Jun <sup>r</sup>
John vaughan	William Philips Jun <sup>r</sup>
Richard Thomas	Ezekiell Cooley

[248] William Hall the Son of William Hall was Born the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Decemb[ ] in the year of the Lord 1672 :  
 Abigail Hall was born the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1677  
 mary Hall was born the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year: 1679  
 John Hall was born the 2<sup>d</sup> day of July in the y<sup>e</sup>ar : 1681  
 Deliveranc Hall was born the 8 day of January in the year 1683

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the [7 ] of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1697 on their Election Day at the house of William cory

voted Joseph Sheffield chosen moderator  
 voted John Anthony Chosen Town Cleerke Engaged  
 voted George Sisson } Engaged  
           George Lawton } Engaged  
           John Ward } Engaged  
                           } are chosen to serve on the Town Counsell  
           Benjamin Hall } Engaged  
           Latham Clark } Engaged  
           Daniel Lawton }

voted John Anthony Chosen Town Treasurer Engaged  
 voted John Tripp Chosen Town Serjeant Engaged  
 voted Thomas Durfee Sen<sup>r</sup> } Engaged  
                                   } are chosen constables  
           William Burrington } Engaged  
           and John Sanford Son } of John Sanford Deceased Engaged



voted Daniell Pears of Prudence Island chosen constable

voted Thomas Durfee Sen<sup>r</sup> } are chosen veiw  
 John Borden and James Akin } Cattle according to former order

voted John Tripp Shall have Three pounds paid unto him in or as money for his Last years Service in being Town Serjeant by the Town Treasurer

voted John Anthony Shall have Twenty Shillings paid unto him in or as money for his Last years Service in being Town Clerke by the Town Treasurer

voted their Shall be An Audit Chosen to Audit the Town Treasurers account

voted Giles Slocum Latham <sup>Clarke</sup> George Brownel and George Lawton they or the major part of them are Chosen to Audit the Said account and make Returne thereof to the Town

voted This meeting is Dissolved

The Ear marke of the Cattell of Benjamin Lawton is two nicks under the Left Ear and A hindgad on the Right Ear: it being fformerly his Brother Isaac Lawtons Ear marke Entred and Recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month: 1710:

Ɔ<sup>r</sup> me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattell of Daniel Coggeshall is A hole in the Left Ear And A Slit in the Right Ear Entred and Recorded the 9<sup>th</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1710 Ɔ<sup>r</sup> me John Anthony Town Clerke

The Ear marke of the Cattell of Job Lawton Son of Isaac is A halfpeny under Each Ear Entred and Recorded the first of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1714

Ɔ<sup>r</sup> me John Anthony Town Clerck

the Ear mark of the abovesaid Job Lawtons Cattle is altered by Reason he marked of the same Ear mark of John Sanford Son of Sam<sup>l</sup> Sanford

[249] Bee it knowne to all men that I Adam mott Senior of the Towne of Portsmouth or within the liberties there of haue bargained & sould vnto m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford of the same towne of Portsmouth in Roade Iland: both ffree men of the place: in this present yeare 1652 beinge the third day of September: I say that I Adam mott doe sell & deliuer and giue for euer full possession as his owne: to him his heiers except Assignes or administrators ffull power to possesse & inioy: a peice of meddow layd out for thre Accors more or less Butted of the fore sid to the lane or hye way goinge from the towne on the south side towards Captayn Richard morris & the other end it Butts against the Crick between m<sup>r</sup> Sanfords meddow Called that meddow beneth y<sup>t</sup> place of ground Called Mackpela: also the one side towards the towne Joynes to m<sup>r</sup> Balstons medow sumtimes m<sup>r</sup> Spicers: and the other side lyes against that meddow y<sup>t</sup> was Called m<sup>r</sup> Samuell Hutchinsons w<sup>ch</sup> the Same m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford now useth: I say that in Consideration of ten pounds of Current pay y<sup>t</sup> is to say ffive pound of Current silver Current money wth the Marchant: & ffive pound in Current wampom well strunge & good such as is Current w<sup>th</sup> the marchant and the peage to bee payd at 8 peags pr peny: or els my wiffe to receaue a ewe lambe: that shee shall better accept or as well as peage 8 pr peny: which if shee doe I am Content to receaue the ffive pound of wampom at six peages pr peny and fully Concluded a full and free bargain to him and his for ever as is aboue written in wittness I haue putt and sett my hand and seale dated as aboue written

Adam mott

A true Copii ☞ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 21<sup>st</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> month 1697 at the house of William cory  
 voted Joseph Sheffield cosen moderator  
 voted Robert ffish is Chosen pound Keeper and to have the ffee thereunto belonging  
 voted this meeting is dissolved

The Ear mark of the Cattel of John Keese is A Crop on the Left Ear And A Slitt in the Same Entred And Recorded the 2<sup>d</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> month 1714 Þr me John Anthony Town Cleerke

[250] At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth At the hou[ ]e of William Cory the 16<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>d</sup> month 1697

voted Joseph Sheffield Chosen moderator

voted George Lawton

John Borden

Benjamin Hall

and Thomas Durfee Jun<sup>r</sup>

} are Chosen Deputies to attend  
the next Generall Assembly and  
Election to be held at newport

voted Caleb Arnold Jun<sup>r</sup> is Admitted A freeman in this Town

voted John Coggeshall Jun<sup>r</sup> is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town

voted Christopher Almy Jun<sup>r</sup> is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town

voted William Wanton is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town

voted Benjamin Potter is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town

voted Thomas Shearman is Admitted A ffreeman in this Town

voted major John Albro Shall have Twenty Shillings in money paid unto him by the Town Treasurer for his going to Boston with John Borden

voted and it is ordered that Every housholder in this Town of Portsmouth Shall Kill Twelve blackburds between this and the Tenth of may next after this meeting and bring in their heds to Some men hereafter Appointed upon the forfeiture of the Sum of two Shillings for the neglect and not Killing as aforesaid to be paid into this Towns Treasuree and that Every housholder that doth Kill more then Twelve and Carry them in as aforesaid Shall A penny a head paid him by the Treasurer And if any person or persons Shall neglect or Refuse to perform as abovesaid then upon Complant of any of the persons hereafter named unto any of the Assistant he Shall forthwith grant A warrant to A Constable to disstrain upon the Estates of the person or persons So

Refuseing or neglecting And make Returne therof to the Town  
Treasurer

voted Thomas Cornell Jun<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Christopher Almy m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lawton  
Lift William Cory and John coggeshall Jun<sup>r</sup> are Appointed to  
Receive the Severall numbers as abovesaid and make Returne  
thereof and of the Severall neglects unto the Assistants of this  
Town at the time abovesaid

voted This meeting is Dissolved

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Joshua Coggeshall Son of Joshua  
Coggeshall fformerly of Portsmouth Deceased is A Crop on  
Each Ear it being fformerly his Grandffather<sup>s</sup> and his ffather<sup>s</sup>  
Ear mark of their Catell Entred and Recorded the 21<sup>st</sup> of the  
8<sup>th</sup> month 1710  $\text{P}^r$  me John Anthony Town Clerke

[251] October the 6. 1642. knowe all men by these p<sup>r</sup>sents  
that I John Porter of Portsmouth haue sould & past ouer vnto  
John Sandford of the same towne, all my  $\text{P}^r$  of the land in the  
Calues Paster in Consideration of land at long Midow: being fully  
satisfied, In witnes wherof I haue setto my hand the day & year  
aboue writt:

John Porter

a true Copii  $\text{P}^r$  me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

Know all men by this presence that I Adam Mott Senior of the  
towne of Portsmoth haue sould to m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford of the same  
towne my part in the Calues paster lying between his howse and  
the Claypitt ffeild for the som of twenty shillings and all the  
Right intrust & Clayme or Power I had in it I haue ffully and  
freely Resigned to him his heiers Assignes to enjoy for ever,  
written vnder my hand this present day beinge the 10 of Aprill,  
1651 I say by me Adam mott

a true Copii  $\text{P}^r$  me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

These may tistifi to al whome it may concerne that I George  
Parker of Portsmouth on Road Iland doe by these presents for

ffull satisfaction alredy receiued in hand make over sell & deliuer vnto m<sup>s</sup> Bridgitt Sanford of Portsmouth aforesaid all my land that lie in the Calfes paster, w<sup>ch</sup> Calfes paster lies Betwixt hir orchard & the Clay pitt feild: & doe by these presents disclaime any or all my Right & titl in the aboue sd land & do rattifie & confirme the abou sd Bridgett Sanford in full & quiatt Joyment of the saied land to hir selfe hir heiers excequ[ ]tors & administrators for euer In testimonie of this my act & deed I doe heere unto Settoo my hand & Seale in Portsmouth on Roade Iland this 25<sup>th</sup> of ffebruary 1653

George Parker

Signed Sealed & deliuered

In the presents of

John Sanford

Samuel Sanford

## [252]

This Indenture Witnesseth that I Samuell Wilbore of Taunton have Barguaned & sould unto John Sandford of Road Iland his heiers or assigns one peice of Meddo land Containinge by Estimation six Acrs more or lesse sittuated in the towne of Portsmouth in the aforesayed Iland adioyninge upon the land of the sayed John Sanford upon the Northwest & Samuel HuChinsons land upon the southeast & also one Neck of land abutting upon the Cove against the sayed John Sanfords house & Samuel huchinsons with all my right & preveledg of Common there unto belonginge for & in Consideration of six ewe sheep all redy received and more to be paid by a bill under the sayed John Sandfords hand payable at St Michaell next Ensuinge the date here of have Given & granted for & from my selfe & heiers under my hand & seale this Eight day of November (1648)

Sealed & delivered and Possesion

Samuel

Given in the presents of

Wilbore

Richard smith

ffrancis Mattingley

A True Copii of the originall presented me

Phillip Shearman Towne Clarke

W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Renounced p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford  
 The Earmark of the Cattell of William Sanford is a fore-gad on the left Ear, & a halfpenny under the Right Ear, Recorded y<sup>e</sup> first day of y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> month 1703 . by John Anthony Town Clerk and Transcribed p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Clerk

Job Lawton  
 The Earmark of the Cattel of Job Lawton is a half penny and a half penny before the Right added the 31<sup>st</sup> of august 1722 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford under the near or left Ear, Recorded p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Clerk y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of may 1717

Rob<sup>t</sup> Lawton  
 The Ear mark of the Cattel of Robert Lawton is a halfpenny under Each ear and a fork in the Right Ear, Recorded the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1717 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Clerk

[253] April the 2<sup>d</sup> day 1705

A man being ffound Dead in Portsmouth on Rhode Island up on the shore Against the Land of George Brownells upon which Tidings Benjamin Hall Crowner Did forthwith Issue forth his warrant to the constable And Impanneled A Jury of 12 men whose Judgment is as followeth that he was An Indian man Accidentaly Drowned, of Short Stature with A whitish Jacket on his body the Lower part naked A blackish Stocking on one Leg And A whitish Stockin on the other: In Witness whereof we of the Jury or Inquest have here unto Subscribed our names  
 John Borden foreman

George Brownell

William Potter

William Anthony

William Burrington Jun<sup>r</sup>

William Hall

Gidion ffreeborne Jun<sup>r</sup>

Thomas ffish

John Earll

Edward Addams

Thomas Brayton

oliver Arnold

The above written Return of the above named Jury of Inquest was Taken according to Law on the day and year above written before mee Benjamin Hall Coroner



Wee the <sup>scri</sup>Subers being of the Coroners Inquest or Jury Required to view the <sup>A</sup>body of Richard Tripp of the Townd of Portsmouth to see how he Came by his End: And wee having Diligently viewed and searched the Said body do find as it Evidently Appears that he was Accidently Drownded on Sondag the 28<sup>th</sup> of December: 1712:

William Potter	Robert ffish Jun <sup>r</sup>
Benjamin Hall Jun <sup>r</sup>	William manchester
oliver Arnold	Roger Burington
John Earll	John Hefferlon
Ephraim Andass	
nathaniel Hall	
William Bradway	
Thomas Bordin	

Benj<sup>e</sup> Tallman. The Ear mark of the Cattel of Benjamin Tallman is a fork on the Near or left ear, a Slit in the Right Ear and a halfpenny before the Right Recorded the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1718  $\overline{P}^r$  W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Clerk.

V<sup>m</sup> Fish. The Ear mark of the Cattel of William Fish is a Crop on the near Ear and a half penny before the Same, and a flower deluce on the Right ear. Recorded the 22<sup>d</sup> of May 1718  $\overline{P}^r$  W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Clerk.

[254] Be it knowne unto all men by thease  $\overline{P}$ sents that I Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth in Roade Iland, for a valuabl Consideration by me received, haue soule unto William Wodell of Portsmouth aforesayd, a Certaine  $\overline{P}$ cell of lande Cittuate and lyinge in Portsmouth in Roade Iland, Containinge fiftie Ackers

more or lesse lying on the North syde of George Lawton his lande, and on the South syde of the lande of Richard Haukins, I the aforesayed Thomas haue sould unto the afore sayed William his heiers Eeecutors administrators or assignes all my Right title and interest in the afore sayed land, to haue and to hould with out any molestation, from me the aforesayd Thomas lawton my heiers or assignes, in wittnes whereof I the aforesayed Thomas Lawton haue sett to my hand and seale this 4<sup>th</sup> of August (1653)  
 Signed Sealed and Thomas  Lawton  
 deliuered in the presence of his  marke  
 Philip Shearman  
 Samuell wilbur

A true Copii of the originall deede  
 by me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Cattel of James Strainge is a Slit on the fore part of the Right ear, Recorded the 22<sup>d</sup> of April 1719 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk it being the Mark formerly given by old Lott Strainge. Now renounced

The Ear mark of the Cattel of John Manchester is a Crop on the left ear and a Nick under the Same, and three Nicks under the Right Ear Recorded the 27 of August 1722.  
 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

put to  
John Allen  
of Rowland  
1816  
[ Joseph Ward
**[255]** The Ear mark of the Cattle of Joseph Ward is a Crop on the right ear and a half-penny under the left ear being the ear<sup>mark</sup> of his father's Cattel of 33 years Standing and now Recorded the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1721 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk up held by his Grandson Joseph Ward. And it is the Ear mark of his Creatures. Recorded the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1787 p<sup>r</sup> A. Anthony

Job Lawton
 The Ear mark of the Cattel of Job Lawton is a halfpenny under the left ear and a halfpenny before the right



Recorded the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 1722. p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk  
 This being the 3<sup>d</sup> Ear mark given by s<sup>d</sup> Lawton the other  
 marks being by him renounced.

Attest W Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattle of James Sisson is a fork on the  
 Right Ear and a hine gad on the left It being the Ear mark  
 given by his father (the late deceased) George Sisson in the  
 year 1673, May y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> and Transcribed for the aboves<sup>d</sup> James  
 Sisson the 17<sup>th</sup> of September Anno Domini 1722

W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Thomas Lawton (Son of Adam)  
 is a halfpenny before the left ear Recorded the 24<sup>th</sup> of December  
 1722 W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattel of Daniel Howland is a Slit down  
 the right Ear and a hingad on the left, of about Six years Stand-  
 ing & Entred on Record the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1722

p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

The Ear mark of the Cattel of John Coggeshall is a half penny  
 under the Right Ear Entred on Record the 2<sup>d</sup> of May 1723

p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford T<sup>o</sup> Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Joseph Lawton is two nicks on  
 the left Ear and a fork on the Right Ear

Recorded the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1726.

W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

**[256]** Be it knowne unto all men by thease P<sup>r</sup>sents that I  
 William Wodell of Portsmouth in Roade Ilande, for a ualuable  
 Consideration by mee receiued, haue soule unto Thomas lawton  
 of Portsmouth aforesayed, a certaine P<sup>r</sup>cell of lande Cittuate and  
 lying in Portsmouth in Roade Ilande adJoynninge to the lande

put to  
 Henry Lawton  
 put to Henry  
 Lawton 1788

James Sisson

Thomas Lawton

Daniel Howland

John Coggeshall

Joseph Lawton  
 son of Joseph

of the aforesayd Thomas lawton by a swampe Called the huntinge swampe, Conteinge thirtie ackers more or lesse, I the aforesayed William haue sould unto the aforesayed Thomas, his heiers Executors administrators or assignes all my right title and Interest in the aforesayed land, together with all my right and Interest in that land and orchyarde formerly Possesst by me the sayd William, lyinge betweene the land of George Lawton and the lande of the aforesayed Thomas Lawton, to haue and to hould without any molestation, from me the aforesayed William my heiers or Assignes. in Wittnesse whereof I the aforesayed William haue sett to my hand and seale this 4<sup>th</sup> of August (1653) Signed Sealed and  
william Woddell  
 deliuered in the presence of  
 Philip Shearman  
 Samuell wilbur

A true Copii of the originall deede  
 In presence of me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

B; B The Ear mark of the Cattel of George Cornell Son of Thomas Dec<sup>d</sup> is a half penny under the Right ear & a half penny before the left ear Recorded the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1729  
In presence of W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

The above mark is put to Benj<sup>a</sup> Brown 1789

W Brown [257] The Ear mark of the Cattle of William Brown and partners is a crop on the right ear Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1728  
In presence of W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Whereas the Ear mark of the Cattle of William Sanford was so near like the Ear mark of the Cattle of Job Shearman, therefore the Said Sanford hath Renounced his said former Ear mark and gives only a halfpenny under the near or left Ear which is the proper Ear mark of the Cattle of the Said William Sanford Recorded the 10<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> called May 1728  
In presence of W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

11th<sup>l</sup> Hall The are mark of the Cattle of Nathaniel Hall is a Crop on the right ear and a flower-deluce on the left or near ear. Recorded p<sup>r</sup> order the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month called February 1729 by W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

W<sup>m</sup> Cook put to Anthony 1808 The Ear mark of the Cattle of William Cook is a fork or Swallows tail on each Ear Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> of April 1730 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

G<sup>d</sup> Cornell The Ear mark of the Cattle of Gideon Cornell is a helfpenny under the Near or left Ear Recorded the Sixteenth of April 1730 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

J<sup>s</sup> Strange The Ear mark of the Cattle of James Strange is a hinegad on each Ear Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1730. p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

Daniel Fish The Ear mark of the Cattle of Daniel Fish is a Crop on the Right Ear & a halfpenny before the Same & a flowerdeluce on the left Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1731. p<sup>r</sup> W Sanford T. C<sup>lr</sup> It being the Ear mark given by his father } Robert Fish of Portsmouth late Deceased. } and now the Same Ear mark is taken up by David Fish Son of the abovenamed Robert Fish & Recorded April 1740 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

[258] These may testifie to all to whom it may Concerne that I William Baulston of Portsmouth in Roade Iland doe by these presents for full satisfaction all reddy receiued in hand make ouer sell and deliuer vnto mistris Bridgitt Sanford of Portsmouth aforesayed my one sheare of land lying in the Calfes paster and also fower shears more that was formerly in the possession by a towne grant unto m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cornell m<sup>r</sup> Thomas spiser william ffreeborne & Richard Magson w<sup>ch</sup> I the sayd william bought of

the parties aboue named and nowe doe by these presents dis-  
claime any or all my Right and titl in thee aboue named land,  
and doe Rattifie and Confirme the aboue sayd Bridgett Sanford  
in full and quiet Inioyment of all & euery of these seuerall sheares  
to hir selfe her heiers exsequitors & administrators for euer from  
my selfe my heiers or any of the abouenamed parties the w<sup>ch</sup>  
Calfes paster lyes betwixt the Oorchard of Bridgit Sanford and  
the Claypitt feild in testimony hereof I doe sett unto my hand  
in Portsmouth on Road Iland this third day of June (i654)

William Baulston

Signed in the presents of us

Thomas Cornell

Richard Smith

a true Copii ☞ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

Eben: Shear-  
man The Ear mark of the Cattle of Ebenezer Shearman is a hinegad  
on the near or left ear Recorded the 14<sup>th</sup> of June A. D. 1734  
☞ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

David  
Fish The Ear mark of the Cattle of David Fish is a foregad on the  
near Ear & a halfpenny under the Right Ear Entred on Record  
the 2<sup>d</sup> day of November A. D. 1736  
☞ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Daniel Lawton Son of Jeremiah  
is two nicks under the left ear and two nicks before the Right  
ear Entred on Record y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1737  
☞ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

[259] The Earmark of the Cattle of Adam Hunt is a Crop on  
the near or left ear and a Slit in the Same and also a Slit in the  
Right Ear Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> day of March A. D. 1736/7  
☞ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

{ put to Humphrey }  
Chase

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Nathan Chase is a foregad on the Right ear Recorded y<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> of July A. D. 1737  
 ¶ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Benjamin Shearman is a Crop on the near Ear and a halfpenney under each Ear Recorded y<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> of April A. D. 1738  
 ¶ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

Redwood The Ear mark of the Cattle of Abraham Redwood is a Crop on y<sup>c</sup> Right Ear and a fork on the left ear Recorded y<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> day of May A. D. 1740  
 ¶ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

Barnet Sisson The Ear mark of the Cattle of Barnet Sisson is a fork on the Right Ear & a hole in the left Eare Recorded the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1742  
 ¶ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

Lawton Jun<sup>r</sup> The Ear mark of the Cattle of Benjamin Lawton Jun<sup>r</sup> is a hine gad on each Ear (it being the Ear mark given by James Strange and Submitted by s<sup>d</sup> Strange to said Lawton) & Recorded June y<sup>c</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1743  
 ¶ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Joshua Sanford is a Crop on the Right Ear Entred on Record May the 22<sup>d</sup> - - - - - 1751  
 ¶ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford

[260] Bee it knowne to all men, to whom these presents shall Co[ ] that I Ralph Earll of Portsmouth on Roade-Iland in N[ ] England Senior, haue, and by these presents doe ffreely and fully giue, and make ouer unto my sonne william Earll all and euery P<sup>t</sup> & P<sup>cell</sup> of a peice of land w<sup>ch</sup> is Being[ ] bounded in the Toune of Portsmouth aforesayd as ffolloweth viz / by the lande or house lott of John Trippe on the Northside & by the

common or street on the East ¶ty, and by the Land or house-lott of Ralph Cowland on the South ¶ty, and by the Common on the west ¶ty: all w<sup>ch</sup> sayd Land as afore bounded is or containeth the ffull Quantity of Eighten ackers, be it more or lesse, and I the aforsayd Ralph Earll, doe by these presents giue and make ouer unto my foresayd sonne william, all y<sup>e</sup> aforesayd Land together with all the houseing, fences, trees and other Comodities, priuiledges, benefits, apurtenances, & Conveniences there upon being or there unto belonging for the use & lawfull possession & benefit of him the fore sayd Willi[ ] his heiers executors, administrators or Assignes even for euer: and for and to the confirmation of this my free, & Considerate Lawfull act and deed, I the afore named Ralph Earll doe here-unto put my hand & seale this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill. Anno: (i655)

Signed Sealed and

Ralph Earll

deliuered in the presens of

Benedict Arnold

w<sup>m</sup> Lytherland:

A true Copii ¶ me Philip Shearman: Toune Clarke

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Thomas Manchester is a Crop on the Right Ear, and a piece Sloapt of from the hinder part of said Crop, and a Slit right down the middle of the left Ear with a halfpenny under the Same

Recorded October the 30<sup>th</sup> A D 1747

¶ W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

It being the Ear mark hereto fore given by Thomas Brayton

[261] The Ear-mark of the Cattle of William Anthony is a Crop on the Right ear and a hole in each ear Recorded the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1748

p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

It being the Ear mark given by his father }  
John Anthony & by him Recorded the 8<sup>th</sup> }  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> month 1677.

put to Jonathan  
Anthony 1810

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Benjamin Tallman Jun<sup>r</sup> is a fork on the left ear Recorded the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1748  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

It being the Same Ear mark given by his Grand-father Thomas Durfie the year not entred

put to  
George Sisson  
2<sup>d</sup> in 1808

The Ear-mark of the Cattle of Peleg Shearman Jun<sup>r</sup> is a hinegad on the left or near Ear Recorded May y<sup>c</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1748  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

Saml  
Sherman  
1814

The Ear mark of the Cattle of John Shearman is a foregad on the left or near ear, Recorded May y<sup>c</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1748  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

put to  
Gardner Fish  
in 1809

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Benjamin Fish is a Crop on each ear and a halfpenny under each ear. Recorded May the 14<sup>th</sup> A D 1748  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk  
It being the Ear mark given by }  
his father Preserved Fish. }

The Earmark of the Cattle of Amie Shearman widow of the late deceased Job Shearman is a foregad on the left ear and a half-penny under each Ear (it being the Same mark given by the Said Job Shearman in his life time)  
Recorded May y<sup>c</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1748 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

Put to  
Cistopher  
Durfee

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Elizabeth Wyatt is a hole in the near or left Ear Recorded May y<sup>c</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1748  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

put to  
W<sup>m</sup> Lawton  
Son of sd Robert  
in 1810

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Robert Lawton is a fork on the Right Ear and a halfpeny under the Same, Recorded June y<sup>c</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1748,  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk. & is the Same

Ear mark given by his great Grand-father George Lawton in the year 1667 which was then of 26 years Standing & the Same Ear mark held by Succession to his Son Robert Lawton & from the Said Robert Lawton, by his Son George Lawton & from the Said George Lawton by his Son Robert Lawton first above named, being four Generations Successively

**[262]**

Roade Iland


May the 7<sup>th</sup> (1655) The Councill of the towne of Portsmouth being mett according to the law of the Collonie for the legall dissposing of the estate of John Wood deceast to those to whome it belongs, the deceast not haueing left, a will or testament, haue Chosen m<sup>r</sup> John Coggeshall Thomas Cornell Junior James Badcock and william Hall to prise the landes buildings and fences and other apurtenances of the aforenamed deceast, who haue prised that which is in John woods hand at—45 pounds that which is in Thomas woods hand—20 pounds and that which is in the Widdows hands—50 pounds there being an Inuentory of the goods and Cattell taken by Thomas Cornell senior, John Roome James Badcock Obadiah Holme John Gould and Edward Thurston at the request of the widdow and Children of the deceast: being presented to the Councill hath been avouched to bee a true Inuentory of the goods and Cattell of the deceast, and thereupon asepted by us the Councill: amounting to the somm of sixteen pounds: m<sup>r</sup> William Balston being hedd officer of the toune, Richard Bordin John Roome John Brigs and Philip Shearman being of the Towne Councill doe disspose of the afore-named estate as followeth: namely unto John wood that land that is in his present possession paying unto his Sister Manchester eight poundes fower pounds presently and fower poundes at the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September next after the date hereof, to bee payed according to the acompt of siluer pay: And unto Thomas



Wood. that land which was his fathers lying in Nuport by the farme of William weeden being forty ackers more or lesse, and that land which the widdow of the deceast liues upon tenn ackers of it presently to be deliuered in to the possession of William Wood and to bee layed out to him on that syde of the Brooke next Clement Weauer and [263] the brooke to bee the boundes at that Corner next the howse untill one Come to the swampe and then to runn as Richard Bordin and william : hall : shall see Conuenient who are apoynted to lay it out to the aforesayd william wood, this present Cropp of Corne which is growing upon partt of the sayd land being Exsepted and free libertie granted to the widdow of the deceast to take it of peaceabllie, and all the remainder of land nowe in the possession of the afforesayd widdow the foresayd tenn ackers exsepted, to bee inJoyed by the widdow during the terme of her life, paying unto George woode the eldest son of John wood deceast the somm of fower pounds according to the accompt of siluer pay, and paying unto the two younge Children of the deceast Susanna and Elizibeth : eight pounds apeice according to the accompt of siluer pay : at the age of sixteen years and after the decease of the aforesayd widow, thee aforenamed William wood to inJoy all that parcell of land nowe in his moother in laws possession paying the eight pounds apeice to the two you<sup>u</sup>ge Children at the age apoynted if it Come in to the sayd williams possession by the death of his moother in law before thay Come to the age of sixteen years: and the Cattell and goods amounting by the Inuentory to the somm of sixteen pounds wee apoynt thee widdowe to inJoy to bringe up thee younge Children : It is Also ordered by thee aforenamed Councell that if either of the aforenamed young Children depart this life before the age of sixteen years then the legacie of thee deceast to bee paid unto the longer liuer of the sayd Children : It is also ordered by us the Councell aforenamed that Elizibeth wood the late wife of the deceast shalbee sole excecketrix, to see

the order of the Councell performed and the debts of the deceased  
payd: witness our hands the day and date aboue written

william Baulston

John  Briggs

John  oome


Philip Shearman


[264] Know all men by these presents that I John Sanford  
of Portsmouth on Roade Iland haue receaued full Satisfac[ ]  
and payment of my Mother Brigit Sanford of the same Excequi-  
trix to my ffather John Sanford deceased, all and euey legacy  
giuen and bequeathed to me by my fathers will and doe fully  
aquit and discharge my sayd mother for the same by these pres-  
ents acknowledging I haue receiued from her by apoyntment  
of the overseers all particulers mentioned in the sayd will in testi-  
mony wherof I haue put to my hand and seale this 20 Nouēbr  
(1653) John Sanford

Witness Edward Hutchinson

Richard Bordin

Samuel Sanford

A true Copii  me Philip Shearman Toun Clarke

Know all men by these presents tha I Samuel Sanford of Ports-  
mouth on Road Iland haue receiued full satisfaction and pay-  
ment of my mother Brigit Sanford of the same excequitri[ ] to  
my father John Sanford deceased all and euey legacy bequeathed  
to me by the will of my sayd father as well for what te I was to  
haue in the estate as also all other legasys what so euer and doe  
here by fully aquitt my sayd mother and discharge her renounce-  
ing any Claime right or intrest in any thing further then I haue  
alredy receaued acknowledging I haue receiued all from her by  
apoyntment of the ouerseers according to the will In testimony

wherof I haue put to my hand and Seale this twenty day of  
 Nouember (i653) only in case of death of any of my yonger  
 brothers the land at black poynte is to be diuided according to  
 the will of my father] Samuel Sanford

Witness

Edward Hutchinson

Richard Bordin

John Sanford

A true Copii ꝑ me Philip Shearman Toun Clarke

[**265**] Know all men by these presents that I Bartho: Stretton  
 of Boston In New. England Marrino<sup>r</sup> Husband to Elifall Stretton  
 formerly Elifall Sanford. Have Received of m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> phillips of  
 the Sayd Boston Now Husband vnto Briggett phillips fformerly  
 Brigitt Sanford my Mother in law and Excecutrix unto m<sup>r</sup> John  
 Sanford Lately Deceased all and Singuar the pertickulars given  
 vnto the Sayd Elifall by her father John Sanford Deceased as  
 by apoyntment of the Overseers: And Doe by these presents  
 Acquitt and Discharge the Sayd W<sup>m</sup> phillips or Brigitt his or  
 their Executo<sup>rs</sup> Administrators or Asignes for-Ever from the  
 premises before Either Legusis one or other Wittnes my hand  
 this 17<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup>: 1663

Signed Sealed and Delivered

Bartho. Stretton ☉

in presence off

Restcom Sanford.

peleg Sanford.

A True Copie As Atests. John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Know all men by these presents that I peleg Sanford have Re-  
 ceived ffrom my father a law. m<sup>r</sup> William phillips Now Husband  
 vnto Brigitt phillips fformerly Bridgitt Sanford (my Mother)  
 Executrix vnto my father John Sanford Deceased all and  
 Singular the pertickulars given vnto me by father John Sanford  
 and by apoyntment of the Overseers. And Doe by these pres-

sents acquitt and Discharge William phillips or Bridgitt his or their Executors or administrators for-ever from the premises before, as Wittnes my hand and Seale the 19<sup>th</sup> Octobr: 1663

Peleg Sanford (S)

Red Signed and Delivered  
in pressence off  
Bartho Stretton  
William Sanford.

A . True . Cop<sup>ie</sup> As Atests John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Know all men by these presents that I Ezbon Sanford Sonn vnto m<sup>r</sup> John Sanford of the Towne of portsmouth Deceased Doe owne and acknowlidg. to have Received of my Mother Bridgitt phillips late wife and Executrix vnto my Sayd Deceased ffather. John Sanford all and Every part of whatsoe-Ever to me was due by the will of my Sayd ffather: And I doe hereby ffully acquitt Release and discharge. my Sayd Mother from all manner of demaunds or Leguisis to me belonginge by vertue of my Sayd ffathers Will In Wittnes herof I have Sett my hand and Seale the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1670

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
in pressence . off .

Ezbon Sanford (S)

John Sanford  
Samuell Sanford.

A True Cop<sup>ie</sup> As Atests John Sanford Towne Clerke.

[266] This deed or writing bareing date this twenty fift d[ ] of August in the yeare of our lord Christ one thousand six hundred fifty and six, witnesseth that Job: Haukines of Bos[ ] Carpinder: for and in consideration of a valuable Satisfactio[ ] in hand giuen and receiued hath therefore sold and doth hereby Conuay unto Robert dennis of Portsmouth on Road Iland Planter: A parcell of land Containeing twenty Ackers more or lesse liinge with in the bounds of the towne of Portsmouth aforesayed which land


was freely graunted and giuein by the tounsmen of Portsmouth  
 aforesayd unto Richard Haukines and this sd Job Haukines  
 which sayed Parcell of land lieth and boundeth with william  
 woadels land to the South side, and m<sup>r</sup> William Brentons land to  
 the North Side, the east end Buting upon the Sea, and the west  
 end buting upon the hie way to haue and to hould and peaceably  
 to posses and injoy the Sayd parcell of land with all Apurten-  
 ances and preuillidgis there unto belonging to the said Robert  
 dennis and his heiers for euer: and the sayed Job Haukines doth  
 Couenant agree and promise for himselfe and his heiers and  
 excequetors with the sd Robert dennis and his heiers that this is  
 a good a firm and Indefeazable deed and estate unto the Said  
 Robert denis and his heiers for euer to Injoy and posses, from  
 any lawfull Claime of the foresayed Richard Haukines his heiers  
 & excequetors and from any other which shall claime from by or  
 under any Right or title of any person or persons, in testimony  
 whereof the sayed Job Haukines doth hereunto sett to his hand  
 and seale the day and yeare abouesayed

Signed Sealed and deliuered

Job h  aukines  
 his marke

in the presens of:

William Bälston

A true Copii  me Philip

John Sanford

Shearman towne Clarke

This witnesseth that I Jane Haukines late wife to Richard  
 Haukines aforesaid deceast doe Asent unto this aboue written  
 deed and doe disclaime all my Right and title to the aboue sayed  
 land & doe conuay and Confirme it to the abouesayd Robert  
 dennis and his heiers foreuer wittnes my hand this twenty fift of  
 August i656

witnes hereunto

Jane  Haukines  
 hir marke

John Sanford

Samuel wilson

A true Copii  me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

**[267]** The Ear-mark of the Cattle of George Shearman is a fork or Swallows tail on the Right Ear Recorded June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> A. D 1748 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear-mark of the Cattle of Preserved Shearman is a Slit down the left or near Ear Recorded June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> A D 1748 p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Cattle of George Sisson is hinegad under the left Ear and a halfpenny under the Right Ear Recorded April the 29<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1749: p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk  
It being the Ear mak of the Cattle formerly given by John Pinner

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Stephen Brownell Esq<sup>r</sup> is a Crop on the near or left Ear & a foregad on the Right Ear Recorded may the 8<sup>th</sup> A D 1749  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Thomas Sisson is two half pennys before the near or left ear Recorded June the 5<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1749  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

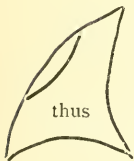
The Ear mark of the Cattle of Cap<sup>t</sup> Rowse Potter is two Slopes one on each Ear taken out behind or the hinder part of Said Ears Recorded march the 20<sup>th</sup> A. D 1750/1.  
p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sanford Town Clerk.

The Ear mark of the Cattle of Isaac Lawrance is a hind gad on Each Ear Recorded the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of June A. D: 1751  
p<sup>r</sup> Robert Dennis Town Clerk

The Ear mark of y<sup>e</sup> Cattle of Benjamin Hambly is a hole in y<sup>e</sup> Right<sup>ear</sup> and a Crop of y<sup>e</sup> Left Ear Recorded. May y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> A D 1752  
By Rob' Dennis T: Clerk

put to his  
son Preserved  
shearman  
A. D 1791  
Put to Sylvester  
Hathaway June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

put to  
Job Sisson  
1788



The Ear mark of y<sup>e</sup> Cattle of Robert Burrington is a half penny  
before y<sup>e</sup> Right Ear Recorded May y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> A D 1752

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T. Clerk

[268] This deed Baring date the fift day of march Ano dom:  
(1651 witnesseth that I Joshua Coggeshall of Portsmouth on  
Road Iland, haue for a valuabl Consideration in hand payd  
before the Sealinge hereof: hau[ ] sould unto Clemant weavor  
Juneor of Nuport on Road Iland a parsell of land lying in a  
Tryangle forme Butted & Bounded as followeth: on the South-  
east by the Comon sixty Pols from thence on a straight line to a  
great white oake marked on boath sides & from that white oake  
along the line betweene this Parsell of land & land formerly &  
still is in the Possession of Clemant Weavor aforesayd: which  
parsell of land I the sd Joshua Coggeshall haue sould unto  
Clemant weavor afor sd with all the priviliges thereunto belong-  
ing to haue and to hould to him and his heiers for euer: and  
further I the sayd Joshua Coggeshall doe make warant unto and  
with the sayd Clemant that at the time of the sale here of I was  
the sole & true owner therof: and further I and my heiers doe  
also Covenant to and with the sayd Clemant and his heiers for  
his quiat and peasable Injoying of it from any Just molestation  
of mee or mine from by or under any Right title or Interest that  
I haue or ever had there in and in wittnes hereof I haue on the  
day & yeare first aboue written set to my hand and seale

Signed Sealed

Joshua Coggeshall

& deliuered in the

presence of

A True Copii ʒ me

Marke Lucar

Philip Shearman

Daniel Gould

toune Clarke

The Ear mark of the Cattle and Sheep &<sup>c</sup> of Clark Cornell is a  
fork on y<sup>e</sup> Left ear and a halfpeny behind the same ear Entered  
on Rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> A D 1752

Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T. Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures belonging to Joseph Sisson is a Crop off of the near or Left Ear and two Slits in the Crop of said Ear Entred on Rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of May A: D: 1753

Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T Clerk.

The above Ear mark of the Creatures of Jo<sup>s</sup> Sisson is put to Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Corrie Ju<sup>r</sup>

Isaac  
Anthony

[269] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Isaac Anthony is A slit Down Each ear beginning at the uttermost end of said Ears Rec<sup>dd</sup> June the 14<sup>th</sup> Day Annoqz Dom<sup>e</sup> 1753

Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T. Clerk\_

put to  
Christopher  
Shearman Ju<sup>r</sup>  
1788

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Ebenezer Slocum is a Crop of the Right Ear and a half penny taken out off before and behind the same Ear Rec<sup>dd</sup> September the 24<sup>th</sup> A D 1753

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T. Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Robert Dennis is a fork on the Right Ear and a fore gad on the Left<sup>Ear</sup> Rec<sup>dd</sup> June y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> A D: 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

Jos Dennis  
put to  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis  
his mark  
put to Geo. Dennis  
1813

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Joseph Dennis is a fork on the Right Ear and a Slit in the Left Rec<sup>dd</sup> June y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> AD 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of William Hall Jun<sup>r</sup> is a Slit in Each Ear Recorded June y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> A D; 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Thomas is a Crop of the Right Ear and two Slits in the Crop Rec<sup>dd</sup> June y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> A D: 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk



The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Roger Burrington is two holes in Each Ear Entered on Record the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June Annoqz Dom<sup>e</sup> 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup>. Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Nicholas Brown is two Slits in Each Ear Entered on Record June y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Annoqz Dom<sup>e</sup> 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup>. Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Almy is a Crop of the Right Ear and a half-penny taken out of the Same Ear before & behind—Entered on Record January the 14<sup>th</sup> A D 1759

By Rob<sup>t</sup>. Dennis T. Cler

[270] This present deede or Writinge Baring date th[ ] 24<sup>th</sup> day of Nouember in the yeare (i656) wittneseth [ ] where as there is a parcell of land, within the liberties of the towne of Portsmouth on Road Iland: containing thirty ackers be it more or lesse, butting and & bounded as followeth on the East with m<sup>r</sup> Brownels land one the west side with m<sup>r</sup> porters land one the North end with the sea, on the south end with the Comon which s<sup>d</sup> parcell of land was giuen & granted by the towne of portsmouth afore sayed unto Nathaniel potter deceased, & sould and Conuaied by John Albro to James Sands, & by Jeames Sands the aforesayd land was sould to Samuell Wilson and by Samuel Wilson the sayd land was sould & Conuaied unto william Shearman, and by William Shearman the saied land was sould & conuaied unto Ralph Earle of portsmouth Senior, which sayd land beinge the true & lawfull Right of Ralph Earl senior: of Portsmouth aforesayed on Road Iland, the sayd Ralph Earl senior for good causis mouinge him ther to and full satisfaction in hand Receiued: by him the sayd Earl hath sould and by these presents doth Bargaine for sell and Conuaie all the aforesayed


land: with all the apurtainancis preuiliges or prerogatiues ther on or therto Belonging unto Daniell Greenell, of Portsmouth on Road Iland Abouesayed, by and upon which Bargaine so made, and upon the Ensealinge there of the sayd Ralph Earle afore sayed doth giue graunt sell Ratify and confeirme all the Right title Interest claime preuilidg or prerogatiue that either the sayd Ralph Earle: by himselfe his heiery exequetors administrators or asignes did doe or might doe or might injoy or lay Claim unto in the premisis abouesayed unto the sayed daniel Greenell his heiery exequetors administrators or asignes firmly to inJoye and posses as his or Either of his or their lawful possession and inheritance foreuer free from all molestation and truble as from the sayd Ralph Earl his heiery exequetors administrators or asignes and in confirmation here of the aboue named Ralph Earle Senior hath set to his hand and seale the day and yeare aboue written in Portsmouth on Road Iland

Signed sealed and deliuered  
in the presents of us

Ralph Earll

John Sanford

Ralph  Earll Juner  
his marke

A tru Copii  me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

[271] Portsmouth May y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> day 1754

These may Certify y<sup>e</sup> Town Clerk of Portsmouth that I John Cory have sold my right that I have of Cattle Runing in y<sup>e</sup> highways unto John Burrington of s<sup>d</sup> Town as Witness my hand

John Cory

Portsmouth June y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> day 1754

These may Certify y<sup>e</sup> Town Clerk of the Town of Portsmouth that I have Six Yearlings which Runs on y<sup>e</sup> Highways marked with a hole in Each Ear and a happenny under y<sup>e</sup> Right Ear as Witness my hand

John Burrington

Portsmouth June y<sup>e</sup> 8 day 1754

This may Certify y<sup>e</sup> Town Clerk that I have Disposed of my Right of Cattle Runing in y<sup>e</sup> Highways unto John Burrington of said Town as Witness my hand  
David Anthony

All y<sup>e</sup> above is a true Copys of y<sup>e</sup> Originals Rec<sup>dd</sup> June y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>  
A. D: 1754 Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of Adam Lawton's <sup>Creatures</sup> is one Nick under the Right Ear and two Nicks under the Left Entered on Record June the 18<sup>th</sup> A D: 1754  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Giles Lawton is a Crop of the Left Ear and two Nick's under it and two Nick's under the Right Ear Entered on Record June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> A D: 1754  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Lake is a fork on the Right Ear and a Hap'penny before and behind the left Ear Entered on Rec<sup>d</sup> June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> A D 1754.  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

[272] Be it knowne unto all men by these presents that I Will[ ] Wodell of Portsmouth in Roade Iland for a valuabl Co[ ]sideration by mee receiued, haue sould unto Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth aforesayed, a certaine parcell of lande cituate and lying in portsmouth in Roade Iland adJoyninge to the lande of the aforesayed Thomas Lawton by a swampe Called the hunt-inge swamp[ ] Contayning thirtie Ackers more or lesse, I the aforesayed William haue sould unto the aforesayed Thoma[ ] his heiers Exekcutors administrators or Assignes all my right title and Interest in the aforesayd land, together with all my right and Interest in that land and orchyard formerly possest by me the sayd william lying betwene the land of George Lawton and the

land of the foresayed Thomas Lawton, to haue and to hould without any molestation, from me the aforesayed william my heiers or assignes in witness where of I the aforesayed william haue sett to my hand and seale this 4<sup>th</sup> of August (i653)

Signed Sealed and  
deliuered in the P<sup>s</sup>ence  
of Philip Shearman  
Samuel Wilbur

William  
Woddell

A true Copii P<sup>r</sup> me  
Philip Shearman Toune Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Remmington is a fork on the Right Ear and a hapenny under y<sup>e</sup> same Ear and a Hapenny before & behind the Left Ear Entered on Record June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> A D 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup>: Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk\_

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Isaac Lawton is a Crop of the Right Ear and two Nicks under the Left Entered on Record June y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> A D: 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup>: Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk\_

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Restcom Sanford is a Hapenny under Each Ear Entered on Record June the 20<sup>th</sup> A D: 1754

By Rob<sup>t</sup>: Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk\_

**[273]** The Ear Mark of y<sup>e</sup> Creatures of Robert Barker is a Crop of the Left Ear and a slit in the Right Ear and a Halfpenny under Each Ear Entered on Record June 22<sup>nd</sup> A D: 1754-

By Rob<sup>t</sup>: Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

Shiffted  
to Peleg  
his  
Son

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Thomas Sherman is a fore Gad on the Left Ear and a Half penny under the same Ear Entered On Record June y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> A D 1754 (it being the Ear Mark of y<sup>e</sup> Creatures<sup>of</sup> his Father Peleg Sherman of 76 Years Standing)

By Rob<sup>t</sup>: Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk\_

the above mark put to Mary Sherman wid<sup>w</sup> of Tho<sup>s</sup> son of Peleg,  
1820

put to W<sup>m</sup> Man:  
:chester June 9, 1820

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Earl is a Crop of the Right Ear and a Slit in the Left Ear Entered on Rec<sup>d</sup> June y<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> A D: 1754—  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Caleb Lake is a Crop of the Left Ear Entered on Rec<sup>d</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of May A D 1755  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Sole is a half-penny under the Right Ear Entered on Rec<sup>d</sup> May y<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> A D 1755  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Weston Hicks is a hind Gad on the Left Ear and a fore Gad on the Right Ear Entered on Rec<sup>d</sup> May y<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> A D 1755  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clk


The Ear mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Chiles is one half-penny under Each Ear Entered on Record May the 16<sup>th</sup> A D: 1755  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clk

[274] This present deede bareing date this eight day of January in the yeare of our lord one thousand six hu[ ]dredth fiftie fower witnesseth that I John Briggs of th[ ] tounce of Portsmouth in Road Iland for a valuabl Consideration in hand receiued haue sould unto Thomas Lawton of the same tounce and place, a parcell of lande Containing six ackers more or lesse lying in portsmouth aforesayed, haucing on the South side of it a parcell of land adJoyning which is Thomas ffish his land and on the North side of the aforesayed bargained land lyeth a parcell of land adJoyning which is in the Posession of Henry Knowles, I the aforesayed John doe hereby resign up all my right and title in the forenamed land and fences and priuileges therto belonging unto the aforesayed Thomas Lawton his heiers or asignes for euer so that neither I my selfe nor any other shall

Clame any right or interest in any parte or parcell of the afore-named bargained premises in witness where of I the sayd John Briggs haue hereto sett my hand and seale the day and date aboue written

John Briggs  
his  marke

Signed Sealed & deliuered  
in the presence of  
Philip Shearman  
John Tripp  
Sara Shearman

A True Copii  me Philip Shearman Toune Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Soule is a Crop of the Left Ear and a half-penny before y<sup>e</sup> Same Ear Entered on Rec<sup>d</sup> May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> A D 1755 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clk.\_

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Christopher Shearman is a Crop of the Left Ear and a helfpenny before the Same Ear Entered on Record Aug<sup>t</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> A D: 1762 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk.\_

put to Caleb Sherman  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1818

Put to  
Martin  
Dedrick  
June 27  
1833

**[275]** The Ear mark of the Creatures of Gideon Durfee is a fork on the left Ear and a Slit under the Same ear Entered on Record May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> A D: 1755 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clk.\_

Put to  
David Almy  
May 30<sup>th</sup> 1829

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Willcocks is a Crop of the y<sup>e</sup> Right Ear and a Half penny before the Same Ear Entered on Record May y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> A D 1755 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clk.

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Joseph Cundall Jun<sup>r</sup> is a Slit in the Right Ear and a hind Gad on the Left ear Entered on Record May y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> A D: 1755 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Brownell Is a Crop of the Right Ear and a fore Gad on the Left Entered on Record July y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> A D 1755 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clk.\_

put to  
ar. Sisson  
y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>  
The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Isaac Barker is a Slit in the  
Left Ear and a hind Gad on the Right Ear Entered on Record  
May y<sup>e</sup> 17th A D 1756\_ Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Cler,

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Benj<sup>n</sup> Hicks is a Slit Down  
the Right Year near about the Middle of s<sup>d</sup> Ear Recorded Sep-  
tember y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> A D: 1756 Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> C<sup>ler</sup>

put to  
J. Sisson  
1818  
The Ear mark of the Creatures of James Sisson J<sup>or</sup> is a Slit in y<sup>e</sup>  
left Ear and a hind gad on the Right ear Entered May y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1774  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk


[276] This present deede baring Date this twentifft of  
Januar[ ] in the yeare of our lorde Sixteen hundreth fiftie fower  
witness[ ] that I Henery Knowles of Portsmouth in Roade  
Ilande for a ualuable consideration in hand receiued haue bar-  
gained and sould unto Thomas Lawton of the same towne and  
place my nowe dwelling house with three house lotts adioyning  
together with the apurtenances and priuileges therto belonging  
the fruit trees and all the fences belonging to the sayed land and  
fencing stufte thereupon with the loose bordes in the sayd house,  
situate in portsmouth, the sayed land being by estimation nyne  
ackers more or lesse bounded on the North syde with the land  
of John Albro and on the South with another parcell of land of  
the sayed John Albro and bounded at either end with the Com-  
mon, together with two lotts of land lying in the same toune  
being bounded on the North with the land of Philip Shearman  
and at boath endes with the Common together with the apurten-  
ances and priuileges therto belonging, I the aforesayed Henery  
doe for my selfe my heiers exsequetors or administrators resigne  
up all my rite title and interest in euery parte and parcell of the  
forenamed bargained premises, unto the aforenamed Thoma[ ]  
Lawton his heiers Administrators or Assignes for euer so that  
neither I my selfe nor any other by or from me, shall Claime any

title or interest in any parte or parcell of the bargained premises.  
in wittnes hereof I haue hereto sett my hand and seale the day  
and date aboue written

Signed Sealed and  
deliuered in the  
presence of

Philip Shearman

Sarah Shearman

A tru Copii  me Philip Shearman touné Clarke

Henry Knowles

his marke 

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Charles Bowler is a hind Gad  
on Each Ear Entered on Record the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of March A D  
1759 Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

These may Certify that Robert Dennis doth Renounce his former  
Ear Mark and now marks wh a Fork in y<sup>e</sup> Right Eare and  
a Slit in the Left which was his Farthers Ear Mark

Witness Rob<sup>t</sup> Denni[ ]

put to his son  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Pearce Jur  
by his order 1788

[277] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuell Pearce of  
Prudence Island is a hole in Each Ear Entered and Recorded  
December the 8<sup>th</sup> A D 1757\_ By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

put to George Sisson 2<sup>d</sup>  
in 1808

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Parker Shearman is a hind  
Gad on the Left or Near Ear Entered on Record June y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>  
A D 1760 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

Put to his son  
Abram<sup>m</sup> Anthony Jur

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Phillip Anthony is a fork on  
the Right ear and a hole in the Left Ear Enter'd on Record  
August y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> A D. 1760 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Cler



The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Fish Jun<sup>r</sup> is a hind Gad on the Right <sup>Ear</sup> and a Crop of the Left Ear and a hole in the Cropt Ear Entered on Record March y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> A D 1762

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Cler

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuell Marryott is a fork or Swallows tail on the Right Ear Entered May the 29<sup>th</sup> A D 1764

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Stephen Brayton is a fork or Swallows tail on the right Ear Entered May y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> A D 1765

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

put to Robert  
Fish

[278] Be it knowne unto all men by these presents that I Tho[ ] Jenin of Road Iland planter in portsmouth haue for diu[ ]rs good causes and considerations me therunto moued haue bargained and sould and doe by these presents bargaine and sell unto Thomas Lawton of Portsmouth on Road Iland planter one lott containing by estimation twenty ackers be it more or lesse situated in portsmouth in the aforesayed Iland butting upon the south side of browns lott and bounded upon the mill swamp and parte of the mill swamp and moste of it on the west side of the mill swampe with all the other profits and comodities therunto belonging or any ways apertaineing and and by these presents granted unto the sayed Thomas Lawton heiers or executors administrators all my former right title claime intrust or demande of in or to the aforesayd right and land with all the apurtenances and euery parte and parcell therof confirming the same upon the sayed Thomas Lawton his heiers executers and administrators as their proper right title or estate to haue and to hould and peaceably to inioy for euer from me the sayed Thomas Jenin my heiers exeCuters administrators to him the sayed Thomas Lawton his heiers executors administrators and assignes all other bargains Couenants morgages or other agreement| | made or to be

made by me the sayd Thomas Jenin through my meanes to the Contrary to this deede of saile to be voyd and of no efect in wittnes where of the sayd Thomas doth for him selfe and for his heiers executors administrators and assignes subscribe his hand and set to his seale the eightent day of July (1654)

Sealed Signed and  
deliuered and possession  
giuen in the presents  
of us


Thomas Jenin

his  marke

Matthew Bridgman

Thomas Henly his marke



A tru Copii  me Philip Shearman toune Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Thurston is a Slit in the Left Ear and a half penny under the Same ear and a hind Gad on the Right ear Being the Ear Mark of Francis Brayton Entered May 21<sup>st</sup> 1772

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Cl<sup>k</sup>

John Thurston Renounce<sup>d</sup> the Above Mark

[279] Know all men by these presents that I William Hall of Portsmouth in Roade Iland: haue sould unto Thomas Manchester of the same towne and Iland: all my right and intrust in that parcell of land granted unto me by the abouesaide towne: lying and adjoyning next unto the high way on the North side butting upon the mill swamp on the East end: and the other end butting upon the Common and the other side Joyning to William Hauenses land; I the aboue sayed William doe acknowledg to haue receiued full satisfaction for the premises and doe hereby disclaime all my right and title there unto. and doe freely pass ouer and Confirme unto the abouesayed Thomas his heiers executers administrators or assignes to haue and to hould without molestation from me my heiers execeters administrators or

assignes in wittnes where of I haue hereunto sett my hand this  
3<sup>d</sup> of december (1654) William Hall

Signed Sealed and  
deliuered in the presents  
of us William Wodell  
George Lawton  
William Almy

A true Copii ¶ me Philip Shearman towne Clarke

The Ear Mark of Samuell Shearman's Cattle is a hind Gad on  
the Right Ear and a of the Left Ear with a hole in the Cropt  
Ear entered <sup>on Record</sup> May the 26<sup>th</sup> A D 1759 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of Isaac Anthony's Creatures is a hind Gad on  
the Right Ear A Crop of the Left Ear and a hole in the Cropt  
Ear Entered on Record Aug<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1762  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The ear mark of the Creatures of James Headley & Company is  
a Slit Down the Right Ear Entered on Record April y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>  
1765 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

[280] Be it knowne unto all men by these presents that I  
Tho[ ] ffish of Portsmouth in Road lland planter haue for  
good Consideration and due satisfaction in hand paid, sould unto  
Thomas Lawton of the same toune and place aforenamed yea-  
man, a parcell of land of fower ackers more or lesse with all the  
housing and fencing wood and timber and all other apertinances  
thereunto belonging the land being bounded in this maner  
butting on the North end with the Comon bounded on the East  
side with the land of the aforesayed Thomas Lawton butting  
upon the high way and the swamp in the towne bounded on the  
south side with the land of John Albro, this fower ackers of land  
more or lesse aforenamed I the sayed Thomas ffish doe and haue

made suer and giuen possession unto the aforesaid Thomas Lawton his heiers executors or assignes for euer to posses and inioy neuer to be molested by me the sayd Thomas ffish my heiers executors or assignes to claime any intrust or title therunto and for the true performance of the same I the said Thomas fish haue for my selfe my heiers executors and assignes sett to my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> of ffebruary (1655)

Signed and deliuered in  
the presents of us  
George Parker  
ffrancis Parker

Thomas ffish

A true Copii ☉ me Philip Shearman Towne Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Jacob Mott is a Crop of the Left Ear and a Slit in the Crop and a Half penny before the Right Ear being the Antiant Ear Mark of the Farm & family of the Mott's Enter'd July y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> A D 1764

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Henry Headley is a Half penny under the right Ear Entered on Record April y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> A D 1765-

By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk-

N. B the Eare Mark of Henery Headley John Thurston has taken for his Mark & Renounces his former Mark

**[281]** To the twelve men that are the Desposers of land in portsmouth or to whome this may Concerne

Know yee that I William Almy of the aforesayd Towne of portsmouth have given and doe by thess presents give and graunt unto Richard Bulgar of the afore-sayd Towne all my Right Title and Intrest into A graunt of Eight acres of land graunted to me the Sayd William Almy within the Comon ffence for the Sayd Richard to have and to hould and peaceably to inioy from me

the Sayd William Almy my heyres Excecutors or asignes to him his heyrs Excecutors or asignes for Ever in Testimony hereof the Sayd William doth Sett to his hand this fift day of January in the yeare of our lord god 1656

William Almy

Witnes hereunto ○

The marke of Danill Grenill

A True Cobby ʒ me John Sanford Towne Clarke

Thess presents Witnes that I Lambert Woodward of fflushin for divers good causis and considerations me Moveinge have asigned and made over, and by thess presents doe asigne & make over unto Ralph Earll the Elder of portsm<sup>o</sup> on Road Iland, as well five acres of vpland more or less adjoyninge to the land of the Sayd Ralph Earll which was given to me the Sayd Lambert and david Dollin (Seaman) my partner, by the towne of portsm<sup>o</sup>, as alsoe all the Right Title interest to and in the Same to him the Sayd Earll his heyres and asignes for Ever Witnes my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> of june 1652

the marke *L* of the Sayd

Witnes Jon<sup>an</sup> Coventry Sc<sup>r</sup>

Lambert Woodward:

A True Cobby ʒ me John Sanford: Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of Peleg Sisson [ ] Creatures is a Slit in the Right Ear Enter'd May y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> A D 1772 By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk Being the Eare Mark of James Headly-

The Ear Mark <sup>of the Creatures</sup> <sub>^</sub> of Peleg Shearman Son of Thomas <sup>Dcc<sup>d</sup></sup> <sub>^</sub> is a fore gad on the Left Eare and a Half-penny under the Same Ear Entered June y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1772 being the Ear Mark his father Used:-  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clerk

The Eare Mark of the Creatures of Claver Tayler is a hind Gad on Each Ear being the Farm's antiant Mark Entered August y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1774  
By Rob<sup>t</sup> Dennis T<sup>n</sup> Clek

leg Sisson  
Put to  
lac S Casy

Shearman

put to Thales  
Tallman

[282] This Deed or Writtinge Bareinge Date the fifteenth day of January in th[ ]re of our lord christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Seven Witn[ ] that Richard Morris of portsmouth on Rhoad Island for and in Co[ ]ation of A vallewable Satisfaction in hand given and Received hath [ ] unto Thomas Brownell of portsmouth afor-sayd, A percell of land Containinge thirty one acres more or less lyinge within the precincts or bownds of the towne of portsmouth afor-sayd, which said percell of land was graunted by the towns-men of portsmouth afor sd: unto Richard Maxson deceast, & by the widdow of the Sayd Maxson Sould unto the Sayd Richard Morris, which Sayd percell of land is butted and bownded by the land of John Walker on the West, by the land, lately belonginge unto William Witherington on the East by the Sea on the North, by the Cōmon on the South, ffurther the Sayd Richard Morris doth Covinant and agree & promise for him selfe his heyres Excequetors & Administrators &c<sup>e</sup> with the Sayd Thomas Brownell his heyres Excequetors & Administrators &c<sup>e</sup> that this is A ffirme A good and an undeseazable deed and Estate, unto the sayd Thomas Brownell his heyres &c<sup>e</sup> peaceably & quiatly to posess and injoy with all apurtainances & previlidges therto belonginge, for Ever, to injoy and peaceably to posess from any lawfull claime of the afor-sayd Richard Maxson his heyres &c<sup>e</sup> or from any other which Shall lay claime therto from by or under any Right or Title of any person or persons In Testimony herof the Sayd Richard Morris hath herunto sett to his hand and Seale the day & yeare abov-sayd

Richard Morris

Signed Sealled and Delivered  
in presents of us

John Sanford Sc<sup>r</sup>  
Samuell Sanford

A True Coppy ʒ me John Sanford Tow Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of George Hall is a Crop of the Right Ear and Two forks in the Cropt Ear Entered May y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> A D 1773  
By Rob' Dennis T<sup>r</sup> Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Lawton son of Isaac is a Crop in the Right Ear & a Squar pese under the Left being a Mark of his owne Choosing Entered & Record this 13 Day of June A D 1780  
by John Thurston Town Clerk

**[283]** This Deed or Writtinge bareinge date the Ninteenth day of January in the yeare of our [ ]<sup>rd</sup> christ one thowsand Six hundred ffifty Seven, Witneseth that ffrancis Brayton of portsmouth on Rhoad Island, planter, for and in Consideration of A valluable Satisfaction in hand given and Received, hath therfore Sould and doe herby Convay unto William ffoster of portsmouth afor-sayd, planter, A parcell of land Containinge twenty two Acres more or less lying within the precincts or bownds of the towne of portsmouth afor-sayd, which sayd percell of land was graunted by the townsmen of portsmouth unto the Sayd ffrancis Brayton, beinge butted and bownded by the land lately layd out to William Hall on the South Side, by the land of Thomas Layton on the North Side, by the Comon on the East and west Ends, to have and to hould and peaceably to poses and injoy the Sayd percell of land, with all previlidges and Apurtainances therto belonginge to the Sayd William ffoster his heyres Exceecutor Administrators &c<sup>e</sup> for-Ever, And the Sayd ffrancis Brayton doth Covinant agree and promiss for him selfe his heyres Exceecutors Administrators &c<sup>e</sup> with the sayd William ffoster his heyres Exceecutors Administratorss &c<sup>e</sup> that this is A good A ffirme and An Indeseazable Deed and Estate, unto the Sayd William ffoster his heyres &c<sup>e</sup> ffor-Ever to injoy and poses from any lawfull claime of any which shall lay claime therto, from by or under any Right or Title of any person or persons in Testi-

mony of the truth truth her-of the Sayd ffrancis Brayton hath here-unto Sett his hand and Seall the day and yeare Abov-sayd-


Signed Sealled and Delivered

ffrancis **B** Brayton  
his marke

in presents of

John Sanford Sc<sup>r</sup>

Richard pearce

A True Cobby  me John Sanford Tow Clarke

put to Henry  
Headly 1802

The Eare Mark of the Creatures of Robert Fish is a fork or Sawallows Tail on the Right Eare Entered & Recorded June y<sup>e</sup>. 27 . 1780 by John Thurston Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Thurston is a half penny under the Right Ear being the Mark of Henery Headley & the said : John Thurston Renounces his former Mark Entered & Record this 30 Day of May A D 1781

By John Thurston Town Clerk

Put to Roland  
Gelston

The Ear Mark of <sup>the</sup> <sup>of</sup> Creatures Mary Anthony widow of Phillip Anthony is a halfpenny before the Left Ear being the Mark of Thomas Lawton Entred & Record this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May A D 1784

By Abraham Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

[284] This Wrightinge Witnesseth that m<sup>r</sup> William Brenton have Bargained & [ ] unto Thomas Cooke (sen<sup>r</sup>) of portsmouth, in Roade Island A percell of [ ] lyinge in portsmouth afore-sayd, upon which the Sayd Cooke hath built h[ ] dwellinge house beinge halfe an acre more or less bownded by A Stumpe at th[ ]rth end. of the afore-sayd house & Soe to runn in A Straite line to the bro[ ] westward, and and on the west bownded with the brooke, and on the South wit[ ] the present fence & from the Corner of the sayd ffence to the afor-sayd Stump[ ] is the East bownds together with a percell of land



lyinge neare the afore-sayd Lande bownded on the North with the  
 ffence of m<sup>r</sup> Brentons farme (that is now in the hands of Gyles  
 Slocum) on the west with A ffence at the uper Corner. next Gyles  
 Slocums ffence afore-sayd, and Soe Runnith South from the South  
 Corner poste of the rayles afore-sayd, to A marked white oake on  
 the brow of of the hill by the hollow in which the brooke runith,  
 beinge Sixty two powles in breading, from the north bownds and  
 the South bownds on the South bownded with marked trees: from  
 the Sayd white oake alonge one the brow of the afore-sayd hill to A  
 marked Read oake, about twenty pole short of the Sea, and the  
 the lyne to Runne out Soe much Southward, as to gaine two pole  
 below next the Sea, & on the East bownded with the Sea, Eighty  
 Seven pole in breading, for both percells of land before-Named, I  
 the afore-Named m<sup>r</sup> William Brenton doe acknowledge to have  
 Received ffull Satisfaction, & doe hereby for my selfe my heys  
 and asignes Resigne up all my Right and intrest therin, unto the  
 afore-sayd Thomas Cooke and his heyres and asignes for Ever,  
 only Reserveinge A Carte way through the Sayd land to Carry  
 hay from the watter Side to my ffarme, af<sup>r</sup> ]-Named, and allow-  
 inge the Sayd Cooke his heyres or asignes for Ever a Carte way  
 from his now dwellinge house Straight over to the fore-Named  
 land i[ ] witness hereof I have hereto Sett my hand and Seale  
 this 25<sup>th</sup> of october Ann<sup>o</sup> 1649: William Brenton

Sealed and Delivered in  
 presents of

William Baulston  
 phillip Shearman

A True Cobby ƒ me John Sanford Tow: Clar<sup>r</sup>

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Isaac Shearman is a half  
 penny before y<sup>r</sup> Right Ear being the Eare Mark of Robert  
 Burrington Enterd & Recorded this 6 Day of June A D 1781  
 By John Thurston Town Clerk

put to  
Job Sisson son  
of Rich<sup>d</sup> Sison

The Eare Mark of the Creatures of Richard Sison is a half penny under Each Ear being the Ear Mark of Jona<sup>th</sup> Child Enterd on Record this 7 Day of June A D 1781-

By John Thurston Town Clerk

[285] The present deed or writtinge Bareinge date the twenty Second day of ffeb<sup>e</sup> in the yeare of our lord Christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Seven, Wineseth that Thomas Cooke of portsm<sup>r</sup> (jun<sup>r</sup>) for and in Consideration of vallewabell Satisfaction in hand given and Received, hath ther-fore Sould unto unto John Randall of portsmo<sup>r</sup> afor-sayd, A percell of land lyinge within the ¶cincts & bownds of the afor-sayd Towne of portsm<sup>r</sup> Beinge Butted and bownded, Northerly by the land of Thomas Cooke Sen<sup>r</sup>, and Southerly by the land of m<sup>r</sup> William Brenton Easterly by the Sea, & westerly by m<sup>r</sup> Brentons high way Containinge twenty acres more or less to have and to hould and peaceably to use and enjoy the Sayd percell of land with all apurtainancis and previlidges therto belonginge, to the said John Randall his heyres Exicutors administrators & asignes for-Ever. But it is provided that Thomas Cooke (sen<sup>r</sup>) shall have liberty to Cutt wood on the Sayd land and to Carry it off: also that ther shall be liberty of A high way for m<sup>r</sup> William Brenton and Thomas Cooke Sen<sup>r</sup> (afor-sayd) to Carte hay through the Sayd percell of land, And the sayd Thomas Cooke, jun<sup>r</sup>, upon the Conditions abov-sayd, doth Covinant agree and promise for him selfe his heyres &c<sup>e</sup> with the sayd John Randall his heyres &c<sup>e</sup> that this is A ffirmē A good & an undzeasable Eastate & Deed to the sayd John Randall his heyres Excecutors administrators and asignes to posess and enjoy for-Ever from any just claime of any person or persons, in Testimony of the Truth her-of the afor-sayd Thomas Cooke jun<sup>r</sup> hath herto Sett his hand and Seale the day and yeare abov-sayd,

Signed Sealled and delivered  
in presents of

John Sanford Sc<sup>r</sup>

Richard pearce

Thomas Cook jun<sup>r</sup>

A True Cobby ʒ me John Sanford Tow Clā

This Deed made the twenty fowerth of janu<sup>ry</sup>: in the yeare of our lord Christ (1650) Witnesseth that I John Cranston of ports-  
m<sup>o</sup>: on Road-Island, for A ualuable Considerā in hand payd have  
sould unto Gyles Slocum of the same towne and place all that  
my percell of land graunted unto me by the towne of portsm<sup>o</sup>  
beinge thirty acres more or less lyinge within the bownds of the  
sayd Towne, beinge bownded on the North with A percell of  
land belonginge unto Thomas Cooke & on the South with A  
percell of land off the afor-sayd Gyles Slocum̄ on the East with  
A high way and on the west with the Comon of Iland, together  
with all the apurtainancis therunto belonginge unto the afor-sayd  
Gyles Slocum and his heyres for Eve[ ] and I the afor-sayd John  
doe her-by disclayme all Right Title or intrest in the afor-Named  
land soe that Neither I my selfe nor any other person by or from  
me Shall claime any Right Title or intrest in any part or percell  
ther-of at any time here-after in witness her-of I have her-unto  
sett my hand and seale the day and yeare above-written :

Signed and Delivered in

John Cranston

pressents of us :

phillip Shearman

Thomas Cornell :

A True Cobby ʒ me John Sanford Tow: Clā



[286] This deed or Writtinge Bareing date this fowertenth  
day of January in the yeare [ ] lord Christ one thowsand Six  
hundred fifty Seven Witnesseth that Joh Randall of po[ ]ts[ ]  
on Road-Island planter, for and in Consideration of A ualluable  
Satisfaction in hand g[ ] and Received, hath therefore Sould

unto Gyles Slocum of portsm<sup>o</sup>: afor-sayd A percell o[ ] land lyinge within the bownds of the towne of portsm<sup>o</sup>: afor-sayd, Containinge twenty acres more or less, which sayd percell of land was sould by Thomas Cooke jun<sup>r</sup>, unto the sayd John Randall, Beinge butted and bownded Northerly by the land of Thomas Cooke Sen<sup>r</sup>: Southerly, by the land of m<sup>r</sup> William Brenton, on the East by the sea, on the west by m<sup>r</sup> Brentons hie-way, to have and to hould and peaceably to posses and enjoy the sayd percell of land with all apurtainances and previlidges therto belonginge to the sayd Gyles Slocum and his heyres for-Ever, only it is provided, that Thomas Cooke Sen<sup>r</sup>, is to have liberty of A high-way to Carte hay through the sayd land, And the Sayd John Randall doth Covenant and promise for him selfe his heyres Excecutors &c<sup>s</sup> with the Sayd Gyles Slocum his heyres Excecutors &c<sup>s</sup> that this is A firme & A undezeasable Estate unto the sayd Gyles Slocum his heyres &c<sup>s</sup> for-Ever to poses and enjoy from any lawfull Claime of any person or persons whatsoe-Ever, in Testimony her-of the sayd John Randall hath her-unto Sett to his hand and Seale the day and yeare abov-sayd

Signed Sealled and Delivered

in presents of

John Sanford Sc<sup>r</sup>

Thomas  Brownell  
his  marke

Richard pearce

John  Randall  
his marke

A True Cobby  me John Sanford Tow: Cla<sup>r</sup>:

This Deed or Writtinge Bareinge Date the twenty second day of ffebruary in the yeare of our lord Christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Seven, Witneseth that Thomas Cooke (jun<sup>r</sup>) hath, for and in Consideration of vallewable Satisfaction in hand Received, Sould unto Gyles Slocum of portsm<sup>o</sup>: afor-sayd, A percell of land lyinge and adjoyneinge to the land wher-on the Sayd Gyles Slocum now liveth beinge bownded and butted as followith, (viz<sup>t</sup>) three Rod lyinge next to the fence of the sayd Gyles, to

Runn up all the lenth of the sayd Thomas Cookes land beinge Sixty Rod in length more or less as alsoe all that percell of land lyinge between the afor-sayd three Rod and the ffence now Standinge about the land of the sayd Thomas Cooke on the south side therof, and to Runn from the East End of the sayd Thomas Cooks land twenty Rod, all which percell of land with all previldges and apurtainances therto belonginge the sayd Thomas Cooke hath sould unto the sayd Gyles Slocum, to use posses and enjoy, from him the sayd Thomas Cooke his heyres Excecutors administrators and asignes for-Ever ffully and absolutly Confirminge the sayd percell of land unto the sayd Gyles Slocum his heyres Excecutors Administrators and asignes, peaceably and quiatly to use & posses from any just claime of any person or persons — in Testimony her-of the sayd Thomas Cooke (jun<sup>r</sup>) hath herto sett his hand and seale, the day and yeare abov-sayd:  
Signed Sealled and delivered

Thomas Cooke jun<sup>r</sup>

in presents of

John Sanford Sc<sup>r</sup>

Richard pearce

A True Cobby ʒ me John Sanford Tow: Cla

[287] These presents may Testify that whereas there is an agreement and Exchainge of two percells of land made by Samuel Hutchinson with william Baulston the one beinge in the north ffeild Comonly Called the Clapit ffeild the other Lyinge in the Tract of land Called the twenty acres and wheras in the Exchainge of the sayd land william Baulston hath taken in part of the high way which was by the towne of portsmouth ordered and la[ ] out betweene the land of the sayd william Baulston, and the aforesayd Twe[ ] acres Therefore and in leiw thereof Samuell Hutchinson aforsayd doth bin[ ] him selfe his heyres Excecutors administrators that if Ever the afore sayd twenty acres shall be intirely ffenced or taken in from the Comon as now it lyith then there shall be A suffiant high way left vn-

fenced which shall be betweene the ffence of the sayd william Baulston as now it runith and the now remaing part of the sayd Twenty acres ffor Ever which Sayd high way is to be of the same Bredth as the high way now is that lyith betwne the land of m<sup>r</sup> Smith and John Sanford goeing downe to the land Called the Comon ffence in Testimony hereof the aforesayd Samuell Hutchinson hath heareunto seitt to his hand and sealle this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1658 Samuel Hutchinson  
signed sealed and dliuerd

in presents of  
Thomas Cornell  
John Sanford

A Trew Coppy by me Thomas Cornell Towne Clark

put to Benj Peckham

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Thomas Shearman is a Crop in the Left Ear being the Mark of Caleb Lake formerly Recorded this 15 Day of June A D 1781

By John Thurston Town Clerk

put to Robert Albro 1820

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Albro is a hole in the Right Ear and a Crop of the Left Ear being form[ ]ly the Mark of Benjamen Hambly Recorded this 18 Day of June A D 1781

By John Thurston Town Clerk

put to Isaac Anthony

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Oliver Earl is a Crop of the Right Ear and a Slit in the Left Ear Enterd on Record the 25 Day of May A D 1782

By John Thurston Town Clerk

[288] Bee it Knowne vnto all men by thess presents that Thomas Broo[ ] Portsmouth on Rhoad-Iland. doth ingadge him selfe his heyres Excequetors Ad[ ]istrators to deliver or to Cause to be delivered vnto Thomas Hawkins of Boston or vnto his heyres Excecutors Administrators or asignes the full an[ ] Just number of ffowerteene good and sounnd Ewe shepe none of them to be vnder the age of two yeares nor to Exceed the age

of fower yeares whic[ ] sayd number of shepe are to be duly and Truly delivered in porthmouth aforsaid. on Rhoad Iland at or beffore the twenty ninth day of october next insueinge the date hereof vnto the afore-sayd Thomas Hawkins or to his asignes ffurther to the True and ffaithfull preformance of the abov-sayd premises the afore-sayd Thomas Brookes Doth by these present morgidge and ingadge A percell of land lyinge within the Bownds or precincts of the Towne of portsmouth afore-sayd in the place Comonly Called the Surkitt and buttinge on the wadinge River to the north, on the land of m<sup>r</sup> John Brigs to the Eastt, on the south to the Comon, on the west by the land of the widdow Hawkins containinge thirty acres more or less which sayd parcell of land afor-sayd the sayd Thomas Brooks doth by thes presents disclaime all right Title claime and intrest thereto from him selfe his heyres Excecutors and administrators, absolutly and really Confirminge the same with all previlidges and apurtainances and fenceings thereunto belonginge, vnto the afore-sayd Thomas Hawkins his heyres Excecutors administrators or asignes peaceably and quiatly to vse poses and injoy for Ever, without lett or mollistation from the aforesayd Thomas Bookes his heyres Excecutors or from any others which shall lay Claime therto from by or vnder any Right or Title of any person or persons notwithstandinge any act or acts of sale morgadge or any other ingadgments of the premises made by the sayd Thomas brookes &c<sup>e</sup>. And it is agreed and Couinanted by the sayd Thomas Brookes for him selfe his heyres Excecutors Administrators &c<sup>e</sup>. that if the sayd Thomas Brookes or his asignes doe not ffaithfully and Treuly make delivery of the abou-sayd sheepe in manner and at the time abou-sayd vnto the afor-sayd Thomas Hawkins or to his asignes, then abousayd Contract morgadge or sale of land shall be and stand of full force and Efect as the True and lawfull Estate of the afore-sayd Thomas Hawkins, for him selfe his heyres Excecutors administrators or asignes peaceably and quiatly to use pos[ ]ces and injoy for Euer

and otherwise vpon the performance of the abou-mentioned premises then this writtinge is to be invallid and of noe force: and in Testimony of the Truth of the abou-written premises the abousayd Thomas hath hereto sett his hand and seale in portsmouth on Rhoad Island the ninteenth day of june in the yeare one thowsand six hundred fifty eight

Signed sealed and deliuered in

Thomas Brookes:

prescants of

Jams Hawkins

John Sanford

Abraham Hawkins

A Trew Copey by me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

The above written Record is void and of none Effect

Ɔ<sup>r</sup> John Anthony Town Cleerke

[289] This present Deed or wrightinge Bareinge Date the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July in the yeare of our lord christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty Eight witeseth that John Roome of portsmouth on Rhoad Island in the Collony of providence plantacons in New England in Consideration of full Satisfetion in hand given and Received, hath therefore Sould vnto william Corry of portsmouth aforsayd, A Certaine percell of Land Containeing thirty Acres more or less, lyinge within the bownds or precincts of the Towne of portsmouth afore-sayd: Beinge Butted and bownded by the land of John wood Deceast on the north by the land of Thomas Brownell on the East by the land of John Anthony on the south, by the highway and Comon on the west, And the Sayd John Roome doth by thess presents absolutly and Really Give grant sell and Confirme the sayd parcell of land with all the previlidges and Apurtainances thearvnto belongeinge, vnto and vpon the afore-sayd William Corry to him selfe his heyres Excecutors Administrators or asignes ffrely and quiatly to vese poses and in Joy for Euer without let or molestation of any person or persons,



what soeu[ ] which shall lay Claime therto, from by or vnder any Right or Title of the sayd John Roome his heyres Excecutors & administrators for Euer And in Testimony to the Truth hereof the afor-sayd, John Roome hath herevnto sett his hand and sealle the day and yeare aboue-sayd:

Signed Sealled and Deliverd

in presents of

John Sanford

Ralph Earll

Robert Weskoot

John  Roome  
his marke

A True Coppy by me Thomas Cornell Tow Clark :

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Earl is a Crop on the Right Eare, Enterd on Record this 25. Day of May A D 1782,

By John Thurston Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Gifford, is a Crop in the Right Ear & a fore Gad in the Left & a Nick in the same Enterd on Record this 2<sup>u</sup> Day of June A D 1783, by me

John Thurston Town Clerk


[290] Be it Knowen vnto all men vnto whom this presant Instrume[ ] of writinge shall Com or may anywayes Conscarne that I George Parkar of the towne of Portsmouth with in the prouence of proueden[ ] plantations in New England haue for a good and valeuable Considration by me Received in hand sould and doe by these presents bargin and sell vnto Henry Pearcy of the aforesaid Towne one parcill of land being by Estemation sixten Acres of land be it more or less sitteuated and beinge within the Towne of portsmouth and buttinge vpon the grea[ ] swampe Norwest and one the south East End with the high way which lieth betwen Captin morrises howse lott and John Brigs his howse lott which high way leds to the winde mill and one the south side boundd with the Dwelinge howse and

land of Thomas Ginenges and one the North side with the howse and land one which william James dweleeth at the day of the date here of with all other the profits as fencinge medow timbar Commonidg with all othar the Commodeties or Apertenances there vnto belonginge or any wayes apprtaineinge giueing and by these presents granting from me the said George parker my heires Executors Adminestrators and assines vnto the said henry pearcey his heires Executors Adminestrators or asines all my former Right Titel Claime intrest or demand of in or to the afore said land with Eury part and parcill there of with all the appertenances and Conferminge the same vpon the said henry pearcey his heires Executors Adminestrators or asines to be his or there proprar Right titel or Estate to haue and to hould and peacably to in Joy for euer all other bargins Contractes morgages asinments lessees or other Couenants or agrements formerly made or here aftar to be made by me the said Gorge or any othar through my meanes to be voyd and of non Efect and This to stand in full force power and veartew in testmony heare of the said George doth for him selfe his heires Executors Adminestrators and asines subscribe his Name and set to his seale this twenty Ninth day of Jeneury in the yeare of ouer lord god one Thowsand six hundred fifty and three:

Sealed sined and deliuered

George Parker

in the presents of

william Charles his marke 

Richard Bullgar

A Trew Copsy by me Tho: Cornell Tow̄ Clarke:

[291.] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuel Bailey is a half penny under the Near or Left Ear which was formerly the Eare Mark of Gideon Cornell, Enterd on Record this 14 Day of June A D 1783.

By John Thurston Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Pardon Taber is a hind Gad in Each Ear & a halfpenny under the Right Eare, Recorded this 16 Day of May A D 1784-

By me John Thurston Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Richard Shearman is two Slits in each Ear Entered on Record this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May A D 1784

By me John Thurston Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Christopher Durfee is a hole in the Near or left Ear-

it being the mark of the } Entered on Record the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Creatures of Elizabeth Wyatt } Day of April A D 1787-

By me Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Abraham Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> is a fork on the Right Ear & a hole in the left Ear= Entered on Record the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of May. A D 1787-

N B it being the Ear Mark | By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> To<sup>n</sup> Clk  
of y<sup>e</sup> Creatures of his father Philip Anthony Dec<sup>d</sup> |

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Anthony<sup>now of Providence</sup> is a Crop of the Right Ear and a hole in the left Ear- it being the ancient mark of the farm & family of Abraham Anthony for four if not more generations Entered on Record October 1<sup>st</sup> 1807

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

[292] Bee itt Knowen vnto all men vnto whom this present Instrimen[ ] of wrighting shall com or may any wayes Consearne that I william James of the towne of portsmouth within the prouence of provedin[ ] planttaions in New England haue for a good and valualbe Considtrasho[ ] by me Recaiued in hand haue sould and doe by these presentes bargine and sell vnto Hendrey Pearcey of the aforesaid towne one house and parcill

put to Levi  
Sherman, 1814

Put to Rich<sup>d</sup>  
Sherman Ju<sup>r</sup>  
May 17 - 1823

of land beinge by Estemation Twelwe Acres be itt more or less sitteuated and beinge within the Towne of portsmouth and butting vppon the great swampe norwest and one the southeast End with the hight way which lieth betwne John Archars house lott and John Briges house lott which high way leadeth to the weind mill and one the south side bounded with the dwelling house and land of John Briges and one north side with the dwelling house and land one which John Aarcher dwelleth att the day of the date heare of with all other the profites as fincing timbar Commonidg with with all other Commodeties or Aperteances thear vnto belonginge or any wayes appertaing and by these presents granting from me the said william James my heiers Excutors Adminstrators and asignes vnto the said Hendry percey his heirs excutors Adminstrato[ ]s or asignes all my former right Tittell Claime Intrust or demand of mor to the afore said land with eurey pãte and parsell theare of wit[ ] all the appertenances and Confeaming the same vppon the said Hendr[ ] Pearcey his hieris Exeutors adminstrators or asinges to be his or there proper Right titell or Estate to haue and to hould and peaceably to injoy for euer all other bargines contracts morgeages asignments leses or other Couentantes by me the said william or any other Throught my menes or agrementes formerly mad or heare aftur to be made by me the said william or any other through my meanes to be voyd and of none effectt and this to stand in full force pouer and vertew in testimony heare of the said william doth for him scelfe his heires exceutors Adminstrators and asignes subsribe his name and sett to his hand and seale the ffiue and Twentey day of febberey 1654

Signed Sealed and deliuered

in the presents of vs

Richard Pearce

William Shearman

Nathell  Browing his marke

william  James  
his marke

A Trew Coppey by me Tho: Cornell Towne Clarke:

[293] This Deede or wrighteinge Bareinge Date the Eleauenth day of January in the yeare of ouer lord christ one thowsand sixe hundred fifty Eight; witnesseth, That william Baker of portsmouth on Rhoad-Island, in Consideration of full Satisfuctoion in hand given and Received hath therefore by thess presents sould vnto Joseph Ladd: of portsmout[ ] on Rhoad Island afore-sayd: A certaine percell of land Containeinge tenn acres more or less together with A small dwellinge house one the sayd Land: which sayd percell of land is Sittuate within the precincts of the Towne of portsmouth afore-sayd which sayd land was given and granted by the Townse men of portsmouth afore-sayd vnto Robert Bellow, and by the Sayd Bellow sould vnto the afore-sayd william Backer, beinge Butted and bounded by the highway on the south by the Comon and brooke one the west and on the north and East by the Cōmon: And the afore-sayd william Backe[ ] Doth by these presents sell macke ouer and conuay the afore sayd percell of land together with all the howseinge ffenceinge apertainancies and preuiledges whatsoeuer theareunto Belongeinge absolutly and Realy Confi[ ]meinge the same vpon and vnto the afore-sayd Joseph Ladd his heyres Executors administrators or asignes peaceably and quietly to vse poses and enjoy as his or their proper Right Title and Estate for Euer, with out Lett or molistation from any other person or persons which shall Lay clayme there to from by or vnder any Right or Tytelle of the afore sayd Robrt Bellow his heyres Executors or administrators: and to the True and faythfull Ratification and Confirmation of the aboue written premesis the afore-sayd william Backer hath hereunto sett his hand and Seale the day and yeare above-written

Signed Sealed and delivered

William Backer

in presents of:

John Sanford

Richard Pearce

Samuel Sanford


A Treue Copey by me Thomas Cornell Towne Cl-

[294] Know All men by these presents that I Richard Morris Inhabitant portsmouth vpon Rod Iland haue sould vnto Peter Toulman his heires Exequitors Administrators or Assigns A parcell off ground Containing Nine Akers at thirty ffive shillines y Aker which ground Butting as ffoloueth, one side vpon Sharman his meddow Estward another side vpon Samuel wilbore westward one end is northward and the other end butting vpon the said Richard Morris his oune land southward The which I Richard Morris doe giue grant and surrender up my full Right and title vnto Peter Toulman his heirs exequitors Administrators or Assignes to haue and to hould ffor euer without Any trouble or molistation from me my heires exequitors administrators or Assignes or ffrom Any persson or perssons that may Challenge Any Right or propriety In or about the premises aboue specified fforther I Richard moris doe Acknowledge to haue Receiued ffull satisfuctoion for the ground abouesaid To the true performance of the premises I binde me my heires Exequitors Administrators or Assignes As witnes my hand and seale this: 18<sup>th</sup> Decembar 1658:

Tistis

Richard Moris

Clementt Salmon

The  marke of

Henry Timberlake

Gorge Hamonde

Thomas Campbell

A Treue Copey by me Tho Cornell Towne Clarke

These presents witnesseth that I mary Morris nowe wiffe of Capt Richard morris now Resident in portsmouth vpon Rode Island doe in the presns of god declare my free willingnes to part with that nine Acres of ground which my said husband hath sould vnto Peter Toulman and doe hereby giue grant surrender my ffull Right and title for him to haue and to hould for euer without any molistation or trouble and further that this is my

fre act and ded I doe in the presens of all whom this may concerne, sett my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> of Decembar 1658


Mary Morris

Tistis

Richard Morris

Clementt Salmon

Gorge Hamonde

The marke  of

A True Copey by me Tho. Cornell Tow Cla

Henry Temberlake

Thomas Campbell

[**295**] This witnesseth that I william willbore of Portsmouth in Roade Island haue sold vnto Peter Tallman of Newporte a pearsell of Land containinge Sixe acres Lijnge within the boundes of portsmouth Towne and is boundd as followeth that is to say: on y<sup>e</sup> east side by a parscell of Land which the said Peter Taullman Lately bought of Captaine Morris on the south by a pearsell of land which Captaine morris bought of Goodman Emynes: on the west by the high way and on the north by the high way that goeth to the watter side which Land with the priuiledges and apurtenances thirto belonginge I doe acknowledge to haue sold to the said Peter Taullman for him his heires and assignes peaceably to posses and inioy for euer and doe acknowledg to haue reseiued full satisfaction for the same before the Signing to this writinge and therefore doe for my selfe my heires executors administrators and asignes surrender vp the same vnto the said Peter Taullman his heires executors administrators and asignes for him and them peaceably to posese and inioy for euer witness my hand and seale this present Twentyeth of December 1658

Allso I the said william willbore doe binde my selfe my heires and assignes to make good the salle heareof and to defend the said Peter Taullman his heires and assignes from any person or

persons that shall mollest him or them in laying any claime title or interest vnto the same or any parte theareof witnessse my hand the day and yeare aboue written

Witnessse

William **W** willbore  
his **W** marke

George Hamonde

John Cowdel

Thomas Campbell

A True Coppey ☞ me Thomas Cornell Towne Clā

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Isaac Anthony is a Crop off the Right Ear & a Slit in the Left Ear - Entered on Record this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of May A D 1786. By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clk

Put to Joseph  
Fish May 30<sup>th</sup>  
A D 1828

[**296**] Know all men by these that I william Baulston of portsm[ ] in the Coulony of prouidence plantations in New England haue Sould vnto Dainell Willcook of the Same Towne and Coulony: four Acres of Land more or Less Sitiated within the bounds of portsmo[ ] Aboue Said, and bounded one the one Side with the land of Anthony paine late decesed: and the other Side with the land of Richard moris and the two Endes butting vpon the Common thus giuing and by these presents grantting from me Said william my heires Exetorus adminstrators or Asignes all my right Titel Claime or Intrust in or to any part or parcell of the abouesaid ffouer Acres of land and conferring the Same vpon the abouesaid Dainell his heires Executors adminstrators or Asignes for Euer to haue and hould and peecably to inioy without molestato[ ] or disstrubance from me the Said william my heires Executors or Asign[ ]s administrators or any other by my meanes, witnes my hand and Seale this Seuenth of march one Thowsand Six hundred fifty and Eaight Signed Saeled and deliuerd in the william Baulston

presence of,

John Albro

william Hall

A Trew Coppey ☞ me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke



The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Christopher Shearman Ju<sup>r</sup> is a Crop of the Right Ear and a happenney taken out before and behind the same Ear- Recd<sup>d</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> A D 1788

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> To<sup>n</sup> Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Tallman is a Crop of each Ear and a hole in the Right Ear-

Entered and Recorded 3<sup>rd</sup> of June A D 1788

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> To<sup>n</sup> Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of William Tallman is a Crop of Each Ear and a halfpenny under the left Ear- Entered on Record 3<sup>rd</sup> of June A D 1788

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

[297] At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 25<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> month 1695 at the house of William Corey

voted Henry Brightman chosen moderator  
the court orders Read

voted this meeting is Adjourned untill the 2<sup>d</sup> day of December next  
and then to meet Again at the house of William Corey

At A Remeeting by Adjournment of the free inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth at the house of William Corey the 2<sup>d</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> month: 1695:

At A meeting of the ffree inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth the 19<sup>th</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month: 1696: at the house of William Corey

voted Giles slocum Chosen moderator

voted Thomas Cornel Jun<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Lawton Adman Lawton  
George Cornel Rober Hodgson and Benjamin Potter are all  
Taken in ffreemen in this Town

- voted Thomas Cornel Jun<sup>r</sup> } Engaged  
 and John Wilbur } are chosen Constables
- voted Gideon ffreeborne } are chosen to serve on the nex  
 and sampson shearman } grand inquest at newport
- voted francis Brayton } are chosen to serve on  
 John Albro Jun<sup>r</sup> } the next Jury of Tryals  
 and William Allin of Prudence } at newport
- voted George session } are chosen deputies to  
 Josep cook } attend the nex Generall  
 Latham clarke } assembly to be held at  
 and Jeremiah smith of Prudence } Providence
- voted John Anthony } are chosen to make <sup>A Rate</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> upon  
 George Brownel } the pound according to A gen-  
 and Daniel Pearce of Prudence } erall Assembly act held at new-  
 } port the 7<sup>th</sup> of may and by Ad-  
 } journment the first of July 1696
- voted and it is further Agreed that there shall be A pound built  
 near unto Robert fishis shop of two Rod square to be built with  
 good posts<sup>and</sup> a oake planck six foot high and the Town Treas-  
 urer to Take Care for the buildg of the said pound and pay  
 the Charge out of the Town Treasury and to be built with all  
 Expdicion
- voted this meeting is Dissolved

Put to Soloman  
 Lawton  
 May 24 1827

The Ear Mark of the Cattle of Job Sisson is two halfpennys  
 before the Near or left Ear Record June 7<sup>th</sup> A D 1788  
 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>n</sup> Town Clk

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 efect  
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 consci

[298] This present writing thestifieth that wheare as thear  
 was An Ag[ ]ment betwne william Brenton and Samuel wilbore  
 both of portsm[ ] concaring A parcel of Land lying next to  
 the Sayd Samuel and in consi[ ]ration of this parcel of land the  
 Sayd Samuel did ingage for to maint[ ]ine A Suffishent fence

nt of  
both  
partys  
this  
7 of  
may  
1660  
by me  
Tho:  
Cornell  
owne:  
Clarke

betwne them for Euer and now the sayd Richa[ ] Smith Senr  
Sucseding and injoying the sayd land doth ingage himselfe and  
thay whom shall injoy the Sayd land that was the sayd Samuel  
for to maintaine Suffishant fence for Euer which fence is now  
standing betwne ffraincis Braiton and Richard Smith; and for  
the trew performance of the Aboue written premises the sayd  
Richard doth consce[ ]t it shall be entred vpon record this 5<sup>th</sup>  
of Aprel 1659

Tested by me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

put to MOSES  
Sisson June 16  
1828

The Ear mark of Creatures of Samuel Pearce Junr of Prudence  
Island is a hole in Each Ear – it being y<sup>e</sup> Ear mark of the Crea-  
tures of his father Samuel Pearce. Recored<sup>d</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1788

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

put to Thomas  
Gould

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Henry Lawton is a half  
penny under the left Ear and a half penny before the Right-  
Entered on Record y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> called June 1788

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clk

Put to Richmond  
Carr

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Reuben Taylor is a Crop off  
the Right Ear and a Slit in the Crop of the same Ear, Entered  
& Recorded the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> called June A : D 1789

By A Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

Put to John  
Harvey

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of James Cook (son of John) is a  
foregad on the Left Ear, And a halfpenny on Each side the right  
Ear. Entered and recorded the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> Month called June  
1789—

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clk

put to Seth Anthony  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 1813.

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Giles Anthony is a Crop off  
the Left Ear and a hole in the same Ear – Entered and Recorded  
the 13<sup>th</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> A D 1789

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

[299] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Stephen Slocum is a hind-gad of the Right Ear, and a halfpenny under the left Ear. Entered and Recored the 6<sup>th</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> month called May A D 1790, p<sup>r</sup> Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony ju<sup>r</sup> To<sup>n</sup> Clk

Put to Walter  
Cornell June the  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Joseph Sisson, carpent<sup>r</sup> is a half penny under the Near or left Ear, which was formerly the Earmark of the Creatures of Gideon Cornell

Entered on Record the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> month called May A D 1790  
By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Benjamin Brown is a half penny under the Right Ear and a half penny before the left Ear (it being the farm mark or George Cornell mark Recorded the 14<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> month called june 1790

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Sarah Almy wid<sup>w</sup> of John Almy dec<sup>d</sup> is a Crop of the Right Ear and a halfpenny taken out of the same Ear before, and a slit behind

Entered on Record 21<sup>st</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> m<sup>o</sup> called March A D 1791

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony j<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

put to Asa  
Sherman  
1823

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Preserved Shearman is a Slit Down the left or near Ear - Recorded the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> called September 1791

By Abraham Anthony j<sup>r</sup> To<sup>n</sup> Clk  
N B it being the Ear mark of y<sup>e</sup> Creatures of his father Preserved Shearman Dece<sup>d</sup>—

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Thomas Shrieve is a fore gad on the left Ear and two hind gads on the right Ear (it being the Ear mark of the cattle of his father & grandfather)

Recorded the 28<sup>th</sup> of May A D 1794

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clk

**[300]** Be it Knowen vnto all men by these presents that I John Albr[ ] of portsmouth of Rhoad Iland in the Collonney of prouidenc plant[ ] in New England haue for good Causes and Considration mee thei[ ] vn[ ] mouinge: Sould and doe by these presents bargaine and sell vnto Danell Willcoke of the Same Toune Iland and Collony, Nine Acres of land more or less together with what howsing is now standinge thearon as Allsoe what Tres is planted in the Orchard together with all the benefitts preiueledges or profits theirto belonginge or any waies Appertaining, thus giuing and by these presents granting; all my right titel Claime or Intrus[ ] in or to any part or parcell of the said housanig or land from me my heirs Excetors Administrators or Asignes for Euer and Confearming the Same vpon the aboue Said Dainell his Eaiers Excetutors administrators or Asignes for Euer to haue and hould and peaceably to Inoy all former Couenants Contracts morguges leeses or deds of Saile or any other Asignation what Soeuer as allso all after Claimes made by me the Said John my heirs Executors administrators or Asignes to be voide and of none Efect and this writing is to Stand in full force power and vertue vnto the aboue Said Dainell his heirs Excutors administrators or Asignes for Euer the which land and housing being Sittuated in the Towne of porthmouth aboue Said and that whear on the Said John now liueth at the day of the date hearof witnes my hand Seall this Seauinth day of march in the yeare of ouer lord one Thousand Six hundred fifty and Eaight Signed and Sealled and deliuered John Albro:

in the presents of  
william Baulston  
william Hall

A Trew Coppey ʒ me Tho: Cornell Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Gideon Dennis is a Crop in the Right Ear, and a squar piece under the le[ ]t Ear

Entered on Recorde the 30<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> m<sup>o</sup> called May A D 1796

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony j<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

Put to Jonathan  
E Hazzard May  
5<sup>th</sup> 1827

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Corrie ju<sup>r</sup> is a Crop of the Left Ear and two Slits in the Crop of said Ear, Entered on Record y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> of may A D 1797 -

By A. Anthony jr Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Peleg Hedly is a half penny under the Right Ear - Entered on Record ye 17<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> m<sup>o</sup> called August A D 1799,

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony jr Town Clerk

y<sup>e</sup> above being the Ear mark of y<sup>e</sup> Cattle of John Coggeshall & from him to Jo<sup>s</sup> Sowle & to Henry hedly & then to John Thurston - but ye s<sup>d</sup> John Coggeshall Claiming y<sup>e</sup> same, gave it & request that ye above s<sup>d</sup> Peleg might have it.

put to Edmund  
S. Sisson Oct 20 1840

**[301]** The Ear mark of the Creatures of Rowland Allen is a Crop Cut of the Right Ear - Entered & Recorded July y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1799

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony jr, Town Clerk

Put to Soloman  
Hedly June 7 - 1845  
by consent of his  
Father

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Henry Hedly is a fork or Swallows tail on the Right Ear. Entered on Record May 24<sup>th</sup> 1802

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony J<sup>r</sup> Tow<sup>n</sup> Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Peleg Hambly is a Crop of the left Ear and a happenny before the same Ear and a hole in the Right Ear. Entered on Record the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May A D 1806 -

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk-

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Artemas Fish is a Crop of the Right Ear and a hap penny taken out before and behind the same Ear - Entered on Record June 16<sup>th</sup> A D 1806.

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Thomas Potter is two Slopes one on each Ear taken out behind or the hinder part of s<sup>d</sup> Ears it being the Ear mark of the Creatures of his Father Rowse Potter Dec<sup>d</sup> of 55 years standing. And Entered on Record as the Ear mark of the Creatures of the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Potter This 17<sup>th</sup> of June A D 1806



By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Thomas Shearman (son of Christopher) is a Crop of each Ear, and a hole in the Right Ear—Entered and Recorded June 12<sup>th</sup> 1807

By A: Anthony Town Clerk

The ear mark of the creatures of Edmund S. Sisson is a Crop cut of the right ear— Entered October 20<sup>th</sup> 1840 By Samuel Clarke Town Clerk

[302] This presentt Deed or writteinge Bareinge Datte, the twenty first day of may in the yeare of ouer lord Christ one Thowsend Sixe hundred fifty nine witnessith, that John Cranston of Newport on Rhoad Island for and in Consideration of A valleable Satisfaction in hand given and Receiued, haue There fore Sould vnto Hugh perssons of portsmouth on Rhoad Island afore-said A Certaine percell of land giuen and granted by the ffree men of the afore-sayd Towne of portsmouth vnto the Sayd John Cranston beinge Situate and lyinge within the bounds of the afore sayd Towne of ports mouth Containeinge Eight acres more or less Butted and bownded by the land of the late deceased John wood on the South, by the brooke and Comon on the west by the Comon on the north, parte by the Comon and part by the land of Thomas Lawton on the East, and the afore sayd John

Cranston doth by these presents from him selfe his heyres Ex-  
 ecutors and administrators disclaime all right title and intrest  
 in and to the afore-sayd tract of land, absolutly and realy Con-  
 firminge the same together with all the preuillidges and apurtain-  
 antes thear vnto belonging vnto the afore-sayd Hugh persons to  
 him his heyres Excecutors administrators and Asignes: to haue  
 and to hould and peaceably to use poses and injoy for Euer,  
 without Lett or mollistation of the sayd John Cranston his heyres  
 Excecutors administrators or any other which Shall lay claime  
 therto from by or under any Right or Title of the afore-sayd  
 John Cranston his heyres &c<sup>r</sup> for Euer, and in Ratifycat[ ] and  
 Confirmation of the truth of the aboue-written premises the afore-  
 sayd John Cranston hath herevnto Sett to his hand and Seale  
 the day and yeare aboue sayd

Sealled Signed and Delivered

John Cranston

in presents of vss

witnesse hearevnto

will: Jefferay

Caleb Carr

A Trew Coppey  $\text{¶}$  me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Job Anthony is a fork or  
 swallows tail on each Ear— Entered on Record May 12<sup>th</sup> A D  
 1808 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

Put to  
 Edward Anthony

The Ear mark of the Creatures of George Sisson 2<sup>nd</sup> is a hind  
 gad on the Left or near Ear. Entered on Record May 12<sup>th</sup> 1808  
 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Borden Brownell is three  
 holes in the Right Ear— Recorded June 6<sup>th</sup> 1808  
 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk



[303] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Elizabeth Brightman Widow (of William) is a Crop on the right Ear, and a piece Slopt of from the hinder part of said Crop, and a Slit right down the Middle of the left Ear with a half penny under the same —  
 Recorded May 15<sup>th</sup> A D 1809. By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk  
 The above being late the Ear mark of the Creatures of }  
 Thomas Manchester, and heretofore the Ear mark }  
 of Thomas Brayton & is the ancient farm mark }

put to John Peterson

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Gardner Fish is a Crop of Each Ear and a half penny under each Ear  
 Recorded May 19<sup>th</sup> 1809 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony To<sup>n</sup> Clk  
 it being the Ear mark of the Creature of his father Benj<sup>n</sup> }  
 Fish & his Grandfather Preserved Fish — }

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Anthony is a fork on the left Ear. Recorded June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1810  
 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of William Lawton is a fork on the Right Ear and a halfpenny under the same —  
 Recorded Aug<sup>t</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1810. By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk  
 it being the Ear mark of the Creatures of his father Robert Lawton and his said fathers great Grandfathers mark & for 5 generations successively

Put to Peleg Albro

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Peterson is a Crop of Each Ear and a half penney under each Ear. Entered on Record June 29<sup>th</sup> 1812 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk  
 it being the Ear mark of Gardner Fish and his father

The Ear mark of the Creatures of George Dennis is a fork on the Right Ear and a Slit in the left Ear—Entered on Record the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1813 it being the mark of the Creatures of his Father Robert Dennis Dec<sup>d</sup> A : Anthony Town Clk

[304] Know all men by these presents that I william Almy Inhabit[ ] of the Towne of portsmouth in the Colloney of providence plant[ ] in New England doe freely giue vnto my sonne John Almy dwelling[ ] with me; A part of my farme wheron I now dwell, on the South Side therofe the Sayd parcell of land layinge next vnto the farme belonginge to Richard Barden, the bredth therofe beinge on the front of my farme thirty eight rodds wide as also thirty eight rodds wide at the Seaside from the Sayd Richard Bardens farm[ ] North ward, and So to run vpon A straight line on the north Side from the front downe to the Sea, the sayd land beinge about fifty acres more or less, I say I william Almy haue giuen my Sayd sonn John Almy the aforesayd parcell of land with all the priueledges therin containg to him and his heires for euer vpō Such tenare as followeth, videlicet that the Sayd land shall succsively belonge vnto my sayd sonne John his heire male, but in case hee hath no heire male at his death then it shall be to my sonne Christopher or his heire male if he hath any or other way to the next brother but case there be no heire male then it shall returne to the first heire female I say I haue giuen the Sayd land vnto my Sayd Sonne John Almy vpon the termes afore sayd to gether with this Iniunction that in case wee canot agree to gether to make use of the whole farme in Comon the[ ] my Sayd Sonne is to maintaine the whole fence betwxt vs I Say I william Almy aforesayd haue freely giuen vnto my Sayd sonne John Almy the aforesayd parcell of land and to the heires successiueley accordinge to the tenuer exprest in the premises, and in witesse of this my act and deede I haue herunto sett my hand and Seale this seventeeth of Octobar Anno Domini 1659

Sighned Sealed and deliuerd

William Almy

in prescences of vs

John Greene

hur marke

Adrey Almy

A True Coppey ʒ me Tho: Cornell Towne Clarke

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Seth Anthony is a Crop off the left Ear, and a hole in the same Ear. Entered on Record June 5<sup>th</sup> 1813 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

Put to  
Samuel Anthony  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 1833

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Jonathan Gibbs is a hole in the Right Ear - Entered on Record June 5<sup>th</sup> 1813. By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

[305] The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Levi Sherman is a hole in the (Near or) left Ear- Entered on Record Aug' 18<sup>th</sup> 1814. By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuel Shearman (of John) is a foregad on the left (or near) Ear. Entered on Record Aug' 18<sup>th</sup> 1814. By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clk  
it being the mark of the Cattle of his father }  
John Sherman of 68 years Standing }

given to  
Stephen D.  
Sherm[ ]  
Jany 11,  
1842

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John Allen (son of Rowland) is a Crop of the Right Ear, and a half penney under the left Ear - Recorded August 30<sup>th</sup> A D 1816 By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Caleb Shearman is a Crop of the left Ear and a half penny before the same Ear. Entered on Record June 2<sup>nd</sup> A D 1818. By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of James Braiman is a Slit in the left Ear, and a hind gad on the Right Ear - Entered on Record Aug<sup>t</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1818. By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Sherman (of Sam<sup>l</sup>) is a half penny before the Right Ear—it being the mark of the Creatures of Isaac Sherman Dec<sup>d</sup> & now put to said John.

Entered upon Record this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June A D 1820

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of William Manchester is a hap-penny under each Ear—Entered upon Record June 9<sup>th</sup> 1820

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

it being formerly the Ear mark of the Creatures of Restcome Sanford Dec<sup>d</sup>

[306] This Deed or writteing Bareing date the Sixtenth of Decemb<sup>r</sup> in [ ] yeare of our lord Christ one Thousand Six hundred fifty nine wittneseth, that Richard Bulgar of portsmouth on Rhod-Island hath for and in Consideration of ful[ ] Satisfaction in hand giuen and Received therefore Sould vnto Richard Harte of portsmouth afore-sayd A C[ ]rtaine percell of land Containg three Acres be it more or less Lyinge and Cittuate in the South East Necke of the place Called the Comon-fence in the bounds of the Towne of portsmouth aforesayd, and is in the Land of the aforesayd Richard Bulgar, which was by m<sup>r</sup> william Almy and the freemen of the Sayd Towne of portsmouth freely giuen and granted vnto the afor[ ]sayd Richard Bulgar, And is Butted and Bownded on the South by A Sault pond and beach on the west by the greate Cove on the north by markt trees and the Land of the Sayd Richard Bulgar on the East by pocasett River, all which Sayd percell of land Beinge and Cittuate as is aforesayd Together with all the ffenceings preu-ildiges and prorogatives thereunto belonginge, the aforesayd Ricard Bulgar Doth by thess presents from him seelfe his heyres Exceutors Administrators or asignes ffreely absolutly and Realy Sell Conuay and Conferme vnto the aforesayd Richard Harte for him selfe his heyres Exceutors administrators or asignes to haue and to hould and peaceably and quiatly to vse

posses and injoy as his or their proper Right Title and Estate for Euer without Lett hindrence or molestation of any person or persons whatso Ever which shall Lay any Clayme therto from by or vnder any Right or Title of the aforesayd Richard Bulgar his heyres Excecutors Administrators or assignes Only provided that if at any Time the aforesayd Richard Harte Shall see Cauces to sell the afore-sayd land, than the aforesayd Richard Bulgar is to haue the first proffer and Refusall thereof before any other person or persons what so Ever,; and fforther the afore sayd Richard Bulgar Doth Covniant agree and prom̄iss for him selfe his heyres Excecutors Administrators or assignes Shall haue ffree pasage both for Egress and Regres by A foote way through the Land of the afore sayd Ricard Bulger and allso free Liberty of A Carte way alonge or on the Beach on the west side of the afore sayd Richard Bulgers Land: and in Confirmation and Ratification of the Truth of the aboue writen premises the afore-sayd Richard Bulḡ hath hereunto Subscribed his name and sett to his seale the daye and yeare aboue writen,

Signed Sealled and Deliverd

Richard Bulgar:

in the presents off:

Thomas Brook

Lot Strainge

Ralph Earle

A True Coppey ȝ<sup>t</sup> me Tho: Cornell Tow: Clark

The Ear mark of the Creatures of David Almy is a Crop off the Right Ear and a halfpenny before the Same Ear

Entered on record the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1820

Witness Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

**[307]** The Ear mark of the Creatures of Robert Albro is a hole in the Right Ear, and a Crop off the left Ear, it being formerly the mark of the Creatures of his father Jonathan Albro Dec<sup>1</sup>

Entered on Record the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June A D 1820

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Mary Sherman (widow of Thomas Dec<sup>d</sup>) is a fore gad on the left, and a half penny under the same Ear.— Entered on Record June 8<sup>th</sup> A D 1820

By Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk  
the above being the Ear mark of the Creatures of the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas.s father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather of 142 years Standing—

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Lewis Greenhill is a Slit right down in the fore part of the left Ear. Entered upon Record the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June A D 1820 (it being formerly the Ear mark of the Cattle of John Keese)  
Abra<sup>m</sup> Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of David Hall is a Crop off the right ear and two forks in the Cropt ear it having been the mark of the Creatures of his father George Hall Dec<sup>d</sup>

Entered on Record June 30<sup>th</sup> 1821

By Philip Anthony Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Richard Sherman J<sup>r</sup> is a fork on the Right Ear & a hole in the left Ear Entered on Record May 17<sup>th</sup> A D 1823 It being the Ear Mark of the Creatures of Abraham Anthony (the former Town Clerk)

Witness Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Asa Sherman is a Slit down the left Ear, It being the Ear Mark of the Creatures of Preserved Sherman late of this Town Dec<sup>d</sup> Entered on record May 31 A D 1823 by  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

[308] Wee whose names are vnder writen doe v[ ]inously agree to make a suffishant fence betwne eshe other that is to say m<sup>r</sup> Ricard Smith is to make vp that part of fence from the vp-land the brdth of the masch to the Poond. and the sayd ffranci[ ]

put to Freeborn Albro  
June 4 1840  
S. Clarke  
T. Clerk

Put to Samuel  
Cory May 11<sup>th</sup> 1850

Brayton is to make the other parte from the masch to the heyway; which part[ ]ss of fencing is to be maintaned for euer by eache other or <sup>the</sup>ar<sub>^</sub> heires or asignes; vppon considration of a pace land containg halfe an acre more or less alowed to fraincis Bayton by m<sup>r</sup> Ricard Smith for to maintane that part of fence for euer, witnes ouer handes this 7<sup>th</sup> of may 1660:

This being down in presents of vs  
 Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke: Richard Smith  
 william Baulston ffraincis *f* *B* Brayton

put to Enos Gibbs  
 June 8th 1840 -

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Fish is a Crop off the Right Ear & a slit in the left Ear, It being the Ear Mark of the Creatures of Isaac Anthony formerly of this Town Dec<sup>d</sup> Entered on Record May 31<sup>th</sup> A D 1823 By  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Richmon Carr is a Crop off the Right Ear and a slit in the Crop of the same Ear Entered and Recorded this fifth day of June A D 1825 By me  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Ju Town Clerk

Put to John Stanton

The Ear mark of the Creaturs of Roland Gelston is a half penny before the left Ear  
 Entered on record this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1826  
 by me Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Ju Town Clerk

[309] This Indentur made this third day of Nouembar in the yere of our lord god one thousand Six fifty and Nine betwne James Sands of the Towne of portsmouth one Road Island in New England one the one partey and Joseph Martin of the afore said towne one the other partey witneseth that the said James Sands for a full and valluable Considration recauiued in hand haue sould and doe by these presents bargin and sell vnto the afore said Joseph marting fortie fower acres of land be it more or Less Sitteuated within the townshipp of portsmouth and bounded as folle[ ]th viz north ward towards the mill with a littel black

Oake: East with Newport path: and the South East Corner with a Crotched whit Oake: South west with a Sassafrax tree by a brooke side: and I the said James Sands doe by these presents giue grant resine vp bargin and sell to the Joseph martin his heirs Executors adminiestrators or Asignes all my right and title Claime intrest or demand in or to the afore said land with Eury part or pcell there of with all the profits priueleges and apurtenances there vnto belonginge or any wayes aper-  
 taing and Confearming the same vpon the said Joseph martin his heires Executors administrators or asignes to be his or there proper right tittel and Estate to haue and to hould and peaseably to poses and injoy for euer and to the trew performance heare of the said James doth bind himselfe his heirs Executors administrators and asignes fearmely and sukkesiuly by Subscribing his marke and setting to his seale the daye and yeare aboue ritē  
 Sealed Sined and deliuerd in the

presence of

Richard Bulgar  
 Roubart Hazard

The marke of Jearms Sands



we whose names are here vnder writen beinge partly intrestred in the lands mentioned in in y<sup>e</sup> aboue writen ded of sale doe by these present alow raitefie and Conferme this deed of Sale made by James Sands to Joseph martin wittnes our hands the day and yeare aboue writen

witness here vnto  
 Richard Bulgar  
 Roubart Hazard

william Earle  
 Sarah Sands

A True Copey ¶ me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Peleg Albro is a Crop of Each Ear, and a half penny under each Ear It being the Ear Mark of John Peterson Deceased

Entered on Record the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834


By me Richard Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk



[310] Be it Knowen vnto all men by these presents y<sup>e</sup> I Nickolas Browne of portsmouth in Roade Iland in y<sup>e</sup> Colloney of prouidence plantation in New Eingland haue for good Causes and Concidration mee their vnto mouinge as allsoe for A full and vallewable Satisfaction recaiued in hand by me y<sup>e</sup> Nickolas: doe by these presents bargaine and sell vnto Ellexander Enos one Acre of land sittiated within the boundes of portsmouth aboue said: and bounded as follueth videl y<sup>e</sup> one Side with y<sup>e</sup> bound of Tho. Lawton Nine Rodes broode and y<sup>e</sup> other End with y<sup>e</sup> land of y<sup>e</sup> said Nickolas being Tenn Roodes and one halfe broode y<sup>e</sup> one side allsoe bounded with y<sup>e</sup> said Nickolas his land being fiftene roodes longe and y<sup>e</sup> other side Butting vpon the Comon Nienetene rods longe Together with all y<sup>e</sup> benefites priueledges or prouits their to belonging or any waies appertaing: these giueinge and by these presents granting from me the said Nickolas in heairs Exetutors administrators or asignes all my right Titel Claime or intrest in or to y<sup>e</sup> abouesaid Acre of land and Conferming the same vpon the abouesaid Ellexander his heirs Excutors Adminnistrators or Asignes for Euer to haue and hould and peaceably to enjoy all former Couenants Contracts morgages leases or deads of sale or any asignation what soe euer. as all after Claimes made by me y<sup>e</sup> said Nickolas my heirs Execu- tors administrators or asignes to be void and of none Efect and this writing is to stand in full force pouer and vertew unto the aboue Said Ellexander his heirs Excutors adminnistrators or asignes for Euer wittness my hand and Seale this fourtene day of may in the yeare of Crace one Thowsand Sixe hundred fifye and Nine

Signed Sealed and deliuered

in the preasetes of

Thomas  wood his marke

William Hall

The marke of

Nickolas  Browne

A True Copey per me Thomas Cornell Towne Clarke

put to David  
Baker

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Soloman Lawton is two half penney before the Near or left ear Entered & recorded the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1827 By me Richard Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

put to Joseph  
Cornell

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Susan Albro is a Crop on the Right Ear, Entered on record the twenty fourth day of May 1827 By me Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

**[311]** The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Walter Cornell is a half penny under the Near or left Ear, which was formerly the Ear mark of the creatures of Joseph Sisson. Entered on Record the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June A D 1827

By Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Sylvester Hathaway is a slit down the left or near Ear, It being the Ear mark formerly of Preserved Sherman Recorded June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829

By me Richard Sherman J Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Jonathan E Hazzard is a Crop off the left Ear and two slits in the Crop of said Ear

Entered on record June 5<sup>th</sup> 1827

By me Richard Sherman J Town Clerk

The Ear mark of the creatures of Moses Sisson is a hole in each Ear it being the Ear mark formerly of Samuel Pearce of Prudence Island Entered on reco[ ] this sixteenth day of June 1828

By me Richard Sherman Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

Put to Thomas R Hazard  
May 30 1840—

The Ear mark of the Creatures of John Stanton is a half penny before the left Ear. Entered on record the twenty eight day of April 1830. It being the ear mark of Roland Gelston

& recorded by me Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

**[312]** The Ear mark of the Cattle of Stephen B Cornell is a crop off the left Ear and a halfpenny before the Same and a halfpenny on each side the right Eare It being formerly the Ear mark of Stephen Cornell Dec<sup>d</sup>

Entered and recorded the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1830

Witness Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Jur<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear mark of James Albro is a Crop off the right Ear and a slit in the same Ear & two halfpenys before the left Ear It being formerly the Ear mark of the late Samuel Albro Dec<sup>d</sup>

Entered on record the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1830

By me Richard Sherman Jur Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Samuel Anthony is a Hole in the Right Ear It being the Ear mark formerly of Jonathan Gibbs Entered on record this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 by me

Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Martin Dedrick is a fork on the left Ear and a Slit under the same Ear, entered on record this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833

By me Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Job Sisson is a half penny under each ear It being the ear mark of his Father Richard Sisson Dec<sup>d</sup> entered on record the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833

By me Richard Sherman J Town Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Benjamin Peckham is a Crop off the Left Ear, bein the Mark of Thomas Sherman De<sup>d</sup> & entered on record this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1833 by me

Richard Sherman Jr Town Clerk

**[313]** The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Joseph Cornell is a Crop off the Right Ear, and a hole in the same Ear

Entered on record April 1<sup>st</sup> 1834 by me

Richard Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Thales Tallman is a hind Gad on each Ear, It being the Ear Mark of Claver Taylor and put to said Thales Tallman this 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1833 & recorded by

Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman J Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Thomas Gould is a halfpenny under the left Ear and a half penny before the Right It being the Ear mark of the late Henry Lawton Esq<sup>r</sup> Dec<sup>d</sup> and put to said Thomas Gould this first day of April 1834 & recorded by me

Richard Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of John L Harvey is a fore gad on the left Ear, and a halfpenny on each side the right Ear It being the Ear Mark formerly of James Cook son of John entered on record this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1834 by me

Richard Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Cattle of Humphrey Chase is a fore gad on the Right Ear, It being the ear mark of the Creatures of Nathan Chase & put to said Humphrey this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834

Witness Richard Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Pardon White is a hole in the left Ear and a slit from the same recorded this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834

Witness Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

[314] This present writteinge Bareinge the Thirtith day of January in the y[ ] of our lord Christ one thowsand Six hundred fifty eight witnesseth that Thomas Hazard of portsmouth on Rhoad Island: hath by these presents given and bequeathed in dowrie with his daughter Hannah Hazard, vnto Stephen wilcoke of portsmouth Thirty fower acres of land more or less Situate within the bounds or limits of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmouth afore-said and lyinge in the farme of the aforesaid Thomas Hazard and adjoyneinge vnto the wading or mill river, Eight acres wherof being butted and bownded by the land of Samuel Gine one the south and north and on the East End by the Comon and High way to the mill, the other twenty Six acres being butted and bownded by the fence as now it stands one the south and Southwest and on the west and northwest by the land of the Afore said Thomas Hazard and on the north by the land of m<sup>r</sup> porter and on the East and South-East by the aboue sayd eight acres and the land of Samuel Geinne afore said Twenty acres of which land afore Said beinge alredy fenced in in seuerall parcels is now heareby deliuerd into the present use and posesion of the afore-sayd Stephen wilcocke, but the other fowertene being tenn acres vnfenced and joyneing to the land of m<sup>r</sup> porter and fower acres fenced in and adjoyneinge to the afore-sayd Hazars land by the afore-sayd wading riuier is to remaine in the posesion and vse of the afore-sayd Thomas Hazard vntell the day or time of his death at which time it is to returne and be in the proper vse and posesion of the afore-sayd Sthepen wilcocke, and the afore sayd Thomas Hazard doth by these presents Give and bequeath as is abouesaid the aforesayd thirtey fouer acres of land together with all the fenceinges and priueldegs there vnto belonginge vnto the aforesayd Stephen willcoke for himscelfe his heires Excutors and administrators to haue and to hould and peacebly to vse poses and injoy as his or there proper right or Estate for euer without lett or molestation of the aforesayd Thomas Hazard his heires Excutors and administrators or any others which

shall lay clayme therto from or by vnder any right or Title whotso Euer, absolutly and realy ratifyng and Confering these presents to be his whole only and sole acte and dede touching the aboue writen premises for Euer only it is prouided that the aforesayd Thomas Hassard his heires Excutors or administrators is to haue free and quiet librety of A highway for the pasedg of thm scelues ther Catell or Cartes through the aforesayd stephen from his house to the Cōmon and highway, and the Aforesayd stephen wilcoke or his hiers Excutors or administrators are to haue the like prelidg and vse of A high way through the afore-sayd Hazards land vnto the Sea and water side, as also that the aforesayd Stphen wilcocke his heires Excutors or administrators are to haue free and quiet librety for them scelues or Catell to the Spring of water that lyes and is neare adjoyng vnto the house of the aforesayd Stephen and in the afore sayd Thomas Hazard land and to the ferme and reall ratification of the [315] aboue riten premises the afore sayd Thomas Hazard hath herevnto Sett his hand and Seale the day yeare aboue written

Signed Sealled and delivered  
in presents of  
Richard mories  
John Sanford  
Thomas Cornell  
Samuel Sanford


Thomas  Hazard  
his marke

A True Copey ʒ me Tho: Cornell Towne Clarke

Anthony  
Paine his  
will

I Anthony Paine in my perfect memory doe manifest my minde and Last will is to giue & bequeath vnto my daughter Alce one Cow shee or hur husband painge vnto my daughter Mary tripp so much as y<sup>e</sup> Cow is Judged to be more worth, then the heffer, and to be made vp Equall out of y<sup>e</sup> Cow, And further my minde and will is, to make my wife Rose Paine wholl & Soull Executrex to see my y<sup>e</sup> former Couinant, and my last will performed, and my

debts paide, and m<sup>r</sup> Porter and william Baulston to see my  
Estate Equally deuided w<sup>it</sup>nes my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> of may 1649  
william freeborn

The Marke of Anthony  
Paine 

the marke  of

Thomas wait

William Baulston

This is a trew Copie of y<sup>e</sup> last will of Anthony paine deceased  
ϕ me philep Sherman Genorall Recorder

Taken out of y<sup>e</sup> Genorall Recorders office and Entred in to y<sup>e</sup>  
Records of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth

By me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

[**316**] where as by y<sup>e</sup> Last will, and first Couinant of Anthony  
Paine Deceased there was a legacye dew vnto mary the wife of  
John Tripp this writinge w<sup>it</sup>neseth that I the said John Tripp  
and Mary my wife, haue Receued of Rose weeden Executrex to  
Anthony Paine Deceaste full Satisfaction for whot so Euer was  
dew to vs, Either by last will or first Couinante, wee say Receued  
full Satisfaction in w<sup>it</sup>nes here of we haue here vnto sett our  
hands this 18<sup>th</sup> day of march 1650

A trew Copie by  
me Richard Bulgar  
towne Clarke

James weden

John Tripp  
the marke **U** of  
Mary Tripp  
Richard Hart

where as there was a legasie dew vnto Alce Paine now wife vnto  
Lot Strainge from Anthony Paine hur father Deceaste, This  
present writinge w<sup>it</sup>neseth that I Lot Strainge and Alce my wife,  
doe acknowledge, to haue Receued of Rose Paine, the said An-  
thony Paine his Executrex y<sup>e</sup> full some of fifyten pounds, which is  
in full Satisfaction of that Legacie giuen by the said Anthony

paine, And I doe here by Quitte the aboue said Executrex of it from y<sup>e</sup> begininge of y<sup>e</sup> worlde to this day, wherevnto I sett my hand this 27th of october 1649

witnes william Baulston

Also

Lott Strainge

A trew Copie by me

Strainge hur mark **C**

Richard Bulgar

towne Clarke

[317]

Portsmouth

August y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> 1661

ffor as much as Sarah Mott widow to the late deceased adam mott of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmouth hath brought hir late husbands will in to y<sup>e</sup> office of to be proued and hath Exhibeted the same to the towne Counsill thay findinge the said will som thinge dewbeious in not declaringe the said Sarah his wife to be his Excektrix yet the scope of the same makinge hir one in powar there fore we the Counsill of the towne of portsmouth doe vnanimusly apoint the said Sarah mott & widow to the late deseaced Adam mott to be soll Execetrix duringe the terme of hir life accordinge to whot we vndarstand the meaninge of y<sup>e</sup> will to be, beinge the magior part of the Counsill

Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

The ear mark of the Creatures of Giles Lawton is a Crop of the right ear entered on record May 22<sup>d</sup> 1841

By Samuel Clarke Town Clerk

The ear mark of the Creatures of Stephen D. Sherman is a fore gad on the left (or near ear) entered on record Janry 11 1842

By Samuel Clarke Town Clerk

taken from Samuel Sherman dec<sup>d</sup>



The Ear Mark of the Creatures of David Baker is two half penneys before the Near or left Ear and entered on record June 7<sup>th</sup> 1845 By me Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Town Clerk

The Ear Mark of the Creatures of Soloman Hedly is a fork or Swallows tail on the Right Ear, It being the Ear marke of his Father Henry Hedly entered on record June 7<sup>th</sup> 1845 by me Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Town Clerk

**[318]** The Last will & Testament of Adam mott  
 Senyor of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth is as followeth

In y<sup>e</sup> yere of y<sup>e</sup> lord 1661 on the 2 month on y<sup>e</sup> 2 day of the month I Adam Mott of portsmoth of Road Iland beinge in pearfit & good memory haue made & writen this as my last will with my owne hand Imp<sup>i</sup>mes I haue Chosen Constetuted & made my faithfull freinds Edward Thurston and Richard Tew both of Newport on Rhoad Iland to haue full power together after my decease to see my will performed and fulfilled in Every part of it as I were my selffe aliue in perfit beinge  
 ffirst I will & giue to Sarah mott my wife beinge all my howsage & land at matapurcetti lyinge in y<sup>e</sup> bounds of portsmoth. less or more with all the apirtenances there vnto w<sup>e</sup> are knowne to be mine vpon y<sup>e</sup> grownd or abroad vpon y<sup>e</sup> Common, all goods or Chattells whot so Euer housage and all moueables whot so Euer, to vse possese & inioy for hir terme of life as shee shall Neede, say out of y<sup>e</sup> stock and at y<sup>e</sup> End of hir life after hir decease, I will that the afore said Executors Edward Thurston & Richard tew shall see y<sup>e</sup> land Named and howse & housage Equally deuided in to three shares, to Jacob mott my owne sonne if he be Contented to Cast in whot I gaue him at the vpar Cornar of my farme & share it into three parts, if not he may take that out as his part and no more, vnto Adam mott my sonne I gaue his share all redey & part longe since which he hath liued on whos sum was twelue Acres

ffurther I will y<sup>t</sup> if any of y<sup>e</sup> Brothars shall dye before my wife of y<sup>e</sup> three Jacob mott Gearsham mott & Eleasser mott as to saye that then the three parts by y<sup>e</sup> Executors be deuided vnto y<sup>e</sup> othere two as Equaly as thay Can, allso I will that these three or two of them that inioye the land after there mothars decease shall pay vnto John mott my Sonne twenty shillings if he demaund it in such pay as in y<sup>e</sup> place passeth for pay here amonge vs

ffurther I will them to pay to Adam mott there Brother an Ewe lamb w<sup>in</sup> twelue months after there mothers decease, allso I will to Elisabeth thurston y<sup>e</sup> wife of Edward Thurston to be paid to hir or by whom shee shall assigne it vnto one Ewe lamb a yere after there mothers departure

ffurther whot she doth not vse of howshould goods or stock on y<sup>e</sup> grownd for hir owne suplyes in time of hir life, I doe desier my beloued frinds intrusted & Named Edward & Richard to perswade my wife at hir death in y<sup>e</sup> disposinge of mouables with in howse or abraod to giue it to them accordinge to discrecion whom beest deseaues it in there Care & Respect to hir while she liues, vpon which my dessier is you will haue your Eyes as my ffrinds, and harts Redey

Lastly I leaue my body to be Committed to y<sup>e</sup> Earth accordinge as thay and my wife sees good Leuinge beuriall it to be paid by whot she hath in hir hands, and after hir death I will y<sup>t</sup> the said Edward Thurston and Richard Tew Receue Each of them an Ewe sheep of y<sup>e</sup> stock deliured them w<sup>in</sup> a month after there mothars departure in y<sup>e</sup> presents

Writen & sealed and signed of Adam Mott before y<sup>e</sup> Executors deliured to Edward Thurston to be kepe in y<sup>e</sup> behaulfe of both of them, Sealed the yere 1661) 1 of may

allso I giue power to my Executors, full power to giue to all and Every of my Children then livinge som gift of y<sup>e</sup> moueables Either of whot is in y<sup>e</sup> howse or abroad as thay Can moue or parswad hir [319] Accordinge to there & hir discrecion, if she be not willinge to giue it w<sup>t</sup> discrecion as thay desaru, I then

giue full power to my afore said Executors Edward Thurston & Richard Tew to deuide so much and as thay see meet amonge them all, fforther if my Children should be Crosse to there mother so y<sup>t</sup> it should force hir to marey againe, I giue full power to my Executors to take good & full securitie for the makinge good of y<sup>e</sup> Estate so longe as she liues that my will may be performed as is declared aforehand in my will that is to take bond of him, this on the backside was written before sealinge

A trew Copie of y<sup>e</sup> Origenall will of Adam mott  
Copied By me Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

The Inventory of y<sup>e</sup> Estate & goods of Adam mott Senyor deseaced taken y<sup>e</sup> 12 of August 1661

	ll	ss	d
the howse & land - - - - -	150	00	00
fower Oxen - - - - -	028	00	00
fiue Cows & a bull - - - - -	030	00	00
on mare on horse & mare Coult - - - - -	036	00	00
two Calues at - - - - -	002	00	00
thirty Ewe sheepe two Rams - - - - -	032	00	00
six swine at - - - - -	004	00	00
wompom pege - - - - -	003	00	00
wearinge Clothes bookes two Coats two suts two dublets & bretches one gowne of gray Clath & } Eury days Clothes - - - - -	011	00	00
fower yards of Course cearsey at - - - - -	001	00	00
Eight peaire of stockines at - - - - -	001	12	00
on fethar bed & furniture w <sup>t</sup> a Rwge - - - - -	008	00	00
a fethar bead & furniture - - - - -	006	00	00
two ould flock beds & two blankits - - - - -	003	00	00
twenty pound of woll - - - - -	001	00	00
one brase kittle at - - - - -	001	00	00
six peutter dishes <sup>n</sup> 14 one Quart two pint pots - - - - -	001	06	00
one wine pott great sault & basen at - - - - -	000	10	00

one great Ioren kette at	-	-	-	-	001 - 04 - 00
one Irone pot a kette & skillet at	-	-	-	-	001 - 10 - 00
one worminge pan a fryinge pan	}	-	-	-	001 - 00 - 00
a paire of Cob Iorens & spitt at					
seuen paire of sheets two table Cloths six Nap-					
kins pillowbers at	-	-	-	-	004 - 00 - 00
two tables one Joine stoole & chaire	-	-			001 - 04 - 00
one Acre and halfe of wheat two Acres of oats	}	-			034 - 00 - 00
two Acres of pease three acres of Indian at					
Cart & plow & two Chaines at	-	-	-	-	003 - 10 - 00
one how and Axe two sithes	-	-	-	-	000 - 10 - 00
three Chists barrells hogshheads Churne & other					
lumbar at	-	-	-	-	005 - 00 - 00
Prised by vs					-----
william Baulston				The whol sum is	371 - 06 - 00
John Portar				A trew Copie By me	Richard Bulgar
				Towne Clarke	

The Ear mark of the Creatures of Edward Anthony is a hind Gad on the left ear, entered on record Sep<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1845 by me  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Town Clerk

[320] To all people to whome these presents Shall come Rebecca Cornell of [ ] towne of portsmoth on Rhoad Island w'in the Jurisdiction of y<sup>e</sup> Collony of providence plantations in New England in America widdow and Executor to Thomas Cornill of the afore said Towne of portsmoth Deceased Sendeth Greeting

Know yea that I the said Rebecca Cornell for & in Considration of the full & Just Sum of thirty pounds to me in hand payed by Richard harte of the afore said towne of portsmoth Lether dresser, where with I the said Rebecca Cornell doe acknowledg

my selfe sufficiently Satisfied Contented and fully paid and there of & for Evry part & parcell there of, doe Exonorate aquit and discharge the said Richard Harte hee his heyres Executors Administrators and Assignes for Ever, and by these presents haue fully and absulately bargained alianated & sould enfeofed & Confirmed, and by these presents doe Bargaine Sell Enfeof & Confirme from me the said Rebacca Cornell and my heires to him the said Richard harte and his heires for Ever, two percells of Land Containenge Eight Acres be it more or less, beinge and lying in the afore said towne of portsmoth and are bounded as ffolloweth viz ffower Acres is bounded Northward by the land of m<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Harte, Southward by the land of Richard Sissan, and Eastward and westward by y<sup>e</sup> Comon, the othere fower Acres is Bounded on the North by the land of Thomas Cornell on y<sup>e</sup> East by hie way or Comon on the south by y<sup>e</sup> land of Lott Strainge & on the west by the hie way, to gather with all & singuler the apertenances priviledges Howses fruits Trees ffencing & all othere prerogatiues & Emunities there vnto belonginge or any way Apertainenge to the said land or any part or parcell there of to him the said Richard Harte hee his heires or Asignes for Ever To be houlden of his magestie of England his heires and suckesors, as of his manner of East Grenwich in the County of kent, in free & Comon Soccage and not in Capite nor by Knights searuice by y<sup>e</sup> Rent & Seruice there of and there by dew & of Right accostomed and warranting the sale there of against all people whot so Euer, that in by through or vnder me the said Rebecca Cornell, or by any Right or title of my deceassed husband Thomas Cornell, Clamienge any Right title or intrest of and in to the premises or any part or parcell there of and I the said Rebecca Cornell doe by these presents Couenant promis and graunt, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the afore-said Richard Hart Either by him selfe or his atorney to Record these presents or to Caus them to be Recorded or inRouled in the Records of the afore said towne of portsmoth, or in any othere

place of publique Records accordinge to the vssiall manner of  
Recordinge or Enrowlinge Evidences in such Case provided in  
witnes where of I the said Rebecca Cornell haue here vnto sett  
my hand and Seale the thirtith day of aprill 1661 one thousand  
six hundred Sixty one)

Signed Sealed and deliured  
in the presents of

Rebecca  Cornell  
her marke


John Sanford

James  Badcocke  
his marke

A trew Copie By me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

This Witnesseth that I Thomas Cornell Eldist sonn unto the  
aforenamed Thomas Cornell Deceased doe hereby Ratify and  
Confirme the aforementioned Deed in Every particle thereof  
And doe hereby from my selfe heires Executors and Adminis-  
trators surrender up and firmly Confirme all my Right Title and  
intrest in and to the aforementioned Land and Every parte and  
percell thereof, unto the aforesaid Richard Harte his heires or  
Asignes forever Witness my hand the Twenty fourth of August  
one Thowsand six hundred sixty Three

Testis William Baulston  
John Sanfford

The above written is a True Copie of the  
original Entred and Recorded the 20<sup>th</sup> of  
the 2<sup>d</sup> month: 1696: Thomas Cornel[ ]  
 me John Anthony Towne Clerke.

[**321**] This deed bearinge date the thrttenth day of August in  
the yeer of our lord god one thousand six hundred and sixty one  
meade betwixt Thomas Latton of portsmoth in Rhoad Island on  
the one party, and william Balley of Newport in Rhoad Island, one  
the othere party, allso the same Thomas Laiton haue Couenanted  
and Agreed that the afforesaid william Bally Shall haue three  
score Acres of land at at his farme at huntinge Swampe Lyinge

one that side the fearme which hughe parsons liues one, beinge to be to be laid out Eight score roode in length and three score Roode wide, & the said William Bally is to haue the same land for his owne life time, and if his wife Grace Bally keepe hir selfe a widdowe after hir husbands death then shee is also to in Joye it the full terme of Thomas Laitons life time & three years afterwards to haue and to hould for the same time to Imploy for his best Aduantage, And it is all so agreed that the said william Bally shall not lett nor sell the same land for his time to any othere, but if the said william shall be minded to leue it, he shall Returne it <sup>vn</sup>to the afore said thomas laiton againe, the said Thomas Laiton painge for it accordinge as two or three indiffrent men shall Judge, and it is also agreed that at the End of the afore said time, that whot bulding or fencinge there shall be, it shall not be defaced nor deminished, but Returned vp in so good a posture as it then shall be in, with out demineshinge any thinge from it, it is also agreed that the afore said Thomas Laiton Shall for present sett vp the one halfe of the fence which is to be made betwixt there lands, and here after the afore said william Bally Shall maintaine it in witnes here of I the said Thomas Laiton haue set to my hand and seale

Sealed Signed and  
deliured in the  
presants of vs

william  Charles his marke

Thomas  Nichols his marke

william Garrard

Thomas Laitons his


Hand  and Seale

A trew Copie By me  
Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

[322] This Agreement made this third day of Novembar in y<sup>e</sup> yeare on thousand Six hundred sixty and two betwen william Correy and william wood both of Portsmoth on Roade Iland witnesseth that the said william wood, is to haue all that peece of land that is william Corres that lieth with out the fence

Adioynenge vnto the Common for five years to Improve to his best advantage duringe the said five yeares, And the said William Wood is to fence in the said land, and to leue the said land with a sufficient fence at the End of the said five yeares and also the said william wood doth here by giue vnto the said william Correy the halfe of the fence that is Next vnto his howse that is the fence between the said william wood & william Correy Eight Ackres In witnes where of we haue here vnto set to our hands the day & yeare aboute written


Witnes here vnto  
Hugh Parsons  
Peter foulger

The Marke of  
Will  Wood  
William Corry

A trew Copie by me  
Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

This Witnesseth that william wood haue Exchainged with William Correy a litle peice of land by the said william Correys howse from y<sup>e</sup> marked tree vpon a straight line to the fence at the brooke about twenty seuen pole of land for so much land allowed by William Correy of his Eight Ackres that Joynes to the said William Wood witnes my hand this third day of No-uembar 1662

Witnes here vnto  
Hugh Parsons  
Peter foulger

William wood his  
marke 

A trew Copie by me  
Richard Bulgar towne Clark[]

[**323**] The Ear mark of the Creatures of Isaac S. Cory is a Slit in the Right Ear, It being formerly the Ear mark of James Hedly & afterward put to Peleg Sisson, and now put to said Isaac S Cory, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April A D 1846 & recorde


By me Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Town Clerk




The Ear mark of the Creatures of Samuel Cory is a Slit Down the left Ear, It being the Ear mark of Asa Sherman now removed out of this town, and entered on record to said Samuel Cory this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1850 By me Rich<sup>d</sup> Sherman Town Clerk

[**324**] Be it knowne vnto all men by these presents that I william Hauens of Portsmoth one Rhoad Island in New England haue lett and Least out vnto my sonne John Hauens one dwelinge howse with all the land there vnto belonginge, only the Orchard Reserued to the vse of me the said william, that is to say the howse in which I the said william liued in before I tooke a leese of James Sands his land, for the full and Compleat terme of Seauen yeares from the day of the date here of, for him the said John to posses improue and make vse of duringe the terme afore said, with all the profits priueledges and apertinances there vnto belonginge or any wayes apertainenge duringe the said terme, only the Orchard and fruts there of Excepted, And in Consideration I the said John hauens doe binde my sselfe my heires or Assignes to pay to my ffather william hauens or his Assignes fwe pounds a yeare to be paid the fwe & twenty day of march yearly in wheat peass Indian Corne or oats in all or seurall the said Graine, And at the End of the aforesaid terme of seuen yeares the said John is to Surrender the said howse and land to the said william Hauens or his Assignes, In witnes of all the aboue written premises I the said william doe put to my hand and Seale this second day of Decembr and in the yeare of our lord god on thousand Six hundred Sixty and two

Sealed Signed and  
deliured in the presents

The marke  of william  
Hauens

of vs James Sands   
Richard Bulgar

A trew Copie by me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

[**325**] This Agreement made the Twenty Eight day of october in y<sup>e</sup> yeere one thousand Six hundred Sixty two Betwen

william Correy of Portsmouth on Road Island one the one parte & peter foulger of Newport on the other pt witnesseth, that the said william Correy Lett or hiered out, his Now dwelling house and all the Land that is now fenced in on both sides of the house, with all the priueledges and apurtinances there vnto belonginge, for five yeares beginenge at the day of the date here of, And the said peter ffoulger for the Rent of the said howse and land is yerely to Clere two Ackres of swamp, in manner as followeth, that is Cut down Eury yeere duringe the said five yeeres, two Ackres of the said Swamp and to Cut it out and lay it on heaps, And also to Sow three pound of Clear hay-seed, vpon Eury two Ackres of Swamp so Cleared, And the said peeter ffoulger is also to Riue out two hundred and a halfe Rayles, by the next springe vn the other side of y<sup>e</sup> Swamp, for to pay to those that haue pt in y<sup>e</sup> Lower fence to whom the said william Corry is ingaged, also the peeter hath free liberty to improue all y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid land to his beste Advantage, duringe the said five yeres, only he is to presarue all the Rayle timbar vpon the vpland vnbroken vp, Exceptinge so much as is Needfull for the Repairinge of the fences, or the makinge of any New fence, Either for the partinge of the aforesaid land from goodman Anthonys land, or any other fence to part out any of the aforesaid land, that then the said william Corry is to pay vnto the said peeter foulger at the End of the said Terme of five yeres, so much as the said fence or fencing shall be Judged to be worth, prouided that it be no hedge fence It is also agreed that all the trees in the aforesaid swamp ground y<sup>t</sup> will beare fourteen Inches ouer and vpwards a foote aboue ground may be only gurdled and not fald, In witnes here vnto the partyes afore said haue InterChaingably Set to there hands the and yeare aboue writen

Signed and deliured in the presents of vs  
3<sup>th</sup> of nouember 1662

Hugh Parsonn  
John Anthony

William Corry  
A trew Copie by me  
Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

[326] To all whome these present Shall Concerne be it known[] that where as m<sup>r</sup> John Roome of portsmoth Late deceased did Emeaditly before his death, make a verball will before Suffitiant Testimony, which thay haue before me vpon there Sollemn Ingadgments declared, by which will he the said John Roome did make and apoynt his wife Annis Roome whole and Sole Excequetrix vnto his whole Estate, And Now the Sayd will of the said John Roome Deceased beinge Accordinge to law before me proued and an Inuentory of the Estate taken, and also bond taken of the said Exequetrix to pay the debts of the Deceased and in all poynts to performe the said will, these are there fore Accordinge to the lawes of this Collony to Authoriz and impower the afforesaid Annis Roome wife to the deceased John Roome Accordinge to the will of the Deceased to administer and Excecute one the afforesaid deceased John Roomes Estate in all ample Respects accordinge to law: And in wittnes to this lettar of Administration I haue here vnto putt to my hand with the Seale of my office the second day of ffebruary in the yeare one thousand Six hundred Sixty three 1663

A trew Copie and Entred vpon  
Record Accordinge to Order  
By me Richard Bulgar Clarke  
for the towne of portsmoth

William Hall of portsmoth Aged ffifty yeares or there abouts beinge Accordinge to law Ingaged Testifieth that beinge at the howse of m<sup>r</sup> John Roome now deceased Some few dayes before his death, this deponnant asked him how he had disposed of his Estate, the said m<sup>r</sup> Roome, affter some other adietation, said to this Deponnant take this Answer for all, my will is that all the Estate I haue after my debts are payd, I doe giue and freely bequeth vnto my wife, and further this deponnant sayth that the

said m<sup>r</sup> Roome was at the time he thus Sayd in perfect Sence  
and memory  
Taken Before me the second of  
ffbruary 1663 william Balston  
Asistant

I william Baulston doe vpon my Ingagement Testifie that m<sup>r</sup>  
Roome a ffew dayes before his death declared the same words to  
me as affore william Hall hath testified witnes my hand the  
second of ffbruary 1663  
william Baulston  
Asistant

A trew Copie by me Richard Bulgar  
Clarke for the towne of portsmoth


[**327**] This present writinge made this 24<sup>th</sup> of July in one  
thousand Six hundred Sixty and fwe, Bettwene Petter Talman  
of Portsmoth in Rhoad Island, and Joan Brigges of Tanton in  
Jurisdiction of New Plimoth, Wittneseth that I the aboue said  
Petter Talman, doe freely giue and make ouer to the aboue said  
Joan Brigges my howse and land where in I the said petter  
Talman Now dwelleth which said howse and land I the said  
petter Talman Bought of Capt: Richard morris, with all the  
priuiledges and apertinances there vnto belonginge or that Euer  
shall, as all so a ceartaine percell of land which I the said Petter  
Talman Bought of Danill Woolcocks adioyninge to the aboue  
said land, the which howse and land aboue said and all so Cear-  
tine a pearcell of land which I the said Talman bought of william  
wilbor all so a ioyninge to the aboue said, the which howse and  
land aboue said with all the priueledges and apertenances aboue  
said I the aboue said Petter talman doe freely giue and make  
ouer, vnto the aboue said Joan Briggs and hir heires Lawfully  
begotten of hir owne body by the said Petter Talman, To haue  
and to hould the aboue said howse and land with all the aperten-  
ances aboue said for Euer Quiatly and peacably to inioye the  
aboue said howse and land with out any trouble incomburance

or disquiatnes from me the said petter Talman or from any by or vnder me or my procurement, as allso I the aboue said Petter Talman doe freely giue and make ouer vnto the aboue said Joan Briggs, these things as followeth that is to say my best beed and the apertenances belonginge to it, And allso the one halfe of my housall goods, but in Case the aboue said Joan brigs doe die without heires lawfully begotten of hir owne body as aboue said that then at the deseace of the aboue said Joan Briggs, the aboue said howse and land and the other things aboue said, shall Retturne to the Eldest sonne of the aboue said Petter Talman whose name is Petter, to him and to his heires Lawfully begotten of his owne body, and in Case the said Petter Talman Junyor dieeth with out heires lawfully begotten of his owne body, then the said howse and land and other things aboue Named is to Retturne to the Eldest daughter of the aboue said Petter Talman whose Name is Marey and hir heires Lawfully begotten of hir owne body and allso I the said Petter Talman doe giue and make ouer to the aboue said Joan Briggs three good Cowes and a good breeding maer to the said Joan Briggs for Euer, to dispose and giue to whom she the said Joan Briggs will: and this is the free gifte and donation of me the said Petter Talman to the said Joan Briggs, in wittnesse here of I the said Petter Talman haue sett to my hand and Seale the day and yeare aboue written

Signed Sealed & deliured	Petter Talman	⊗
in the presents of vs	Entred vpon Record By me Richard	
wittneses Samwell Hall	Bulgar Clarke of y <sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth	
Shadrack wilbor	Recorded vpon the Records of New	
Petter Pitts	Plimoth By Nathaniell Morton Sec-	
	retary for the Jurisdiction of New	
	Plmoth	

Desember y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 65 Shadrack wilbor and Samwell Hall testified upon Oath that the Origenall here of is the acte and deed of m<sup>r</sup> Petter talman of Rhoad Island before me James Walker

[328] Where as it pleased the allmighty god that Joseph waite Secon[ ] Sonn to Thomas wayt of portsmoth on Rhoad Island in y<sup>e</sup> Collony of Rhoad Island and providence plantations in New England in America was drowned on the 25<sup>th</sup> day August last past, and Deceased intestate with out makinge a will, how and to whome his Estate should be deuided and disposed of, Therefore for the setlment of the Estate of the Said Deceased Joseph wayte Accordinge to whot by the law of this Collony we are Authorised, we the Counsell of y<sup>e</sup> towne of portsmoth doe here by agree and Detirmine and doe here by a poynte and Authorize Sarrah wayte widow to the afore said Deceased Joseph wayte to be whole and Sole Excequetrix vnto the whole Estate to pay all the Debts of the Deceased afore said and to Receue whot is from any man or person dew to him and to performe and duly to Excecute whot the Counsell here in Shall order And wee doe agree Order and Dettermine, that where as it is Conceued that the said Sarrah is with Childe by the aforesaid Joseph wayte, if so it Shall please god that it be a sonne, and liue tell it Come to y<sup>e</sup> age of one and twenty yeares, then the Sonn shall Receue and haue the sum of fforty pounds payde vnto him, And if be a daughter then it Shall haue the said Sum payde at marridg Estate one the day of marridge and if the Child liue not to the said age or time, the said Sum of fforty pounds Shall Returne to the afore Named Excecatrix, Intestimony of this our act and mutuall agreement we haue here vnto Sett our hands this 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1665

William Baulston Asistant  
 Samwell wilbure Asistant  
 John Sanford  
 John Albro  
 John Brigs his marke 

Where as Joseph Wayte of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Portsmoth Deceased one the 25<sup>th</sup> of August last past, and died intestate with out

making a will, and the Counsell of the towne hauinge Settled the Estate of the Desseaced haue Constituted apoynted and Authorized Sarrah Wayte widow to the afore said Joseph wayte whole and Sole Exceqtrix to y<sup>e</sup> Estate of y<sup>e</sup> Deceased and hauinge taken Bond from the father of the said Exceqtrix accordinge to law, to pay the debts of y<sup>e</sup> Deceased, and ffaithfully & truly to performe the order of the Counsell, wee william Baulston and Samwell Wilbure Assistants, doe by these presents impower and Authorize the said Sarrah Wayte as Exceqtrix with full Power to Adminester one the whole Estate of the afore Named Deceased Joseph wayte In Wittnes here of we haue here vnto Sett our hands and Seales the 16<sup>th</sup> of September An<sup>o</sup> Dom<sup>o</sup> 1665

William Baulston Assistant ⊕

Samwell Wilbure Assistant ⊙

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A trew Inuentry of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Joseph wayte who was Drowned the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1665 and Deceased Intestate

	ll	ss	d
Imp <sup>r</sup> a Bassen a platter and other small peuter	-	-	01 : 10 : 00
a tin pann and a tin pott	-	-	00 : 04 : 00
<i>It</i> Brass Ketles and Skellitts	-	-	00 : 18 : 00
<i>It</i> Tramills and Slyce	-	-	00 : 10 : 00
<i>It</i> a smoothinge Iron	-	-	00 : 07 : 00
<i>It</i> an Iron pott and an Iron Kettle	-	-	00 : 15 : 00
<i>It</i> Seuerall wooden ware as churne trays and Tubs &c <sup>r</sup>			01 : 00 : 00
<i>It</i> a spinninge wheele	-	-	00 : 08 : 00
<i>It</i> a ffether bed Boulster pillows and Shectes a Rugg & blanketts	-	-	16 : 00 : 00

*It* a mare a yearelinge mare and a horce Coult - 16 : 07 : 00

37 : 19 : 00

li ss d

*It* Woolin Cloathes lininge Cloathes and hatts - 10 : 00 : 00

*It* one Iron pott - - - - - 00 : 10 : 00

*It* a Cup and Six Spoones - - - - - 00 : 04 : 00

*It* a glass botle - - - - - 00 : 01 : 06

*It* workeinge Tooles - - - - - 02 : 10 : 00

*It* two Cowes - - - - - 08 : 00 : 00

*It*  $\frac{2}{\wedge}$  two yeare and vantidge steeres - - - 08 : 00 : 00

*It* 7 Swine - - - - - 03 : 10 : 00

*It* 1 Chest - - - - - 00 : 10 : 00

*It* 2 guns - - - - - 01 : 15 : 00

35 : 00 : 06

*It* 4 Shoates and Six pigs - - - - - 02 : 08 : 00

*It* 1 Calfe - - - - - 01 : 10 : 00

*It* 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Cotten yarne - - - - - 00 : 10 : 00

*It* 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Butter - - - - - 00 : 05 : 00

*It* 100  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Cheese at 4<sup>d</sup> p  $\frac{1}{2}$  - - - - - 01 : 13 : 04

*It* 3 Bushills of Indian Corne, and about 3 acres of }  
 Indian Corne one y<sup>e</sup> ground with Turneps - }

07 : 10 : 00

*It* pease in Straw - - - - - 01 : 10 : 00

*It* Oates in Straw - - - - - 01 : 04 : 00

16 : 10 : 04

in all *It* 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Bandaleers - - - - - 00 : 05 : 00

89 - 15 - 10 *It* 1 lamb - - - - - 00 : 05 : 00

besids debts to *It* 2 Sythes - - - - - 00 : 06 : 00


pay & Receue *It* in Boards - - - - - 00 : 10 : 00

01 : 06 : 00



Debts dew to be paid	-	-	-	-	-	07 : 00 : 00
Debts to Receue	-	-	-	-	-	04 : 11 : 00
<i>It</i> one Cow in the hands of Sam <sup>ll</sup> wayte	-	-				

Taken By Cap <sup>t</sup> John Sanford and M <sup>r</sup> John)	Sum too	89 : 15 : 10
Brigs the Second of September 1665		

Signed by John Brigs  his marke  
 John Sanford

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 and is Entred vpon Record accordinge to order  
 By me Richard Bulgar Clarke of the  
 Towne of Portsmoth

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[331] The Ninth month 1664

Know all men whom these may Concearne, my husband Shottin  
 dyinge, and makeinge no will, but left all to me, there fore, I Alice  
 Couland with the aprobation of my husband Ralph Couland doe  
 giue and dispose as ffolloweth

ffirst I doe take to my sselfe the land where one the Stone howse  
 Standeth with one Rod in bredth, from the vper End of the  
 stone howse, one both sids the howse and so all the way downe  
 to the Street, the which Stone howse and land aboue said, is  
 giuen and apointed for frinds in the ministrey Cauled Quakers  
 by the world, I say for there vse that thay may be Entertained  
 there in, in all times to Come Euen for Euer

Allso I doe apointe Rachell Shottin and hur husband if shee  
 marey to liue in the said howse the time of there life if thay be  
 free so to doe not Elce

Like wise to the said Stone howse I doe giue and apointe for  
 frinds vse in the ministrey Cauled Quakers that is to say one  
 fether bead and two pillows, three blankets one Couerled two  
 paire of sheits two pillowbers two towels one bason one Candl-  
 stick one Chamberpott

More over I doe giue vnto Rachell the land that was hur ffather

Samson Shottins Namly the fearme which is Sixty ackres more or less and the two Ackres of meddow one the othere side the pond all so the ould howse Next the stone howse and the Rest of the three Ackres lott, from the ould howse to the Common Northwest, all so all hur ffather Right at worwicke who was a twelfe purcher of the lands there, And if the said Rachell marey and haue a Child or Childeren then thay to inioy it after hur, and so hur husband for his life to inioy it, like wise and if Sarah greenman doe out liue Rachell Shottin hur husband and Children, then my will is that she in ioy the said land for hur life and after hur my will is that the said land Returne to the stone howse, for the vse of frinds aboue said and if the afore said Sarah Greenman dye before Rachell and hur Children and hur husband then my will is that the said land and howses Returne to the stone howse after them for the vse of frinds aboue said

all so my will is that my husband Ralph Couland shall Equally Share with my daughter Rachell Shottin in the affore said lands and Rights for the tearme of his life in Consideration of the paines and Cost and Charge he hath bine at vpon the said land and howses, my will all so is, that John Horndon Joseph Nicholson Christopher Howlder, my husband Ralph Couland Danill Gould Edward perrey shall see this my will performed, and in the absents of these or any of them by death or other wayes thay to Chouse others in there Romes sucksessiuely from time to time for Euer. This is to aQuainte the overseers of my will, that since it was writ I alice Couland haue vpon sume Consideration giuen freely vp all hur fathers Right [332] at worwick that is to say Rachell Shotten to do with it whot she will

Witnesses herevnto

William Baulston


Richard Bulgar

Samwell Wilbor

philip Sherman

John Albro

The Marke of Alice


Couland 

August y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1667

The Last will and testement of Restcom Samford of Portsmoth one Rhoad Island in the Collony of Rhoad Island and providenc plantations in New England beinge in perfit memory is as ffolloweth: ffirst I apointe my wellbeloved Brother Samwell Sanford to be my whole Executor: to see my debts paid and my will performed, As also my will is: that my said Brother Samuell shall haue my mare and my siluer Cup and my bed & Boulster, Secondly I doe bequeth to my Brother Esbon fower Ew sheep, also I doe apointe my Sister Eliphel Straton and hur three Children Each of them an Ew sheep and one siluer Spooone to my said Sister Eliphel, ffurther my will is that my Sister Sara wife to my fore said Brother Samwell Sanford shall haue my mare Coult & a fue shillinge peece of gould, and Each of hur Children one Ew lamb, And as Concearninge my Brother Esbon in Cace he is not heard of in the space of one year after my decease then these fower sheep assigned to him shall be Equally deided betwen my brother Samuell and sister Eliphel, provided that if at any time afterward he the said Esbon shall Com againe then my Brother Samuel and Sister Eliphel shall both of them Returne to him the said Esbon those sheep thus deided to them or to the vallew there of and as for the Remainder of my Estate now [333] in my hands, my will is that my brother Samuell shall there out pay all my debts whether dew to him selfe or any other, And in Cace any thinge shall Remaine after all Needfull Expences are deffraed then the Remainder to be Equally deided betwixt the said Samuell and my Sister Eliphel, And ffurther where as I am informed, that there is a legacy dew to me, by the gift of my vnckle Samwell Hutchinson my will is that if so it be, that then that Estate be Equally deided betwixt my fue brothers and my Sister Namely Samuel Peleg, william Esbon and Elisha Sanford, and my Sistar Eliphel Stratton to be as the Rest of hur legacy at hur dispoinge for the vse and benefit of hur Children,

And that this aboue written is my minde and will, to be performed  
as Soone as may Conveniently be after my death witnes my  
hand and Seale the day and yeare first aboue written

Sealed & Signed in y<sup>e</sup>  
presents of  
William Hall  
william wodell

Restcom Sanford 

A trew Copie of y<sup>e</sup> Originall  
by me Richard Bulger  
towne Clarke

A trew Inventory of y<sup>e</sup> Estate of Restcom Sanford of portsmoth  
one Rhoad Island Latly deceaced

	Imp <sup>r</sup> a parcell of indian Corne vpon y <sup>e</sup> ground	-	02	-	00	-	00
	<i>It</i> a parcell of Railes vpon his land	-	-	-	02	-	05 - 00
	<i>It</i> 10 Ew sheep & 4 lambs	-	-	-	05	-	16 - 00
	<i>It</i> his woollen aparill	-	-	-	05	-	00 - 00
	<i>It</i> one ould bead & Boulster at	-	-	-	03	-	00 - 00
	<i>It</i> one Rug and one blanket at	-	-	-	02	-	00 - 00
	<i>It</i> 3 hatts at	-	-	-	00	-	16 - 00
	<i>It</i> 4 Neckcloths and one Cap	-	-	-	00	-	07 - 00
	<i>It</i> 3 Bookes at	-	-	-	00	-	06 - 08
	<i>It</i> one bridle and Sadle at	-	-	-	00	-	16 - 00
	<i>It</i> one paire of shews ould stockins gloues	-	-	-	00	-	16 - 08
	and a paire of mittens	-	-	-			
	<i>It</i> 3 galle pots 1 knife Sissers & bodkin	-	-	-	00	-	03 - 00
	<i>It</i> 3 small sheets & two shirts at	-	-	-	01	-	04 - 00
	<i>It</i> 2 Chests and a box at	-	-	-	00	-	17 - 00
	<i>It</i> one glas bottle at	-	-	-	00	-	01 - 06
	<i>It</i> one small Sow at	-	-	-	00	-	13 - 06
Septembar	<i>It</i> one siluer Cup & one siluer spoone at	-	-	-	01	-	15 - 09
24th 1667	<i>It</i> one mare and Coult at	-	-	-	07	-	00 - 00
	<i>It</i> one pece of Gould at	-	-	-	00	-	05 - 00

35 - 03 - 01

Som tooftall

the Sum tootall is 35 pounds 3 shillings and a peney as it as it is  
 Estemed by the Judgment of Edward fisher and william hall  
 witnes there hands here vnder writen,

this is a trew Copie  
 by me Richard Bulgar

Edward fisher **E**  
 william hall

**[334]** Know all men whom these may Concerne that I Robert  
 hodgeon, doe giue full power, to Ralph Couland to posses and  
 injoy the percel of land at the farme, from the goinge in at the  
 barrs which now is downe to the howse the bredth to hould  
 downe to the Sea, and allso vpward to the Comon, with the  
 howsinge and Barnes there standinge the said land and howsinge  
 to injoy for the tearme of his life, in Consideration of the Expence  
 and Charges the said Ralph Couland hath bine at, one the said  
 lands and howses which was Samson Shotttons, both here and  
 Elce where, And I the said Robert Hodgson am to haue Liberty  
 to buld a howse on the said fearme land if I see Cause, and to  
 haue Egress and Regress to the said howse with out mollestation  
 from the said Ralph Couland, or any for him, In witnes here of  
 we haue here vnto Sett our hands the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1667

Signed in y<sup>e</sup> presents off

John Sanford  
 William Wodell

John Albro  
 Robart Hazard

Robert Hodgson

Ralph Couland

A trew Copie Entred vpon Record  
 by me Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

November y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1667

Know all whom this Concerns where as Robert Hodgson hath  
 giuen liberty to Ralph Couland to posses and injoy for the time  
 of his life, that land at the farme, from y<sup>e</sup> barrs Now goinge  
 in downe to the howse, the bredth to hould downe to the Sea,  
 and allso to hould vpwards to the End of the said fearme to the  
 Comon, And this the said Robert Hodgson hath giuen vnder his

hand before the towne Councell, in Consideration of Coste and Charges the said Ralph Couland hath bine at, Now wee two of the afore said towne Councell which are witnesses to the saide agreement beinge dessired haue mesured the bredth of y<sup>e</sup> said land, from the said barrs to y<sup>e</sup> lane of Adam mott and wee finde it to be three and thirty Rods wittnes our hands

Samwell wilbure  
Robert Hazard

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by me Richard Bulgar Towne Clarke

[335] At a meetinge of y<sup>e</sup> Towne Councell of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Portsmouth hilled in y<sup>e</sup> said Towne y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1667

Vpon y<sup>e</sup> motion & Request of Robert Hodgson husband to Rachill y<sup>e</sup> only Child & daughter to Samson Shotton late inhabitant of y<sup>e</sup> said portsmouth and some yeares since Deceased ffor there assistance in y<sup>e</sup> dew Settlement of y<sup>e</sup> said Rachill in y<sup>e</sup> trew possession of whot lands hur said ffather was possessed off or other wise had Just Right vnto

Wee the Said Councell hauinge Deuly Examined y<sup>e</sup> matter and made Dillegent Search, in to y<sup>e</sup> grounds of y<sup>e</sup> mottion Can not finde that y<sup>e</sup> said Samson Shotton made any will but deceased intestates as wee finde declared vnder the hand of Alice y<sup>e</sup> late widdow to y<sup>e</sup> said Samson Shotton and Mother to y<sup>e</sup> said Rachill, And also that there is no Child of his now Suruiuinge Saue only y<sup>e</sup> said Rachill Therefore wee Doe Declare the said Rachill whole and Sole heire vnto y<sup>e</sup> <sup>affore</sup><sub>Λ</sub> said Deceased Samson Shotton, and y<sup>e</sup> afore said Robart Hodgson and Rachill his wife, haue here by power to Adminester on posses and injoy whot Euer to the said Rachill is apertaininge as beinge heire to hir afore said Deceased ffather Samson Shotton, and this wee as by law are impowered haue mutuly agreed vnto wittnes our hands

William Baulston  
 John Sanford  
 Samull Wilbor  
 John Albro  
 Robert Hazard  
 William Wodell

A trew Copie and Entred vpon Record  
 by me Richard Bulgar Recorder  
 to y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmoth

[336] Be it Knowne vnto all men by these presents that I Mary hobson of Newport on Rhoad Island, daughter of y<sup>e</sup> late Desesed Henry Hobson do vallentaryly with the Consente of my mother Mary Hobson and m<sup>rs</sup>, Elizabeth Conagraue, at whose disposinge I am, Indenture Covinant and binde my selfe vnto Latham Clarke Seny<sup>r</sup> of Rhoad Island for the space of five yeares, duringe which time I doe promis and ingage vnto my said master to searue him trewly and faithfully, in any Seruis or employment as my said master or his assignes shall See good to imploy me about which is lawfull duringe the said time of my Searuis and I do ingage and promis to obsearue all and Eury of my said master or his Assignes lawfull Commaunds I do promis to fallow my said masters Employment and not to Neglect my Selfe from my said masters implymts with out his Consent, or to Keep Company with deboyst or vnCivell Company in all and Eury and all of these promeses, I do Ingage to keepe and performe to y<sup>e</sup> best of my Abilleyty and the instructions of my, said master or his assignes, In Consideration of the said apprentis trew and lawfull performance I doe ingage to finde hur meate drinke and aparill sutable for such a seruant, for the space of five yeares as is aboue mentioned from the date here of, and I doe ingage to giue the said Searuant at y<sup>e</sup> performinge of y<sup>e</sup> said time or yeares one New Sutte of aparrille sutable to weare one hollidayes or other dayes, and to the trew performance here of

wee doe heare Enterchangably Sett to our hands and Sealls this 26<sup>th</sup> of aprill in twenty one yeare of the Raigne of Charls the second one thousand Six hundred Sixty and Eight

Witnes the marke *W* of  
william vohan  
Jeremiah Clarke

the marke *Kn* of mary  
Hobson



Entred vpon Record this 16<sup>th</sup> of may 1668  
by me Richard Bulgar Clarke for the  
towne of portsmoth/

[337] This writinge made the three and twenty day of aprill in the yeare of our lord god one thousand and Six hundred Sixty Eight, Testefieth that I Hugh Mosher Neare the towne of Portsmoth in the Collony of Rhoad Island and providence plantations, witnesseth that I the said Hugh Mosher doe binde my sselfe and my Successors that Shall injoy the howse and land which I latly bought of Thomas Lawton of the said Island and Collony for to make and maintaine Continually a Sufficient fence accordinge to the towne Order betwene my land and the said Thomas Lawton his ffearme that is to say the whole bredth of my land from Daudid Vaughans Corner of his land and so all alonge to y<sup>e</sup> land of Lott Strange, and doth acknowledg to haue Receued full Sattisfaction for the same, and whot is Expressed in this ingagemnt is to Remaine for Euer, and to the same haue sett my hand the day and yeare aboue written

Tho Lawton  
to Hugh  
Mosher

this is  
Canceled  
August  
27<sup>th</sup> 1668

witnes the Marke of  
Rebekah *R* mosher  
frances Gisborn

Hugh mosher  
Entred vpon Record this  
30<sup>th</sup> of may 1668 by me  
Richard Bulgar towne Clarke

This is Null and made voyde and another of y<sup>e</sup> same Tenure Entred in to y<sup>e</sup> Booke of land Euidences See page the 81  
by a muttall Consent  
of both parties

by Richard Bulgar Towne  
Clarke



[338] Know all men by these presents that I william Corry of portsmoth in Rhoad Island in y<sup>e</sup> Collony of Rhoad Island and providence plantations in New England Carpenter haue lett vnto John pearce of y<sup>e</sup> same Towne Island & Collony mason one dwellinge howse with thirty Eight ackres of land more or less Cittuate and with in the Bounds of portsmoth aboue said, the one End buttinge vpon y<sup>e</sup> land of Thomas Lawton and the other vpon y<sup>e</sup> Common, the one side bounded by the land of John vaine, and the othere side bounded partly by y<sup>e</sup> land of William wood, and partly by land in y<sup>e</sup> possession of Hugh pearsons the which pearcell of land bounded as aboue said to gather with y<sup>e</sup> dwellinge howse standinge there one with all y<sup>e</sup> ffencinge there to belonginge I the said william doe by these presents lett vnto the aboue said John for and duringe the full tearme of Seauen yeares to begine the twenty and Ninth day of September in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of our lord one thousand Six hundred Sixty and Eight and from that day forward for the full terme of Seauen yeares Next Ensuinge duringe the which tearme the said william doe by these presents giue full power and athoritie vnto y<sup>e</sup> said John to vse and imploy the aboue said howse and land with Eury part and pearcell there to belonginge in any way or mannere as may be most for his best benefitt and advantage, only Resaruinge all such Timber growinge there one Sauinge that growinge vpon such land that y<sup>e</sup> said John shall Cleare for his owne vse and Searuice, ffor and in Consideration where of the said John doth Ingage him sselve to pay or Caus to be paide to the said william or his assignes as ffolloweth ffor the first yeare the said John is to vnderpine the said dwellinge howse with Stone and mortar, and allso to make and Repaire all Such ffences as shall be needfull about the said land, and as for y<sup>e</sup> ffower Next yeares the said John must pay or Cause to be payde fiue pounds a yeare yearly in mearchantable pay and for the Sixt yeare Six pounds in mearchantable pay, and for y<sup>e</sup> seuenth yeare y<sup>e</sup> said John is to pay or Caus to be payed seuen pounds in mearchantable pay, and at the End of the said Terme

to deliuer the said howse and land with all y<sup>e</sup>ffences in sufficient Repaire [339] in to y<sup>e</sup> hands and possession of y<sup>e</sup> said william or his assignes that this aboue written is our mutuall agreement wee the aboue bounden doe Joyntly Confirme by settinge to our hands and Seals this fowrtenth day of aprill in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of our lord one thousand Six hundred Sixty and Eight

Signed Sealed and  
Joyntly deliured in  
presents of vs  
Mathew Greenell

William Corry



John Pearce

his Marke



his Marke

William Hall

Entred vpon Record by me  
Richard Bulgar Recorder  
for y<sup>e</sup> Towne of portsmoth




[340] This Indenture made y<sup>e</sup> ffirst day of y<sup>e</sup> month Cauled August in y<sup>e</sup> yeare one thousand Six hundre[ ] Sixty three: betwen william wodell of Portsmoth on Rhoad Island in New England Husbandman, one the one party, And Thomas Ginings and his Sonne Gabriell of y<sup>e</sup> afforesaid towne one the other parte witnesseth that Thomas Ginings affore said, hath by these presents putt his said Sonne Gabrill as an aprentice vnto y<sup>e</sup> affore said william wodell: for the full and Just Tearme and time of ffowertene yeares and two months from y<sup>e</sup> day of y<sup>e</sup> date here of to be Compleatly Ended Duriinge which tearme of time the said Gabriell is faithfuly and trewly as an aprentice to Searue the said william wodell, his wife, heire or whome so Euer of his Children he the said <sup>woddel</sup><sub>A</sub> shall apoynte the said Gabriell to Searue, And he the said Gabriell Ginings is to be obedient vnto all the Just Comaunds of y<sup>e</sup> said wodell, his wife heires or whome as affore said he shall apoynte him to Searue, And in all things he the said Gabrill is Dewly and trewly to behaue him selfe as such an aprentice ought to do, Duriinge the said Tearme and time:

Duringe all which Tearme and time the affore said william wodell his wife heires or whom he shall dispose of the said Gabriell vnto as affore premised, is faithfully and truly to provide the Said Gabriell Suffitiente foode and Raiment Suteable for such an aprentice, and at the End of y<sup>e</sup> tearme when the said Gabriell hath searued the full time affore said, then the said william wodell, his wife heires or whom as affore said he shall apointe the said Gabriell to Searue is to deliuer vnto y<sup>e</sup> said Gabriell in y<sup>e</sup> afforesaid towne of portsmoth, two sutes of aparrille one Cow and one mare foole weaneable And if the said Gabriell should be taken a way by death with in two yeares of y<sup>e</sup> End of y<sup>e</sup> affore said Tearme, then y<sup>e</sup> said william wodell, his wife heires or whom he shall as affore said apoynte the said Gabriell to searue, is to deliuer a Cow or a mare foole to whom so Euer the said Gabriell shall giue it, or to be othere wise dissposed of by those in <sup>in power</sup> such Cases, And ffurther this may testifie that this indenture was made with the free and vollentary Consent of Ann Ginings the wife of y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas Ginings and mother of y<sup>e</sup> said Gabriell, as all so with the said Gabriells ffree Consente and in Testemony to y<sup>e</sup> truth of this Indenture the affore said parties haue Enterchaingably sett to there hands and Seales [341] In Portsmoth afforesaid the day and yeare abowe written which is the ffirst day of August in y<sup>e</sup> yeare affore said

Signed Sealed and deliured  
in presents off

John  Roome  
his marke

John Sanford

Thomas  Ginings   
his marke  
Gabriell  Ginings  
his marke

Ani jenings: X

A Trew Copie and Entred  
vpon Record the one and  
twenty day of December  
1668 by me Richard  
Bulgar Towne Clarke

[342] This Indenture witeseth that I Henry Straight of of Rhoad Island in New England of my owne free and voluntary will put my Selve an apprentice to and with Gershom Woddell of the said Island, to Searue him or his Assignes from y<sup>e</sup> Day of the Date here of, vntell the full End and tearme of Six yeares from thence Next followinge to be Compleate and Ended, Duinge which time the said apprentice his said Master faithfully shall Serue, his Secrets keepe, his lawfull Comaunds verey gladly doe, he Shall doe no Dammage to his Said master, nor See to be done of others, but that he to his power shall lett or forthwith giue notice to his said master, he shall not waste the goods of his said master, nor lend them vnlawfully to any, he shall not Commit fornication nor Contract matrimony with in y<sup>e</sup> Said Tearme, he shall not play at Cardes Dice Tables or any othere vnlawfull games where by his said master may haue any losse with his owne goods or others duringe the said Tearme with out his masters Licence, he shall neither Buy nor Sell, he shall not haunt Tauerns Alehouses nor absent him sselfe from his said masters searuice day nor nighte vnlawfully, but in all things as a faithfull apprentice he shall be haue him selfe towards his said master and all his Duinge y<sup>e</sup> said Tearme, And the said Gershom woddell doth binde him sselfe vnto his said apprentice to finde and allow him Meat Drinke apparille Lodging and all othere nessacaries Convenient duringe y<sup>e</sup> said Tearme, and at y<sup>e</sup> Next Springe of y<sup>e</sup> yeare to giue vnto the said apprentice one Ewe Lamb and the Keepinge of it with y<sup>e</sup> increace Duringe the time aboue Spesefied only all y<sup>e</sup> woll shall Redowne to y<sup>e</sup> said Gershom woddell or his assignes, and at y<sup>e</sup> Expiration of the said Six yeares to giue vnto y<sup>e</sup> said apprentice one New Coote, and one new paire of Bretches with all othere his wearinge Clothes in wites where of y<sup>e</sup> parties aboue Named to this presant indenture interchaingably haue put there hands and Seales the fower and twentic<sup>th</sup> day of December in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of our lord

1667

Sealed and Delivered  
in y<sup>e</sup> presents of

The marke of

Thomas  Henley

the marke of

Eliza:  Lawton

fran: Gisborn

The marke of

Henry  Straight 

A Trew Copie and Entred vpon  
Record this 21<sup>th</sup> of Decembar  
1668 by me Richard Bulgar  
Towne Clarke

[343] To all people to whome These presents Shall come  
William Earll of portsmouth In the Collony of providence plan-  
tacons in New-England in America <sup>yeoman</sup><sub>^</sub> Sendeth Greetinge

Know Yea that I the Sayd William Earll for and in Considera-  
tion of full and just Satisfaction by me in hand Received  
Whereby I doe acknowldige my my Selfe Satisfyed Contented  
and fully payd by William Correy of the afore-sayd Towne of  
portsmouth house Carpenter, and thereof and of Every part and  
percell thereof doe fully Exonerate acquitt and Discharge him  
the Sayd William Correy his heires Executors Administrators  
and Asignes for-ever Have Bargained alianated Sold Enfeoffed  
and Confirmed and by these presents doe Bargaine Sell alianate  
Enfeoff and Confirme vnto the Sayd William Correy his heires  
and asignes forever, one Therd part of a whole Share Lott or  
purchassers proportion of Land in and belonginge to the Lands  
formerly Called by the Names of Acushnett ponagansett Acock-  
sett &c Since Comonly Called by the Name of the Towne of  
Dartmoth Lyinge Cittuate and beinge within the jurisdiction of  
the Collony of New-plymoth, in New-England in America afore-  
sayd: The first Devission of the Sayd Lands to the Day of the  
date hereof beinge lyinge and Cittuate on the Westernmost part  
of my Lands at the place Comonly Called the Westernmost Arme.  
within the Sayd Towne-shipp of Dartmouth together with all and

Singular the medowes belonginge to the Sayd therd part of a Share and all whatso ever the apurtanances preuileges prerogatives Emuneties and benifitts to the afore-sayd therd part of a Share in Lands Deuided and vndeuided throughout the whole bounds and Li<sup>m</sup>itts of the Sayd Towne-shipp of Dartmoth To be to him the Sayd William Correy his heires Executors Administrators and asignes forever To have and to hould and peaceably and quietly to injoy and poses ffree from any Lett hindrance or Mollestation from or by me or any person or persons Deriveinge any power from me: To be houlden of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> of England his heires and Successors as of his Manner of East Greenwich in his County of Kent in free and Comon Soccage and not in Capett nor by Knights Service by the Rents and Services thereof and thereby due and of Right accustomed Warranting the Sale of the premises against all people: whatsoever That in by through or vnder mee the Sayd William Earll or by my Right or Title claimeinge any Right Title or intrest to the premises or any part thereof: And the Sayd William Earll Doe Covinnant promiss and graunt That it Shall and may be Lawfull for the Sayd William Correy Either by him selfe or his Atorney to Record these presents or Cause them to be Recorded or inrowled in the Records of the Court for the Jurisdiction of New-plymoth or in any other place of publick Record, accordinge to the usuall manner of Recordinge or inrowlinge Evidences in Such Case provided In Wittnes whereof I the Sayd William Earll have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale this fourth day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> in the yeare of our Lord one Thowsand Six hundred Sixty Nine 1669

Signed Sealed and Delivered


Wiliam Earll.




in the presence of us

Thomas ffish Sen<sup>r</sup>

Joseph. Houlderbec.

A True Copie  me John Sanford Towne clerke.

[344] Be It Knowne vnto all men by these presents that I Henry peran of prudance Island planter within the Collony of providence plantaçoñs in Amerrica have for divers good Causes and Considerations me thereunto moveinge: Have Bargained and Sold And Doe by these pressents Bargaine and Sell vnto Ralph Earll of portsmouth on Rhod-Island within the afore-sayd Collony in Amerrica planter. one great Lott Containinge by Esteemation Eighty Acres be it more or less Cittuate in portsmouth in the afore-Island Butting upon the South side of the head of the Mill Swamp and bounded upon Newport path East and Sollitary hole South-west with all other the proffits and Comodities or apurtanances to the Sayd Land belonging or any waise apertaninge And by these presents Grauntinge unto the Sayd Ralph. Earll his heires Executors and administrators all my former Right and Title claime intrest or demaund for in or to the afore-sayd Land with all the apurtanances and Every part and percell thereof and Confering the Same vpon the Sayd Ralph. Earll. his heires Executors and administrators<sup>to be</sup> his or their proper Right Title or Estate to have and to hould and peaceably to injoy forever from me the afore-sayd Henry peran my heires Executors administrators and asignes To him the Sayd Ralph Earll. his heires Executors administrators and asignes, all other Bargains Covinants Mortgages or other agreements made or to be made by the Sayd Henry or through my meanes to the Contrary of this Deed of Sale to be voyd and of Noe Effect In Testimony wherof the Sayd Henry peran doth for him selfe his heires Executors administrators and asignes Subscribe his hand and Sett to his Seale.

Sealed Signed and Delivered and possession given The marke of Henry peran  of  
the pressence of us this Seventh day of March  
the Thowsand Six hundred and fifty.

Richard Harte  
Joseph Ladd  
Richard Bulgar

A True Copie As Atests John Sanford Towne Clerke.

Know all men by this present Writtinge that I Ralph Earll. of portsmouth doe hereby Resigne and Deliver all my Right Title and intrest of this writeinge and of all the Land which is herin Specified vnto Thomas Lawton of portsmouth Exceptinge Twenty Acres which William. Cadman have In Witnes whereof I have hereunto Sett mine hand ffebruary the Nineteene one Thowsand Six hundred and fifty three.

Delivered in the pressence of us

Ralph. Earll.


Mathew Bridgman

William Cadman

Be it Knowne vnto all men by this presents That I Thomas Lawton Doe hereby Resigne Deliver Sell and pass away all my Right Title and intrest of this writeing and Deed and all the Land herein Express Except twenty Acres which William Cadman have vnto William ffreeborne of portsmouth in Rhod-Island Witness my hand the Sixteenth day of November one Thowsand Six hundred fifty fower.

Witnes.

Katerin Almy  marke

The marke of Thomas Lawton 

Elizabeth Lawton   
her marke

Mathew Bridgman

Delivered in the presence of us.

The two above-written are Copies of asignments indorsed on the backside of the afore-written Deed As Atests John Sanford Towne clerke.

**[345]** Know all men whome These presents Shall Concerne That I Richard Hawkins of portsmouth in the Isle of Rhods Tanner, Doe for divers good Causis and Considerations me therunto moveinge Give Ratify and Establish all that my now dwelling house with Thirty Acres of grownd thereunto Belonge vnto and vpon my Sonn Job Hawkins That is to Say three



acres Joyninge to the house Eight acres in the Comon ffence  
 and Twenty acres upon the South side of this Said Island the  
 Said house and Ground he the Said Job Shall have and hould  
 to him and his heires Executors. Adm̄ministrators or assignes ffor-  
 ever, after the Decease of me the Said Richard and Jane my  
 wife. that is to Say owne ffather and Mother to the Said Job.  
 And that the truth of this my Deed of Gift be firme and Stable.  
 I the Said Richard Hawkins have hereunto Sett my hand and  
 Seale. this fowerteenth day of Decem<sup>r</sup> Ann<sup>o</sup> Dom̄. 1644  
 Signed Sealled and Delivered Richard Hawkins Se  
 in the pressence off.

William Brenton

Samuell Wilbore.

Henry Walton      A True Copie of the Origonall Entred and  
 Thomas Brooke.    Recorded ꝑ me John Sanford Towne Clerke

**[346]** To whome these Shall Concerne I Testify that the  
 Litle Island lying in the Bay on the North side of the Wadeinge  
 River was given m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dyre by the purchassers    Wittnes my  
 hand 3[ ] Octob<sup>r</sup> 1650.      John Sanford

I doe Atest that the above-written premises were by my ffathers  
 order and Comaund; by me Written my ffather then beinge  
 Sick and ill —

Wittnes my hand the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1669.    John Sanford

I Doe affirme alsoe that as We past along by the afore-sayd  
 Island the purchassers gave the Sayd Island to m<sup>r</sup> Willi<sup>m</sup> Dyre.  
 John porter,

I doe affirme that Wee the purchassers of Rhod-Island (my Selve  
 being the cheife) William Dyre Desireinge a Spott of Land of  
 us as We passed by it, after Wee had purchased the Sayd-  
 Island; did grant him our Right in the Sayd Island and Named  
 it Dyres. Island    Wittnes my hand Octo<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1669

William Coddington

I Richard Carder beinge a purchasser doe owne the above-sayd  
Writtinge — November : 2 : 1669 by me Richard Carder.

Capt<sup>n</sup>: Randall Houldon of Warwick in the province of Rhod-  
Island and providence plantacoñs. aged 57 yeares or thereabouts  
beinge Ingaged according to Law Testifyeth as ffolloweth :  
That the purchassers gave that litle Island Called Dyres Island  
to m<sup>r</sup> William Dyre Senio<sup>r</sup>: that was then one of us and ffurther  
Sayth Not. Taken the 24<sup>th</sup> of June . 1669

ϕ me Jn<sup>o</sup>: Cranston Asistant<sup>t</sup>

Newport on Rhod-Island 10<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1669 (v<sup>t</sup>: vulg) This is to  
Testify that I Roger Williams being acquainted (by the good  
providence of god) with the first Conception Birth and Growth  
of Rhod-Island (alias Aquednick) doe Asert and affirme as in the  
holy presence of god that by the Consent of the first purchassers  
of Rhod-Island (dead and Liveinge) the litle Island Co<sup>m</sup>only  
Called Dyres Island was from the first and alwaies (sometimes  
in merriment) but alwaies in Earnist, granted to be not only in  
Name but alsoe in truth and Reality the proper Right and inheri-  
tance of m<sup>r</sup> William Dyre of Newport on Rhod-Island.

Roger Williams Asistant.

William Cooly aged 66 yeares on thereabouts being Ingaged  
Testifyeth that in the first yeare of the Setlinge of this plantacoñ.  
of Newport he being master of a boate and Jeffery Champlin  
and Richard Searlls beinge of his Company and Stopinge at the  
Island Called Dyres Island m<sup>r</sup> William Dyre in presence of  
them tooke possession of the Sayd Dyres Island and further  
Sayth Not Taken before me this 6<sup>t</sup> of Decemb<sup>r</sup>: 1669

John Greene Asistant.

To all people. Know yee: That I William Dyre. of Newport  
on Rhod-Island in the Collony of Rhod-Island and providence

plantacoñs. in New England Gent: Have and by these presents doe fully freely absolutly Give grant Enfeof and Establish to my Well beloved Sonn William Dyre all that my Island Comonly Called Dyres Island lyinge and beinge Situated in the Narragansett Bay vpon the Northern Side of Rhod-Island over against prudence. Island for him the Sayd William Dyre and his heires forever to poses hould and enjoy together with all the Iimuneties privileges or prerogatives of Land as well vpland as Marsh or meddowes upon the Sayd Island with the Waters therin or therto apertaininge. In Confirmation of this free Gift grant and indefeassable title I the Sayd William ffirst above-Sayd have Sett to my hand and Seale. this present fifth day of August in the yeare of our Lord god one Thowsand Six hundred and Seventy and in the Two and Twentieth yeare of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Raigne Charles the Second



Signed Sealed and Delivered in the  
 pressence off. Daniell King

William Dyre 7 (S)




John perteus

[**347**] In the Name of god Amen I John Walker of portsmouth on Rhod Island in the province of providence plantacoñs beinge of whole and perfitt memmory have made and ordained this my Last Will and Testament in forme and manner followinge Imprimus I Will & bequeath, my Soull into the hands of my most Mighty Creator, and Mercifull Redeemer alsoe I will my Body to be comly buried in Some Convenient, place at the discretion of my Executor Item I will that my wife Kathrine Walker be my whole & Sole Executor, Item I Will vnto my Daughter Mary Walker, Twenty Acres of Land at the vper End of my Lott to be Meassured from the Comon Downwards Item I Will vnto my Daughter Sands. Twenty Acres of Land begininge next to m<sup>r</sup> Brownings at the Sea Side and from thence up to the Mill path, and there to Butt against my Daughter Marys twenty Acres, Item I Will that if my Daughter Sands dyes

Childless then that this Twenty Acres shall fall vnto her Husband James Sands & his heires forever, Alsoe I Will that the worke that my Sonn in Law James Sands is now a doeing he shall have the benefitt of it as wee have formerly agreed I Will alsoe that my house with the Land that is left shall be my wifes for her lifs time and after her decease to fall to my two daughters to be Equally devided betweene them I Will that my Daughter marys Land shall fall vnto her at her Marriage or at Twenty yeares of age if she marrie not before. I Will that all these be faithfully fulfilled according to my Will In Wittnes hereunto I have Sett my hand Seale this present day beinge in the Yeare of our Lord 1647 upon the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March

The marke of  John Walker: : 

In the pressence of.

John porter: Adam Mott	A True Copie of the Origonall
William ffreeborne.	Entred & Recorded. Decem <sup>r</sup> .
Thomas  Brownells Marke	the. 18 <sup>th</sup> <u>1671</u>  me John
Thomas  Staffords Marke	Sanford T <sup>o</sup> Clerke.

In the Name of God Amen I Kathrin Walker of portsmouth on Rhod-Island beinge in health and mem̄ory have made this my last Will and Testamant in forme and manner followinge first I bequeath my Soule to God and my Body to be burried in some Convenient place at the Discession of my Executor, Item I Will to my daughter Sarah Sands My fether bed a coverlid and vnder blankitt and a pillow and sheets the warning pan a Brass mortar one Brass <sup>little</sup> Ketle alsoe I will the table to Sarah, Item I give to Sarah the Red Cow and a browne heifer, I give to Sarahs owne proper use this Summers Calfe. I give Sarah two Pillowbeares a fine & a Course Item I will halfe the Corne this yeare growinge to Sarah and the other to my daughter mary & a load of hay to Sarah, I give to Sarah the halfe part of the new out house, Mary to give her thirty shills. for her part or take

Soe much as shee sees good. I give three Wedges to James Sands and a paire of tongues I give to mary the rest of the Bedinge and three Sheets two pillowbeares a fine & a Course one a chest all the pewter, in the house that is mine. a great Brass Kettle a Scellitt a Iron Kettle & a Scoomer a chafing dish Tramills a Spade a frying pann one hogshead one Butter firkin to mary three milke vessells I give a Sow and barrow to mary and a Sow and barrow to Sarah, I give the Saw to Mary and the Smoth Iron James the hobing Iron, Mary the pincers James the Spitt a green Jackitt to Goodm̄ ffreeborne to Mary my Wareing clothes Two allce one Jackitt to Sarah my new Red wastcoate Item I give mary the Knedinge trough alsoe the blacke Cow Starr, a Red heiffer alsoe I will that within three daies or a weeke these things that I have willed be devided alsoe I Will that William ffreeborne and Adam Mott Sen<sup>r</sup> See as feoffees in trust that that this my Will fulfillid I Will my two daughters Sarah and Mary be my Executors :

Wittnesses William ffreeborne

Adam Mott, Richard pearce

Ralph  Earll

John  Archar

The two Wills of John Walker, and Kathrin his wife Written & Specified in this Sheete of paper ; have been presented to my Veiw and I doe Conceive them to be their Wills and doe approve the Recording of them Wittnes my hand the 16<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1671. William Baulston Asistant

[348] To all Christian people to whome these pressents Shall come and may Concene Bee it Knowne That I James Sands of Block Island in the Collony of Rhod Island and providence plantacons in New England Have and by these pressents Doe Name Constitute impower and appoint my trusty and well be-

loved ffreind Nathanill Niles of the aforesd Block-Island my true  
 and Lawfull Atorney for me and in my name and to my proper  
 use and behoofe to make purchass of all or any part of the Lands  
 and Estate of Samuell Dering now Liveinge in Brantree which be-  
 longeth and apertaineth vnto him the Said Deringe in on or vpon  
 the afore-said Block Island: And alsoe I doe by these presents  
 fully Authorize and impower my Said Atorney Natha<sup>r</sup> Niles to  
 make Sale of Lands housis and other Estate to me Belonginge  
 on Rhod-Island in as full and as ample a manner as if my Selfe  
 were personally present and Did the Same: Giveinge and by  
 these presents grantinge my full power and Authorety to my  
 said Atorney for me and in my Name to doe and act in the  
 premisses to my proper use and behoofe in all Respects as if my  
 selfe were personally present and did and acted the Same:  
 And alsoe I doe hereby Mannifest and declare to all whome it  
 may Concerne that whatever my Said Atorney to my proper use  
 and behoofe Shall Lawfully doe or Cause to be done in and  
 Concerninge the premisses above-Mentioned Shall be as good  
 firme and Stable in the Law to all intents and purposis whatso-  
 ever Relateinge to me my heires Executors<sup>&</sup> Administrators as if  
 my Selfe were personally present and Did and acted the Same:  
 And I doe hereby ingage my Selfe my heires Executors and  
 Administrators to stand to make good and fully performe what-  
 soever my Said Atorney shall in my name and to my proper use  
 and behoofe Lawfully doe or Cause to be done in an Concern-  
 inge the abovementioned purchass or Sale. and shall at all times  
 be Redy and willinge further to Ratify and Confirme the Same  
 to all intents and purposesses as in Law is Needfull & Requissitt  
 and ought to be done And in Confirmation of this my act and  
 Instrument I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale the Thir-  
 teenth day of Octo<sup>r</sup>. in the Three & Twentieth yeare of the Raigne  
 of our Soverraigne Charles the Second King of England Scot-  
 land ffrance and Ireland &c And Ann<sup>o</sup> Dom<sup>n</sup> one Thowsand  
 Six hundred Seventy one. 1671

Signed Sealled and Delivered  
in the presence of us  
Thomas Sum̄ers

James Sands (S)

The marke of **R** Robert Venninge

A True Copie of the Origonall Entred and  
Recorded the 19<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>: 1671

W<sup>m</sup> me John Sanford T<sup>o</sup> Clerke.

Bee It Knowne vnto all whome this present Writtinge Shall or may Concerne That I Joseph Devell of the Towne of Newport on Rhod-Island Doe Covinnant promiss and Ingage my Selfe my Heires Executors Administrators vnto my ffather in Law L<sup>t</sup> ffrancis Brayton of the Towne of portsmouth on the afore-said. Rhod-Island his heires or assignes for and on the Behalfe of my Daughter Mary Devell That I will pay or truly Cause to be payd vnto my Said Daughter when She coms to the age of ffifteene yeares the full and Just Sum of ffive pownds Sturll<sup>r</sup> to be paid in good <sup>Currant</sup> Merchatable pay at the Currant price on the Said Rhod-Island at the time when the Said Sum. is to be paid and the Said Sum̄ to be paid vnto my Said ffather in Law if he be then Liveinge or Else to whome he Shall assigne to Receive it for and on the behalfe and for the use of my Said Childe mary. And if my Said Child mary Shall Dye before she come to the age of ffifteene yeares then the Said ffive pownds Shall be paid and Sett apart for the use and behoofe of my Sonn Joseph, And ffurther I doe hereby Ingage to deliver vnto my Said ffather in Law for the vse of my said Child mary all the apparrill of her Mother my Late deceassed wife as well of woolin as Linin Silkes and all other apparrill to my Said wife belonginge at her Deceasse. Only It is provided that if my Sd Childe mary Shall Dye before the clothinge or apparrill be worne out or she of age to Receive them, what is Remaininge shall Returne to my aforesd. Sonn Joseph. And I doe hereby ffreely give and Comend my Said Daughter to the Care and ordering of my

Said ffather in Law Dureinge the life of her Gran Mother Now liveinge or vntill my Childe Chainge her Condiscon by Marriage : And the Said ffrancis Brayton doth hereby Ingage that at the time of his Deceasse he will truly pay or Cause to be paid to [349] To his Said Gran Childe Mary the Sum of ffive pownds in Currant pay and to be paid vnto her at ffifteene yeares of age. if the Said Brayton Dye before In Wittnes Where of Wee have hereunto sett our hands the Sixt Day of January 1671

Red Signed ~~Sealed~~ and Delivered  
in pressence off.

ffrancis **F** Brayton  
his **F** marke

James Barker

Joseph Devell.

Obadiah Hulme

John Sanford: Vera. Cop<sup>ie</sup> As } John Sanford Towne Clerke.  
Atests January the 12<sup>th</sup> 1671 }

Know all men by these presents that wee whose Names are vnder written Doe appoint our Loveinge Brother Richard Cornell to be our Lawfull Atorney for the Recovering all Such Legusies as is Specified by the will of our Deceased mother or any waie Else whatsoever. and Wee doe give our Atorney power to give discharge to any that it may Concerne Giveinge and grantinge as full for the Recoveringe of the Same to our Atorney as if Wee our Selves were present in Wittnes hereof Wee have here unto Sett our hands ffloshing this 10<sup>th</sup> of Aprill 1673

Testa.

Sarah Bridge

Robert Coe.

Rebecca Woolsey

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Cornell whose name is here incerted doe Constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved ffreinds Namely my Brother in Law William Earll. and my Brother John Cornell for to Receive all Such Legusis as shall any waies belong to me by the Will of my late Deceased Mother or any waies apertaininge thereonto alsoe I give vnto my said Atorney or Atorneys full power to act for my two Sisters as



is Specified on the other Side for me and in my Name in all the premisses as if I my Selfe were personally present In Wittnes whereof I have hereunto Sett to my hand — Newport on Rhod- Island this 20<sup>th</sup> of Aprill ANo 1673

Richard Cornell.

Test. Georg Lawton

Thomas Hickes.

These may Mannifest unto all whome it may Concerne that whereas upon the Complaint of of William Brownell of this Towne of portsmouth, made unto the Majestrats, against Mary the wife of John Hoomeyhoo, dwellinge in the Same Towne: Raissed and Reported by the Said Mary against the Said William Brownell, much tending to the disgrace disparagement and great Reproach of the Said William Brownell in Sayinge, that if the mare of John Tripp jun<sup>r</sup> were dead, William Brownell had bugged her to death, Whereupon the Said Mary Hoomeryhoo, being by warrant brought, before the Majestrates for Examination of the truth thereof, it beinge a Charge of a high Nature if true, and accordingly being Examined, She at first<sup>positively</sup> with Confidence denied that ever she had Spoken any Such words of the Said William Brownell, but at length it beinge by two Evidences (Viz<sup>t</sup> John Tripp jun<sup>r</sup> and Thomas page) atested that She had Soe Reported, She then owned it and Confessed she had Soe Said, and whereas She had Said to one of the Testamonys that her husband told her what she had Reported She owned She had Soe done but in that alsoe She had Spoken that was falce, for Neither her husband nor any one Else had soe told her but it was a Matter made by her selfe, and declared she Knew noe Such Evill by the Said William Brownell, whereby she Should Raise any Such falce Reports of him and therefore Confessed she had done the Said William Brownell great wrong, and desired that She beinge a poor woman the matter might upon her Confession be past by without further trouble, And this

was done and Confessed at the dwelling house of John Tripp  
Sen<sup>r</sup> on the 28<sup>t</sup> day of December 1674 Wittness our hands



Joshua Coggeshall Asistant  
John Tripp Asistant.

A True Cobby Entred and Recorded  
By me John Sanford Towne Clerke.


[350] Whereas by the Order of the Councill of the Towne of  
portsmouth ffrancis Brayton Sen<sup>r</sup> beinge lycenced to keep a house  
of publick Intertainment for Straingers and others accordinge to  
Law, he the Said Brayton Doth acknowldige him Selfe to be  
bound in the Sum̄ of tenn Shillings for every defect to keepe  
good orders in his house accordinge as the law hath provided  
And. John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup> and John Sanford doe acknowldige them  
Selves bound for the Said Braytons performance of the Lawes  
injunction in this Case provided and he hath paid downe the  
Sum̄ of tenn Shillings in mony for this Liberty or Lycence which  
is to Continew an be in force the full time of twelve-months  
from the first day of this instant Augs<sup>t</sup>, and then to be Voyd and  
Null, Therefore these are to impower lycence and give<sup>e</sup> ffull  
liberty unto the Said Brayton Sen<sup>r</sup> to keep a house of publick  
Intertainment for all people, and other Suteable accomodation  
for people on all just Occassions dureinge the Said twelve months  
time, Given & Signed by order of the Councill of the Towne  
of portsmouth the Second day of August 1675:

Wittnes . our . hands

John Sanford T<sup>o</sup> Clerke

ffrancis  Brayton  
his  marke

John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup>

his  marke

John Sanford

Whereas by order of the Councill of the Towne of portsmouth Edward Lay beinge lycenced to keep a house of publick Intertainment for Straingers and others accordinge to law, he the Said Lay Doth acknowldige him Selff to be bound in the Sum. of tenn Shillings for every defect to keepe good orders accordinge as the Law hath provided: And John Brigs Sen<sup>r</sup> and John Sanford, doe acknowldige them-selves bound for the Said Lays performance for the lawes injunctions in this Case provided; and he hath paid downe the Sum of tenn Shillings in mony for this Liberty or lycence which is to Continue and be in force the full time of twelve months from the Ninth day of Aprill last past, and then this Comition and Obligation to be Voyd and Null. Therefore these are to Empower, Lycence and give full Liberty vnto the Said Lay to keep a house of publick Intertainment, for all people, and other Suteable accomodations for people upon all just occassions dureinge the Said twelve-months time, Given and Signed by Order of the Councill of the Towne of portsmouth In Witnes whereof by order of the Councill afore-said, Wee Subscribe:

Edward Lay



his marke

John Sanford To: clerke

John. Brigs




his marke

John Sanford

[351] Wee whose Names are hereunder Subscribed beinge chossen and Empowred by the Towne of portsmouth at their meetinge held the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1673 to Isue differences between Neighbour and Neighbour in Refferance to devision lines of Lands adjoyneinge. Wee upon the Complaint of David Vahan that Ensign Hugh Moisser doth intrench on, and lay claime to Lands more than justly due: Have this day mett, and heard the Aligations on both parts, and have Requested of each

to Make their due title Mannifest, to which the Said Moisser Refussed, Sayinge the Law only Should, decide it; And Wee by due information, and Knowlidge findeinge that the Said Hugh Moisser hath Extended his bounds, and layd his fence within the bounds of the lands belonginge to the Said David Vahan, by him purchased of the deceased John Anthony, beinge layd out and bounded <sup>by the then lotters</sup> by Such remarkeable marked trees as they Saw cause. And wee upon the Veiwinge of the Same, doe See just Cause to owne three trees to be the true and proper Marke trees of the Southermost line of the Said David Vahans land, the Westerly Corner tree is a white Oake, the Easterly Corner tree a black Oake, between which there is a <sup>wind</sup> falne redd Oake from which Said faln red Oake on both lines East and west wee have Staked out a Straight line; which accordinge to the best of our judgments, and by the power above-said wee declare to be the due and proper line of the Said David Vahans Land on the Southerly Side thereof, And In Witnes hereof wee have hereunto Sett our hands the 14<sup>th</sup> day of ffebruary 1676

John Albro  
 ffrancis *f* Brayton  
his marke  
 John Sanford

A True Coppy of the Origionall Entred and Recorded the 21<sup>st</sup> of Aprill 1677  me John Sanford Towne Clerke

This Indenture made the Twenty Seventh day of the month called Aprill in the year one Thousand Six hundred Seventy Eight witnesseth that William Cadman, Samuell Wilbur, and Robert Hodgson, all of the Town of Portsmouth in the Colony of Road Island and Providence plantations in New England being By publick authority appointed and Impowered to dispose of Indians and place them out as apprentices in the Said Town of Portsmouth: have by these presents put, placed. and bound. a certain Indian boy Called peter who is the Son of one meequapew

an Indian Woman late of pocasett, as an Apprentice unto William Wodell of Portsmouth aforesaide as an apprentice with the Said William Wodell his Executors administrators and assigns to dwell for the full term and time of ten years from the day of the date hereof to bee Compleat: by and dureing all which Said time of ten years the Said peter Shall well and faithfully Serve his Said master William Wodell his Executors administrators or assigns in all Such Lawfull as by him them or any of them he the said peter Shall bee put to or commanded to doe according to the best of his skill power and ability: and the Said William Wodell dureing all the Said term Shall provide and alow or Cause to bee provided and alowed to his Said apprentice Sufficient food and Rayment and other nessesaries meet for Such an apprentice, and at the End of the Said term Shall yield unto his Said apprentice his freedom from this his said Servitude which will bee when the Said peter Shall bee twenty foure years of age

witnes our hands and Seales

W<sup>m</sup> Cadman



The above written is A true Copie of the origionall Entred and Recorded the : 15<sup>th</sup> of the : 3<sup>th</sup> month 1678  
 ꝑ mee John Anthony Town Clerke

Samuell Wilbure






Robert Hodgson



[352] This Indenture made the twenty Seventh-day of the month called Aprill in the year one Thousand Six hundred seventy Eight witnesseth that William Cadman, Samuell Wilbore, and Robert Hodgson all of the Town of Portsmouth in the Colony of Road Island and providence Plantations in New England being by publicke Authority appointed and Impowered to dispose of and place out Indians as apprentices in the Said Town of Portsmouth, have by these presents put, placed, and bound, A certaine Indian Woman Called meequapew as an apprentice to William Wodell of Portsmouth aforesaid, and as an apprentice

with the Said William Wodell his Executors, administrators or assigns to dwell from the date of these presents untill the twenty fourth day of the month Called June which Shall bee in the yeare one Thousand Six hundred Eightty and one by and dureing all which time and term the Said meequapew Shall well and faith fully Serve her Said master William Wodell his Executors administrators or assigns in all Such Lawfull business as by him them or any of them She Shall bee Commanded to do. according to her power Skill and, abillity: and the said William Wodell dureing all the said term Shall provide and allow his said apprentice Sufficient food and Rayment and other nessesaries meet for Such an apprentice and at the End of the Said term Shall yield unto his Said apprentice her ffreedom from her Said Servitude

Witnes our hands and Seals

A true Coppie of the origionall	Wm Cadman	
Entered and Recorded the : 15 <sup>th</sup> of	Samuell Wilbur	
the . 3 . month 1678	Robert Hodgson	
P <sup>r</sup> mee John Anthony Town Clerke		

This Indenture made the twenty Seventh day of the month Called Aprill in the year one Thousand Six hundred Seventy Eight Witnesseth that William Cadman Samuell Wilbur and Robert Hodgson, all of the Town of Portsmouth in the Colony of Road Island and Providence plantations in New England, being by publick Authority appointed and Impowered to dispose of and place out Indians as apprentices in the Said Town of Portsmouth: have by these presents put, placed, and bound a certaine Indian girl now of the age of Six years or near Soe much who is Daughter of one meequapew an Indian woman late of pocaset as an apprentice <sup>unto</sup> William Wodell of Portsmouth aforesaid and as an apprentice With the Said William Wodell his Executors, administrators and assigns to dwell for the full

term and time of ffifteene years from the day of the date of these presents to bee Compleat and Ended by and dureing all which Said time of ffifteene years the Said Indian Girl whose name is hannah Shall well and faithfully Serve her Said master William Wodell, his Executors, administrators, and assigns, in all Such Lawfull busines as by him, them, or any of them Shee the Said hannah Shall bee put to or Comanded to doe according to the best of her power Skill, and ability and the Said William Wodell dureing all the Said terme Shall provide and allow, or cause to bee provided and allowed unto his Said appentice Sufficient food and Rayment and other nessesaries meet for Such an apprentice and at the End of the Said ffifteene years Shall yield unto his Said apprentice her freedome from this her Said Servitude

witnes our hands and seals

Wm Cadman

A True Coppie of the origionall  
Entered and Recorded the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
the .3<sup>d</sup> month 1678

W<sup>m</sup> mee John Anthony Town Clerke

Samuell Wilbur

Robert Hodgson



**[353]** Know all men by these presents that I Adam Right of Duxbury in the Collony of New plimoth in New england for and in Consideration of the full and Just Sum of four pounds and ten shillings in Lawfull mony of New England to me in hand before the Ensealling and delivery of these presents by William Wodell of Portsmouth in The Collony of Road Island and Providence plantations in New england aforesaid well and truly paid: with which Sd Sum I the Sd Adam Right doe acknowledge my Selfe fully Satisfid Contented and paid and thereof doe acquitt and discharge the Sd William Wodell his heires Executors<sup>and</sup> administrators for Ever by these presents have granted bargained Sould and assigned and by these presents doe frely fully and absolutly grant bargaine Sell and assigne unto the Sd William Wodell one Indian woman Named Hanah which sd Indian Woman was

Taken and Captivated by the Arms of his maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects and  
 Condemned by the Authorytie Established in his maj<sup>ties</sup> Sd  
 Collony of New Plimoth to perpetuall Servitude and Slavery as  
 may appere by one Instrument or Bill of Salle given under the  
 hand and seale of Cap<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Church bearing date the  
 thirteenth day of march 1676-77 To have and to hold the sd  
 Indian woman to him the Sd William Wodell his Executors  
 Administrators and assignes forever To the only proper use and  
 behoufe of him the sd William Wodell his Executors adminis-  
 trators and assignes for Ever In Witness whereof, I the sd  
 Adam Right have hereunto set my hand and seall the ninth  
 day of January 1677

Signed Sealled and delivered  
 in the presence off us


the Marke  of  
 Adam Right 

the marke  of Danill Willcokes sen<sup>r</sup>


Nathaniel Thomas

The above named Indian Woman doth hereby declare that  
 She is willing to be Servant to the aboue named William Wodell  
 his Executors admnistrator and assignes in maner and form above  
 Exspresed In Witness wherof She hath hereunto Set her hand  
 The day and yeare above Writen

In the presence of us

the markes  of Hanah  
 the above Named Indian  
 Woman

the marke  of Daniell Willcoks

The marke  of Alderman

Nathaniel Thomas

The above written is A True Copie Entered and Recorded the  
 27<sup>th</sup> of The 3<sup>d</sup> month 1678

As atest John Anthony Town Clerke



[354] To all Christian people to Whome these p<sup>r</sup>sents Shall come I mary Williams of the Towne of Portsmouth in the Colony of Road Iseland and Providence Plantations Send Greeting in our Lord God Everlastinge. Know y<sup>e</sup> | that I the Said mary Williams for the Love and affection to my ffather Thomas Ginins and to my mother Ann Ginins Liveinge in the Towne of Portsmouth aforesaid have given granted and Confirmed And by this my pres[en]t Writinge doe fully freely and absolutely give grant and Confirme unto the said Thomas Ginins and Ann Ginins my Son Samuel Hoomery my Daugther mary Hoomery and my Daugther Deliverance to them the Said Thomas and Ann or to their assignes without any manner of Claime or demand of Any person or persons Whatsoever to Keep or. dispose of all or any of them as they Shall See meet or Convenient And I the Said mary Williams doth by these presents Clearly and Absoelutely Confirme the above mentioned premisses to the abovesaid Thomas Ginins And Ann Ginins or to their assignes in Witne[ss] whereof I the Said mary Williams have here unto set my hand and seale the 13 day of ffebruary 1678



and seal  
mark  
mary Williams

W

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presents of us  
Samuell Rowland  
Elias Williams

The above written is a True Copie Entered and Recorded the 3<sup>d</sup> of the first Moneth Called 1679 by John Anthony Towne Clerke

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
Know all men by these presents that I Elias Williams of the Towne of Portsmouth and Colony of Road Iseland and Providence Plantations doth by these p<sup>r</sup>sents oblidge and bind my Selfe in the just Sum of Twenty pounds Lawfull money never

to Trouble the within mentioned Thomas Ginings and Ann  
Ginins Concerning the gift and delivery of the Children within  
Specified as Witnes my hand the the day and yeare abouesaid

Witnes hereof

Elias Williams

Samuell Rowland

The above Written is a True  
Copie Entered and Recorded  
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