

Miss Isabel S. Dana,

with regards of

P. B. Cogswell,



CONCORD

TOWN RECORDS

1732-1820

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## PREFACE.

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In March, 1889, the city council appropriated \$500 to publish the Old Town Records of Concord, and in March, 1891, appropriated an additional \$250 for the same object. A joint resolution was passed April 9, 1889, "providing for a committee to supervise the publication of the Old Town Records," which committee was appointed July 9, following. More than a year later the records of the legal meetings contained in the first volume of the Town Records were copied by John C. Ordway, Esq., and made the first 104 pages of this printed volume. Nothing more was accomplished until 1893, when a joint committee was appointed to consider the subject of publishing the Town Records. After considering it fully the committee unanimously reported to the city council, February 13, 1894, in favor of continuing the copying of the records down to and including the year 1800, and of printing the records the present year, which report was adopted unanimously. At the same meeting Alderman Henry W. Stevens and Councilman John A. Blackwood were appointed to act with Mayor Cogswell as a committee to supervise the publication of the old Town Records. The committee employed Miss Isabel S. Dana to copy the records in the second volume down to and including the year 1800, and by a subsequent vote, down to and including the year 1820, which completed the second volume.

The records of the first volume are not in chronological order, but the committee did not think it best to change them in any respect, and they are printed in the order in which they were recorded. The abbreviations, orthography, and punctuation are accurately copied, except that periods are substituted for pen flourishes at the end of paragraphs in some of the earlier records. The long s is used wherever it occurs in all the records. The first volume closes abruptly, giving only part of the proceedings of the annual meeting held March 29, 1749. This was in consequence of the "Bow controversy," during which there are no records of any town meetings, Rumford being deprived of its town privileges. The remaining pages of the first volume contain miscella-

neous records by several town clerks from 1748 to 1831. The proceedings of a meeting of freeholders and inhabitants, held after the transaction of the business of the annual meeting, March 4, 1777; of a meeting held March 4, 1783; and also of a meeting held May 22, 1777, to carry into execution an act regulating the prices of sundry articles, passed in the state April 10, 1777, and the report of the committee then appointed, are printed in chronological order with the proceedings of legal meetings. The other records consisting of sheep marks entered from 1770 to 1831; of licensed innkeepers and taverners; of licensed retailers of wines and spiritous liquors; of marriages by Rev. Timothy Walker, and of intentions of marriage posted on the meeting-house door; of animals impounded and of money found; and the first perambulation of the lines of the township of Rumford, are given, partly condensed, in an appendix.

The second volume of records begins with the act of incorporation of Concord in 1765, and continues the town meetings uninterruptedly from January, 1766. The proceedings of the annual meetings are given fully, accompanied by returns of the roads laid out by the selectmen, and altered or exchanged by vote of the town. Interesting and valuable letters and reports, incorporated in the records, are printed in the same relation in which they appear in the written records. The records of the early settlers of Concord are submitted to their descendants in the hope that they will carefully peruse and profit by them.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

## THE TOWN RECORDS.

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Penny Cook January y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1732.

The Inhabitants of the Plantation of Penny Cook are hereby notified to Assemble and Convene at the Meeting House in Penny Cook on the Eleventh Day of this Instant January at Nine of the Clock in the Fore Noon. then and there to choose a Town Clerk Select Men and Constables and all other ordinary Town Officers which Officers when chosen are to stand to the Anniverfary Meeting in March next.

Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe

by Order of the General Court.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Town Clerk.

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Essex fs Penny Cook January y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day 1732

By Virtue of an Order from the General Court I have notified the Inhabitants of the Plantation of Penny Cook of the within mentioned Meeting by setting up the within Notification at the Meeting House Door in Penny Cook

Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

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At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Plantation of Penny Cook on the Eleventh Day of January 1732/3 Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen Moderator.

Benjamin Rolfe was chosen Clerk.

For Select Men were chosen Capt. Ebenezer Eastman, Deacon John Merrill and Mr. Edward Abbot.

Voted. That Mr. Nathaniel Abbot be Conftable.

Voted. That Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Eastman, Deacon John Merrill and M<sup>r</sup> Edward Abbot be Afsefsors.

Voted. That M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Abbot be Collector

Voted. That M<sup>r</sup> Richard Hefeltine and M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Virgin be Surveyors of High Ways.

Voted. That Ensign Jeremiah Stickny and Lieut John Chandler be Tything Men.

Voted. That Mr. David Kimball be a Sealer of Leather.

Voted. That M<sup>r</sup> Jofeph Hall and M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Foster be Hogreves.

Voted. That Lieut. John Chandler be Town Treafurer.

Voted. That M<sup>r</sup> Aaron Stevens and M<sup>r</sup> James Farnum be Fence Viewers.

Voted. That M<sup>r</sup> James Farnum & M<sup>r</sup> Jofeph Eastman be Field drivers.

Attest. Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe, Clerk,

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

To M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Abbot Conftable for the Plantation of Penny Cook.

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Plantation of Penny Cook to Afsemble and Meet at the Meeting House in Penny Cook on the Eleventh Day of January 1732/3, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then and there to raise Money for the Support of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Timothy Walker and to Defrey Defrey the necessary Town Charge.

Dated in Penny Cook January y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1732/3.

Ebenezer Eastman	} Select Men
John Merrill	
Edward Abbot	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

By Virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants and Freeholders to meet at time and Place

within mentioned by setting up a Notification at the Meeting House in Penny Cook exprefsing the Oc-  
 cafion thereof. Return  
of the  
Preceding  
Warrant.

Penny Cook January the 11<sup>th</sup> 1732 / 3

Nathaniel Abbot

Conftable for Penny Cook

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benja<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

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By Virtue of a Warrant from the Select Men of the Plantation of Penny Cook These are to Notify the In-  
 habitants and Freeholders of the Plantation of Penny Cook to Afsemble and Meet at the Meeting House in Penny Cook on the Eleventh Day of January 1732 / 3. at Three of the Clock in the After Noon then and there to raise Money for the Support of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Walker and other necessary Charges of the Town Notification

Dated at Penny Cook the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1732 / 3.

Nathaniel Abbot

Conftable for Penny Cook.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benja<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

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At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants and Free-  
 holders of Penny Cook on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1732 / 3, Jan 11  
1732 / 3.  
 at Three of the Clock in the After Noon Lieu<sup>t</sup> John Chandler was chosen Moderator for the Present Meeting.

Voted. That One Hundred and Ten Pounds be raised for the Support of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Walker

Voted. That One Hundred Pounds be raised for defraying the necessary charges of the Town or Plantation.

Attest Benja<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benja<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

To M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Abbot Constable for Penny Cook.

These are to notify the Inhabitants of the Town or Plantation of Penny Cook to assemble and meet at the Meeting House in said Plantation on Tuesday the Sixth Day of March next ensuing at Nine of the Clock in the Fore Noon, then and there to choose a Town Clerk Select Men and all other Town Officers as Shall be necessary or that the Law directs unto.

2<sup>ndly</sup> to raise Money for the Support of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Walker for the year ensuing to see if y<sup>e</sup> town will raise Money for mending High Ways & defray other necessary Charges.

Thirdly to Choose a Committee to adjust the Accounts with any Persons that shall have any against the Town or Proprietors.

Fourthly, to see whether the town or Inhabitants will allow any thing towards the Defraying of School Charges for time past and to come for the Year ensuing.

Fifthly, to see what the Town will allow for the Killing of Wolves.

Sixthly, to see what the Town will allow for the Killing of Rattlefnakes.

Sevently, to see what the Town will allow to the Killing of Hawks, Crows and Black birds

Eighthly to see if the Town will shut up Hogs or let them go at large.

Ninthly, to see what the Town will allow the Collector for the gathering of the Money in the Year past. February the 14<sup>th</sup> 1732/3.

by Order of the Select Men of Penny Cook

Ebenezer Eastman	} Select Men.
John Merrill	
Edward Abbot	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

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By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Penny Cook to meet at the Meeting House in Penny Cook on March the Sixth Day 1732/3 then and there to choose a Town Clerk and other Officers as the Law directs.

Nath<sup>l</sup> Abbot Conftable

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

Penny Cook March y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1732/3.

Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen at the Annual Meeting Moderator Timothy Clement was then chosen and Sworn as Town Clerk for the Year Ensuing. Capt. Eastman was chosen for Select Man for the Year Ensuing. 2<sup>dy</sup> John Chandler Third Select Man Jeremiah Stickny 4<sup>th</sup> Select Man Joseph Eastman, Edward Abbot the 5<sup>th</sup> Select Man.

The Meeting being adjourned by the Voice and Vote of the People for the Space of an Hour

Conftable Abraham Colby.

Surveyors of High Ways Jeremiah Stickny John Merrill John Russ.

Tything Men William Barker, David Kimball.

Leather Sealer, David Kimball

Fence Viewers, Joseph Hall, Samuel Pudney David Barker, Isaac Foster

Hogreves, George Abbot, Joseph Davis, Richard Urann

Field Drivers. Jacob Shute, Joseph Eastman Aaron Stevens, Ebenezer Virgin, Timothy Clement, John Rufs.

Voted. for the Support of M<sup>r</sup> Walker One Hundred and Five Pounds

Voted. for y<sup>e</sup> defraying of necessary Charges Two Hundred Pounds.

Voted That the Present Select Men be a Committee to reckon and adjust the Account with any Person or Persons that shall have any against the Town or Proprietors for the Time past and the Year Ensuing

Voted. That there should be Twenty Shillings paid for the Encouragement of Killing of Wolves for the Year ensuing within the Township.

Voted. That there should be Six Pence paid for the Encouragement of killing of Rattle Snakes within this Township for the Year ensuing, provided that the Destroyer of Such Snakes Shall bring in a black Joynt of the Tail or with the Tail to the Select Men or any of them P A Penny voted for the Encouragement of killing of Black Birds. within this Township for the Year ensuing the Head being brought to the Select Men or any of them and burnt.

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Abbot should have Forty Shillings for the gathering of the last Years Rate or Taxes by him collected.

Chosen for Town Treafurer for the Year ensuing Lieut. John Chandler

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Town Clerk

Notice is hereby given to the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford lawfully Qualified to vote to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in Rumford on Monday the Eleventh Day of this Instant March at Two of the Clock in the After Noon then and there to choose a Town Clerk, Select Men, and Constable and all other Town Officers as the Law directs. also to allow of any High Way or Ways which the Select Men have laid out in the Township of said Rumford, also to shut up or discontinue any High Way or Ways which shall be thought proper or to exchange any Ways that shall be thought best and to do such other things as may be thought proper for the Interest of the Inhabitants of said Township.

Dated at Rumford y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1733/4.

By Order of the General Court

Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe

A true Copy

exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

Essex fs. By virtue of an Order from the General Court I have notified the Freeholders and the Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford of the within men-

tioned Meeting by placing this Notification up at the Meeting House Door in Rumford Two publick Days before the within mentioned Meeting

Dated at Rumford March y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day 1733/4

Benjamin Rolfe

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

At a Legall Meeting of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford on March y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day 1733/4.

Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen Moderator Benjamin Rolfe was chosen Town Clerk

For Select Men were chose Capt. Ebenezer Eastman ; Benjamin Rolfe and Deacon Ephraim Farnum

Voted, That Abraham Bradley be Constable

Voted. That the Select Men be Afsefsors

For Surveyers of High Ways were chosen Ensign Jeremiah Stickney, Ebenezer Virgin, Daniel Chase and John Webfter

Voted, That Edward Abbot & John Rufs and Richard Hefeltine be Tything Men.

Voted, That Aaron Stevens, James Ofgood, James Farnum and William Barker and Ebenezer Virgin be Fence Viewers.

Voted, That David Kimball be a Sealer of Leather

Voted That Lieut. John Chandler be Town Treafurer

Voted, That James Ofgood and Samuel Pudney and Jeremiah Drefser and Aaron Stevens be Field Drivers.

Voted. That Jacob Shute, David Barker and Nathaniel Abbott be Hogreves.

Voted. That Nathaniel Abbot be Pound Keeper.

Voted. That the Select Men be impowred to provide a School so far as the Money voted shall go.

Voted. That the Way which the Select Men have laid out from the Eleven Lot Bridge and so through the Eleven Lots and from thence to the Bend of the River be a High Way for the Town of Rumford

Voted. That the Proprietors of the Eleven Lots may shut up the High Way by the River against the

Eleven Lots when the High Way is opened through the Said Lots.

Voted. That the Hogs in the Town of Rumford be not allowed to go at large but be shut up in Inclosures for the Year ensuing

A true Copy

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk  
Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

To Mr Abraham Bradley Conftable for the Town of Rumford.

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify as the Law directs the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford Qualified to voted in Town Affairs to Afsemble and Meet at the Meeting House in Rumford on Monday the Twenty Seventh Day of May Currant at Five of the Clock in the After Noon then and there to choose a Man to Petition the General Court to order how the Town Charge shall be defrayed or the Town Rates shall be made, also to choose a Committee to examine and adjust the Accompts which any Person or Persons hath with or againft the Inhabitants or Freeholders of the Town of Rumford and to give Order to the Town Treafurer of Rumford for the Payment of what shall be found due to said Person or Persons also to order the said Committee to examine and see what the several Collectors which have been chosen for this Town or the Plantation of Penny Cook are in Arrears, also to see what the Town will allow for the Killing of Wolves Wild Cats, Black birds, Cattamounts & Rattle Snakes within this Townfhip for the Year 1734, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the said Meeting,

Dated at Rumford the Twentieth Day of May 1734.

Ebenezer Eastman } Select Men  
Benjamin Rolfe } for Rumford

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

By Virtue of a Warrant from the Select Men of the Town of Rumford, these are to notify the Inhabitants

and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford Qualified to vote in Town affairs to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in Rumford on Monday the Twenty Seventh Day of May Currant at Five of the Clock in the After Noon Then and there to choose a Man to Petition the General Court to order how the Town Charge shall be defrayed or the Town Rates shall be made, also to choose a Committee to examine and adjust the Accompts which any Person or Persons hath with or against the Inhabitants or Freeholders of the Town of Rumford and to give Order to the Town Treasurer of Rumford for the Payment of what shall be found due to said Person or Persons also to order the said Committee to examine and see what the Several Collectors which have been chosen for this Town or Plantation of Penny Cook are in Arrears, also to see what the Town will allow for the Killing of Wolves, Wild Cats, Black Birds, Cattamounts and Rattle Snakes, within this Townshp for the Year 1734.

Dated at Rumford the Twentieth Day of May 1734.

Abraham Bradley

Constable for Rumford

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1734.

Mr. Nathaniel Abbot was chosen Moderator

Voted. That Ensign Jeremiah Stickney and Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe and Mr. Edward Abbot and M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Abbot and M<sup>r</sup> James Ofgood be a Committee to examine and adjust the Accompts which any Person or Persons hath with or against the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford and to give Order to the Town Treasurer of Rumford for the Payment of what shall be found due to said Person or Persons and to examine and see what the Several Collectors which have been chosen for this Town or the Plantation of Penny Cook are in Arrears.

Voted That there be paid out of the Town Treasury of Rumford for each grown Wolf which shall be Killed

within this Townfhip in the year 1734 the sum of Twenty Shillings

Voted. That One Shilling be paid for each Rattle Snake which shall be killed within this Townfhip in the Year 1734.

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

To Abraham Bradley Conftable for the Town of Rumford

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford to Afsemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on the Fourteenth Day of November Currant at Four of the Clock in the After Noon then and there to choose a Man to Petition the General Court for to have an Order of Said Court for the raising of Money for defreying the Minifterial Charge and the other Charges of this Town for this Year and during the Courts Pleafure and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers at or before the said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford the First Day of November 1734.

Ebenezer Eastman	} Select Men for
Benj <sup>a</sup> Rolfe	
Ephraim Farnum	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

Essex, fs, By Virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants & Freeholders of the Town of Rumford of the within mentioned Meeting by placing a Notification of said Meeting and the Cause thereof at the Meeting House Door in Rumford Seven Days before the said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 1734.

Abraham Bradley  
Conftable for Rumford

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

These are to notify the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on the Fourteenth Day of November Currant at Four of the Clock in the After Noon, then and there to choose a man to Petition the General Court for an Order of said Court for raising of Money for the Defreying the Ministerial Charge and the other Charges of this town for this Year and during the Courts Pleasure.

Rumford November the 6<sup>th</sup> 1734.

By virtue of a Warrant from the Select Men of Rumford  
Abraham Bradley, Constable

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

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At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1734.

Voted, That Ensign Jeremiah Stickny be Moderator of this Present Meeting.

Voted, That Capt. Ebenezer Eastman and Henry Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> be chosen to Petition the General Court for an Order of said Court for raising of Money for defreying the Ministerial Charge and the Other Charges of this Town for this Year and during the Courts Pleasure.

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

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To Abraham Bradley Constable for the Town of Rumford.

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify as the Law directs the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford to Assemble and meet at the Meeting House in Said Rumford on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of December Currant at One of the Clock in the After Noon then and there to raise such sum or sums of Money as shall be thought necessary for the defreying

the Ministerial Charge and other necessary Charges of said Town of Rumford for the Year Currant, also to choose a Man to ask and receive of John Wainwright Esq<sup>r</sup> the Clerk of the Honorable Committee of the Great and General Court appointed to bring forward the Settlement of this Township the Book of the Proceedings of Said Committee and all the other Papers belonging to the Town and Proprietors and upon the Receipt thereof to give the said John Wainwright Esq<sup>r</sup>. a full and clear discharge of and for the said Book and Papers in the Name and behalf of the said Town of Rumford and also to order the Town Treafurer to pay the Order the Towns Committee hath drawn on him to pay M<sup>r</sup> Clement and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the said Meeting

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of December 1734.

Ebenezer Eastman	} Select Men for Rumford.
Ephraim Farnum	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Rolfe	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup>  Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

Essex fs. Rumford December y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1734

By Virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford of the within mentioned Meeting by Seasonable telling of them of the Same

Abraham Bradley  
Constable for Rumford.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford regularly assembled at the Meeting House in said Rumford on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1734,

Voted, That Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Eastman be Moderator

Voted, That about One Hundred and Ten Pounds be raised on the *Poles* and Land within this Township for defraying the Ministerial and School Charge and the other necessary Charges of this Town for the Year Currant

Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk be defired to ask and receive of John Wainwright Esq<sup>r</sup> the

Clerk of the Honourable Committee of the great and General Court appointed to bring Forward the Settlement of the Township, the Book of the Proceedings of the said Committee and all the other Papers belonging to the Town and Proprietors, and on Receipt thereof the said Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and impoured to give the said John Wainwright Esq<sup>r</sup> a full and clear discharge of and for the said Book and Papers in the Name and behalf of the said Town of Rumford.

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

To Abraham Colby Constable for Penny Cook

You are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Plantation of Penny Cook to Afsemble and meet at the Meeting House of Penny Cook on Wednesday the Fifth Day of December next at One of the Clock in the After Noon, then and there to allow the Select Men then and there to allow the Select Men to draw Such Sum or Sums of Money out of the Town Treasury for the Supplying the Plantation with Ammunition as shall be thought Proper by the Inhabitants and Freeholders and Freeholders and also to Order the Select Men to draw Such Sum or Sums of Money out of the Town Treasury for any Person or Persons which the Select Men shall find the Inhabitants and Freeholders are justly indebted to, and also to vote what Money shall be laid out for Schooling the Year ensuing, and also to order or choose Some Person or Persons to get a Town Book or Books for the Inhabitants and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers Before the said Meeting

Dated at Penny Cook the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1733.

Ebenezer Eastman	} Select Men for Rumford
John Chandler	
Jeremiah Stickny	
Joseph Eastman	
Edward Abbot	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

December y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1733, then by virtue of this within written Instrument I have notified the Freeholders and Inhabitants according as the Law directs as witness

Abraham Colby

Conftable of Penny Cook

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

Penny Cook December y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1733.

At a Meeting held on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1733, then Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen Moderator.

Voted, That there should be Thirty Pounds drawn out of the Town Treafury for to buy Ammunition for the Use of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of this Plantation

Voted. That the Select Men Should draw Money out of the Treafury to pay any Perfon or Perfons that the Inhabitants or Freeholders are justly indebted to in time past or to come until the first Day of March next ensuing

Voted, That there should be Sixteen Pounds drawn out of the Town Treafury for to pay a School for this present Winter and Spring following

Voted. That the Select Men shall find Books for the Use of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of this Town or Plantation on the Town<sup>s</sup> Cost so far as they shall think necessary.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓢ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

To Abraham Colby Conftable for Penny Cook You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify the Inhabitants and freeholders of Penny Cook as the Law directs to asemble and meet at the Meeting House in said Penny Cook on Wednesday the Sixteenth Day of January Currant at One of the Clock in the After Noon, then and there to choose a Man or Men to go to the General Court to Petition said Court to make said Penny

Cook a Town and for any other thing which the said Man or Men shall think for the Benefit of said Penny Cook, also to make such Grant of Such Sum or Sums of Money for the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Walker as shall be thought proper by said Inhabitants and Freeholders, to enable said Walker to build him a Dwelling House as well as to pay said Walker what is behind of his Salary for the time past by reason of the Moneys not being of the Same value as it was when he first Settled at Penny Cook, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers before the said Meeting.

Dated at Penny Cook the Fourteenth Day of January 1733/4.

John Chandler	} Select Men for Penny Cook.
Jeremiah Stickney	
Edward Abbot	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants and Freeholders of Penny Cook according to Law

Abraham Colby  
Conftable of Penny Cook

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

At a Meeting held on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of this Infant January 1733.

Capt. Eastman was chosen Moderator

Voted. That there should be Fifty Pounds given to M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Walker for building of him a Dwelling House in Penny Cook provided that he gives the Inhabitants and Freeholders a Receipt that he has received in full for his Salary in times past until this Day for the Decay of Money it not being equal to Silver at Seventeen Shillings the Ounce

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

To M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Bradley Constable for the Town of Rumford.

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford Qualified to vote in Town Affairs to Afsemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Tuesday the Eleventh Day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon Then and there to choose a Town Clerk, Select Men, Afsefsors, Constable, Collector and Surveyer of Flax and Hemp and all other Ordinary Town officers, also to let out the School Lot or Lotts for the Year ensuing, also to Order how the several Persons that have worked at the High Ways in the Year Currant shall be paid, also to see whether the Hogs may go at large within this Township in the Year 1735. also to raise Money for the Defreying the Ministerial and other neccessary Charges of the Town for the Year 1735. also to order how the high Ways within this Township shall be mended in the Year 1735. also to see if the Town will repair the Old Ferry Boat or build a New One for carrying Persons over the River against Virgins, also to see what the Town will allow for the Killing of Wolves, Black birds and Rattle Snakes within this Township for the Year 1735. also to see if the Town will be at any Charge to find out a Better Road from Sun Cook to Chefhire, also to allow and approve of the High Ways which the Select Men have laid out, also to choose a Committee to reckon and make up Accounts with M<sup>r</sup> Treafurer John Chandler for the time he has been Treafurer for this Town, also to choose a Committee to allow Accounts and to give Order to the Town Treafurer for the paying of any Person that they shall think the Town is indebted to,

Dated at Rumford the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1734.

Ebenezer Eastman	} Select Men for Rumford
Ephraim Farnum	
Benjamin Rolfe	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Town Clerk

Essex fs. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants and Freeholders within mentioned of the within mentioned Meeting by placing the within Warrant at the Meeting House Door in Rumford Eight Days Before the within mentioned Meeting.

Dated at Rumford March the 11<sup>th</sup> Day 1734/5.

Abraham Bradley  
Constable for Rumford

A true Copy of the Return of the before going Warrant

Exam<sup>d</sup> Ⓟ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

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At a Legall Meeting of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford Asembled at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Tuefday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 1734.5.

Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen Moderator,  
Benjamin Rolfe Esqr. was chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing.

For Select Men were chosen Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Esqr. Ensign Jeremiah Stickny and Deacon John Merrill.

Voted. That Benjamin Rolfe Esqr Ensign Jeremiah Stickny and Deacon John Merrill shall be Afesors.

Voted. That Edward Abbot be Constable.

Voted. That Edward Abbot be Collector.

For Surveyors of High Ways were chosen Capt. Ebenezer Eastman, Jofeph Hall James Ofgood and Lieut. John Chandler.

Voted. That Deacon Ephraim Farnum and George Abbot be Tything Men.

Voted. That M<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Stickny be a Sealer of Leather.

Voted. That Nathaniel Abbot be Surveyer of Flax and Hemp.

Voted. that Abraham Bradley and Daniel Chase and Isaac Foster and George Abbott and Jofeph Eastman shall be fence Viewers.

Voted. That David Barker, Zebediah Farnum and Benjamin Abbot be Hogleves.

Voted. That Ensign Jeremiah Stickny, Edward Abbot, Timothy Bradley, and Timothy Walker shall be field Drivers.

Voted, That Lieut John Chandler be Town Treafurer.

Voted. That Edward Abbot be Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted. That the Select Men Shall let out the School Right for the Year ensuing to the Highest bidders or as they shall think for the most Advantage of the Town.

Voted. That One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be raised for defreying the Ministerial Charge and Other Charges of the Town.

Voted. That the High Ways within this Township Shall be mended by Days Works as the Surveyors of Ways shall receive Instructions from the Select Men.

Voted. That Twenty Shillings Shall be paid for each Grown Wolf that shall be killed within this Township in the Year 1735. to the killer of said Wolf.

Voted. That Six Pence be Paid for each Rattle Snake that shall be killed within this Township in the Year 1735. to the Killer of said Rattle Snake.

Voted. That the Select Men shall choose or appoint Two Men as they shall think Proper to look out and mark a better Road from Sun Cook to Chefhire.

Voted. That the High Ways that the Select Men have laid out in the Town of Rumford shall be allowed and approved to be Town Ways.

Voted. That the Select Men shall be a Committee to make up Accounts & reckon with Lieut. Chandler as he has been Treafurer for this Town.

Voted. That the Select Men shall be a Committee to allow Accounts and to draw Orders upon the Town Treafurer for paying of such Debts as they Shall think the Town Justly Owe.

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

To M<sup>r</sup> Edward Abbot Conftable of the Town of Rumford.

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify as the Law directs the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Rumford that have an Estate of Freehold in Lands within this Province or Territory of Forty Shillings  $\text{p}$  Annum at the least, or other Estate to the value of Fifty Pounds Sterling, to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Monday the Nineteenth Day of May Currant at Five of the Clock in the After Noon, then and there to elect and Depute One or more Persons (being Freeholders and Resident in the same Town, according to the Number set and Limited by an Act of the General Assembly, to serve for and represent them in the great and General Court or Assembly appointed, to be convened held and kept for his Majesties Service at the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty Eighth Day of May next Ensuing the Date hereof, and to cause the Person or Persons so Elected and Deputed by the Major Part of the Electors present at such Election, to be timely notified and Summoned by you the Said Edward Abbot Conftable to attend his Majesty's Service, in the said Great and General Court or Assembly on the Day above prefixed, by Nine in the Morning, and so de Die in diem; during their Session, and Sessions, also to desire and Order M<sup>r</sup> John Chandler Town Treafurer forthwith to make the Several Collectors that are in Arrears to Pay in their Arrears and in Case said John Chandler do neglect of getting the Arrears to choose a Man or Men to sue said John Chandler Town Treafurer for what he is indebted to the Town of Rumford in his Capacity as aforesaid, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the Said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the Twelfth Day of May, 1735.

Benja Rolfe	} Select Men for Rumford.
Jeremiah Stickney	
John Merrill	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup>  $\text{p}$  Benja Rolfe Clerk.

Essex, fs. by virtue of the within Warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants and Freeholders of Rumford of the within mentioned Meeting by Seasonably telling them of the Same.

Rumford may the 19<sup>th</sup> 1735.

Edward Abbott

Constable of Rumford.

A true Copy of the Return of the before going Warrant.

Examined

⌘ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 1735.

Deacon John Merrill was chosen Moderator of the Present Meeting.

It was put to vote by the Moderator whether they would choose a Representative or no, and it passed in the negative.

Voted, That M<sup>r</sup> John Chandler Town Treafurer be desired and Ordered forthwith to make the Several Collectors that are in Arrears forthwith to pay in the Same.

Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> be hereby constituted and appointed an attorney in the Name and behalf and for the Use of the Town of Rumford to sue for and recover in the Law any Sum or Sums of Money which M<sup>r</sup> John Chandler Treafurer for the Town of Rumford is indebted to said Town in his capacity as aforefaid and the said Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> is hereby impowred to Constitute One or more attorney or Attorneys Under him as he shall think fit.

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ⌘ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk

At a Legall Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford regularly afsembled at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September 1735.

Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen Moderator of the present Meeting

Voted, That about Sixty Two Pounds be raised for Schooling and building part of a Bridge over Sun Cook River and defreying the other necessary Charges of the Town.

Voted. That One Third Part of the Bridge over Sun Cook River shall be built at the Cost and Charge of this Town.

Voted. That Benjamin Rolfe Esqr and Ensign Jeremiah Stickney be a Committee to agree with Some Man or Men to build One Third Part of a Bridge over Sun Cook at the Cost and Charge of this Town.

Voted. That those Men which have been to find out a New Road from Sun Cook to Chester and to mark it and those which Shall go to mend said Road shall be allowed Three Days Work towards the High Way Rate for every Two Days said Men have or shall work at said Road.

Voted. That Deacon John Merrill and Mr James Abbot or either of them be defired and impowred to hire a Man to keep School in this Town Four Months the next Winter and Spring

Voted. That Five Pounds be excepted of David Barker and William Barker for the Rent of the Plow Land of the School Lott the Year Currant.

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To Edward Abbot Constable of Rumford

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rumford aforesaid as the Law directs to Afsemble and meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September Currant at Five of the Clock in the After Noon, then and there to raise such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think necessary for Schooling and for a Town Stock of Ammunition and for building part of a Bridge over Sun Cook River and for the other necessary Charges of the Town. also to choose a Man or Men to agree with Some Perfon or Perfons to build such part of said Bridge as said Freeholders and Inhabitants shall determine to build, also to order how the way shall be made or mended from Sun Cook to Chester, also to

choose a Committee to Hire a School Master, and to choose a Man to sue or prosecute william Barker and David Barker or either of them for the Rents and Profits of the School Lott during the Term said William Barker and David Barker or either of them have improved said School Lott, in case said Barker's refuse to pay what shall be reasonable for the improving of said School Lott, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1735.

Benjamin Rolfe } Select Men for  
Jeremiah Stickney } Rumford

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Clerk.

Essex fs. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants and Freeholders within named of the within mentioned Meeting by seasonably placing a Notification of said Meeting and the Cause thereof at the Meeting House Door in Rumford.

Rumford September y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1735.

Edward Abbot

Constable of Rumford

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup>  Benjamin Rolfe Clerk.

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The Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford are hereby notified to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of September Currant at Five of the Clock in the After Noon then and there to raise such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think necessary for Schooling and for a Town Stock of Ammunition, and for building part of a Bridge over Sun Cook River and for the other necessary Charges of the Town, also to choose a Man or Men to agree with some Person or Persons to build such Part of said Bridge as said Freeholders and Inhabitants shall determine to build, also to order how the Way shall be made or mended from Sun Cook to Chester also to choose a Committee to Hire a

School Master, and to choose a Man to sue or profecute William Barker and David Barker or either of them for the Rents and Profits of the School Lott during the Term said William Barker and David Barker or either of them have improved said School Lott, in Case said Barkers shall refuse to pay what shall be reazonable for the improving of said School Lott.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1735.

By virtue of a Warrant from Edward Abbot  
the Select Men of Rumford Constable of Rumford  
A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benjamin Rolfe Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford regularly asembled at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Wednesday the Tenth Day of December, 1735.

M<sup>r</sup> James Abbot was chosen Moderator of this Prefent Meeting.

Voted, That those Men that shall Work upon building a Bridge over Sun Cook River shall be allowed  $\frac{8}{5}$  for Each Days Work.

Voted, That Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chandler, Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> and Deacon John Merrill and M<sup>r</sup> Abner Hoit be a Committee to take care that the Bridge over Sun Cook River be well done and that the Men that shall be employed about building said Bridge or about making the Way good to go on and off said Bridge shall do their work well and faithfully—

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To Edward Abbot Constable of Rumford.

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford to asemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Wednesday the Tenth Day of December Currant at Two of the Clock in the After Noon then and there to confider what may be proper to be done concerning building a Bridge over Sun Cook River and to order how said Bridge shall be built and to order

how the Way shall be made good and pafsable on and off said Bridge and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the Eighth Day of December, 1735.

Benjamin Rolfe	} Select Men for Rumford
John Merrill	
Jeremiah Stickney	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benjamin Rolfe Town Clerk.

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Essex fs. By virtue of this Warrant I have seasonably notified the Freeholders and Inhabitants within mentioned of the within mentioned Meeting and the Cause thereof

Rumford December the 10<sup>th</sup> 1735.

Edward Abbot Constable of Rumford

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☿ Benjamin Rolfe  
Town Clerk.

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At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 1735.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Eastman was chosen Moderator of this Prefent Meeting—

Voted, That Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> be Town Clerk for the Year Ensuing.

For Select Men were chosen Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Eastman, and Ensign Jeremiah Stickney.

For Afsefsors were chosen, Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Eastman, and Ensign Jeremiah Stickney.

Voted, That Nathaniel Abbot be Constable,

Voted, That Nathaniel Abbot be Collector.

Voted, That Nathaniel Abbot be Surveyor of Hemp and Flax.

for Surveyors of High Ways were chosen David Barker, Abraham Bradley, Edward Abbot & Daniel Chase.

For Tything Men were chosen, James Abbot and James Farnum.

For Fence Viewers were chosen. Richard Hefeltine, Joseph Eastman Isaac Foster, Deacon Ephraim Farnum, and John Rufs.

For a Sealer of Leather was chosen Ensign Jeremiah Stickney.

For Field Drivers were chosen George Abbot, David Kimball, Zebediah Farnum, Jonathan Bradley, Ebenezer Eastman jun<sup>r</sup> and Samuel Pudney.

For Hog Reves were chosen Jacob Shute, Isaac Walker jun<sup>r</sup> and Abraham Colby jun<sup>r</sup> and Onesiphorous Page.

For a Sealer of Weights & Measures was chosen M<sup>r</sup> Edward Abbot.

For Town Treafurer was chosen Lieut<sup>t</sup> John Chandler.

Voted, That Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Pounds be raised for defreying the Ministerial Charge, the School Charge, and the other necessary Charges of the Town.

Voted, That Fifty Pounds be granted unto the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Walker to enable him to clear a Pasture and bring it to English Grafs. Thirty of the said Fifty Pounds to be paid in the Year 1736, and the other Twenty Pounds to be paid in the year 1737.

Voted, That the High Ways within this Town for the Year 1736, shall be mended by Days Work

Voted, That the Select Men shall give Orders to the Surveyers of Ways, how the Ways shall be mended & how much Work each Man shall do & to take care and order that such Men that has not worked their Proportion to the High Ways shall do it as Speedily as possible.

Voted, That the High Ways that the Select Men have laid out shall be accepted and Recorded.

Voted, That Ten Shillings shall be paid for every Wolf that shall be catched within this Town, to such Persons as shall catch them.

Voted, That Six Pence be paid for each Rattle Snake as shall be killed within this Town in the Year 1736.

Voted, That Henry Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> be chosen and desired to assist and Joyn with others that are or may be chosen for to use proper means for to get the County of Essex divided into Two Counties.

Voted, That the Select Men shall be a Committee to let out the Intervall Lotts belonging to the School Right for the Term of Two Years from the Date hereof.

Voted, That the Select Men shall be a Committee to allow Accounts and to draw Orders upon the Town Treafurer for paying of such Debts as they shall think the Town justly owe.

Voted, That Edward Abbot be desired and impowred to repair & fit up the Seats in the Meeting House and make a Door to the Pulpit and put up the Windows.

Voted, That the Hogs shall be shut up in Inclosures within the Town of Rumford for the Year 1736.

Voted, That Nathaniel Abbot be Pound Keeper.

We the Subscribers Select Men for the Town of Rumford have laid out the High Ways hereafter mentioned viz.

A High Way Two Rods broad bounded as followeth viz. beginning at a Stake marked Standing on the Brow of the Hill on the East Side of the Gate near Deacon Merrills Ferry, thence running Northerly to a Red Oak Stump, thence by the Ridge to a Bunch of small Bushes, thence a little to the East of North to a Bunch of Small Willows, thence about North to a Walnut, thence to the West of North to some small Alders, thence a little to the East of North to a large Red Oak, thence by a Dry Pitch Pine to the High Way on the Southerly Side of Samuel Kimballs Six Acre Lott the said Way being on the Westerly Side of said Bounds.

also a High Way bounded as followeth, viz. begining at the South West Corner of Cap<sup>t</sup> Hales House Lott, thence running Easterly to Samuel Kimballs Six Acre Lott bending about one rod upon said House Lott about the middle of it for the conveniency of coming up in the Hollow, then beginning at a Stake Standing about Three Feet to the Northward of the Gate by said Kimballs Six Acre Lott, thence running by a great Rock to the South Side of said Six Acre Lott, thence by said Lott to the

River, thence Running up Merrimack River to Richard Hefeltines Six Acre Lott, thence on the Westerly Side of said Richard Heseltnes Six Acre Lott to the High Way leading into Hales Point. The said Way is Four Rods broad the Length of the House Lotts, and from thence Two Rods broad to the River said Way being on the South Side of said Bounds to the River, upon Merrimack River said Way is as broad as it was left by the Committee which lay out the Six Acre Lotts Said Way is on the Westerly side of Hefeltines Lott and is Two Rods broad.

also a High Way Two Rods Broad bounded as followeth viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the South West corner Bounds of James Abbots House Lott, thence running South Easterly to a Stake marked, thence to the South East Corner of Ephraim Davises House Lott, thence to a Black Burch being the South West Corner of Jacob Abbotts Six Acre Lott, thence to Hales Point as it was left by the Committee that lay out the Six Acre Lotts the said High Way is on the Southerly Side of the above mentioned Bounds

Benjamin Rolfe	} Select Men
Jeremiah Stickney	
	Rumford

The foregoing return of the High Ways being read and put to vote whether they should be accepted and Recorded and it pafsed in the affirmative.

the foregoing return of the High Ways is a true Copy of the Original.

Examined and compared  
 Ⓟ Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Town Clerk.

To M<sup>r</sup> Edward Abbot Constable for the Town of Rumford.

You are hereby required in his Majesty's Name to notify as the Law directs the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble and meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Tuesday the Ninth Day of March next at Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon then and there to choose a

Town Clerk, Select Men, Afsefsors, Constable Collector Surveyor of Hemp and Flax and all other ordinary Town Officers, also to raise such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be thought necessary for defreying the Ministerial Charge and for a School and for the other necessary Charges of the Town, also to see if the Town will clear any of the Personage Lott and bring to English Grass and fence it for a Pasture or whether they will clear and bring to English Grafs and fence suitable for a Pasture part of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Walkers Land or make a Grant to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Walker of Such a Sum of Money as they shall think proper to enable him to clear a Pasture, that he may live more comfortable in his Family upon the Account of a Dairy than he is able to do at present, also to order how the High Ways within this Town shall be made or mended in the Year 1736, and to allow and accept of the High Ways which the Select Men have laid out in said Township, also to allow what shall be thought proper for the killing of Wolves and Rattle Snakes in this Township for the Year 1736. also to choose a Man to sollicit the great and General Court of this Province to have the County of Essex divided, also to choose a Committee to let out the Interval Land belonging to the School Right for the Year ensuing or during the Towns Pleasure, also to choose a Committee to allow Accounts, that the Select Men may draw Orders upon the Treafurer for the paying of the same, also to order some Man or Men to repair the Meeting House and to finish the same so far as the Town shall think proper also to order whether the Hogs in this Town shall be shut up or go at large for the Year 1736, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1735.

Benj <sup>a</sup> Rolfe	} Select Men for Rumford
Jeremiah Stickney	
John Merrill	

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benjamin Rolfe Town Clerk

Essex fs. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the within mentioned Inhabitants and Freeholders of the within mentioned Meeting as the Law directs.

Dated at Rumford the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1735.

Edward Abbot

Constable of Rumford

A true Copy of the Return of the foregoing Warrant

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benjamin Rolfe

Town Clerk

To Nathaniel Abbot Constable of the Town of Rumford

These are in his Majesties Name to require you to notify as the Law directs the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of your Town that have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory of Forty Shillings ☞ annum at the least or other Estate to the value of Fifty Pounds Sterling, to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May Currant at Four of the Clock in the after noon Then & there to elect & Depute One or more Persons (being Freeholders and Resident in the same Town) according to the Number set and Limited by an Act of the General Assembly, to serve for & Represent them in a Great or General Court or Assembly appointed to be convened, Held, & Kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston, upon Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May next ensuing the Date Hereof, and to cause the Person or Persons so elected & Deputed by the Major Part of the Electors present at such Election to be timely notified & Summoned to attend his Majesties Service in the said Great and General Court or Assembly on the Day above prefixed by Nine in the Morning and so de Die in Diem, during their Sefsion and Sefsions. Hereof Fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1736.

Benjamin Rolfe } Select Men for  
Jeremiah Stickney } Rumford.

A true Copy

Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞ Benjamin Rolfe

Town Clerk

Essex fs. By Virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the within mentioned Meeting by seasonably placing a Notification of said Meeting and the Cause thereof at the Meeting House Door in said Rumford.

Rumford May y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1736

Nath<sup>l</sup> Abbot Conftable.

A true Copy of the Return of the foregoing Warrant.

Attest. Benjamin Rolfe  
Town Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford on Tuesday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1736. The Select Men Regulating said Meeting agreeable to Law.

It was put to vote whether they would choose a Person to Represent them in the Great and General Court to be Held at the Town House in Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Sixth Day of May Currant—And it pafsed in the Negative.

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford on Tuesday the Fifteenth Day of March, 1736.

Capt. Ebenezer Eastman was chosen Moderator of this Prefent Meeting.

Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> was chosen Clerk.

For Select Men were chosen, Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James Ofgood and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hall.

For Afsefsors were chosen Benjamin Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James Ofgood and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hall.

Voted, That M<sup>r</sup> Richard Hefeltine be Conftable.

For Surveyers of High Ways were chosen, James Abbot, Enfign Jeremiah Stickney, Barachias Farnum, Daniel Chase and Ebenezer Virgin.

For Tything Men were chosen, Edward Abbot, and Deacon John Merrill.

For Fence Viewers were chosen, Nathaniel Abbot, George Abbot, Nathaniel Rolfe, Daniel Rolfe, and John Rufs and David Barker.

For a Sealer of Leather was chosen Ensign Jeremiah Stickney.

For a Surveyer of Hemp & Flax was chosen Nathaniel Abbot.

Voted, That Richard Hefeltine be Collector.

Voted, That Edward Abbot be Sealer of Weights and Measures

For Hog Reves were chosen Daniel Chase, Aaron Stevens, and Joseph Farnum

For Field Drivers were chosen Benjamin Abbot, Abraham Colby jun<sup>r</sup>, William Barker, and Timothy Bradley and John Rufs.

Voted, That One Hundred & Forty Pounds be raised for defreying the Ministerial Charge.

Voted, That Seventy Pounds be raised for Defreying the necessary Charges of the Town and to enable the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Timothy Walker to clear a Pasture.

Voted, That the Select Men shall give order to the Surveyers of High Ways in Rumford how the Ways shall be mended and how much Work each Man shall do and to take care and Order that such Men that has not worked their Proportion to the High Ways shall do it as speedily as possible.

Voted, That Ten Shillings shall be paid for each Wolf that shall be killed in the Town of Rumford in the Year 1737.

Voted, That Six Pence shall be paid for each Rattle Snake that shall be Killed in the Town of Rumford in the Year 1737.

Voted, That the Select Men shall be a committee to allow Accompts and to draw Orders upon the Town Treasurer for the paying of such Debts as they shall think the Town justly owe.

Voted, That the Hogs Shall go at large within this Township in the Year 1737.

Voted, That Lieut<sup>t</sup> John Chandler shall be Town Treasurer.

Voted, That Mr William Barker be Pound Keeper.

Voted, That Edward Abbot be impowred & chosen to take care to repair the Meeting House for the Year 1737.

Voted. That the High Ways that the Select Men have laid out shall be accepted and recorded provided Such Perfons that shall have occasion to improve said Roads shall make and repair said Roads at their own Cost.

The Return of said Ways is as followeth viz<sup>t</sup>.

We the Subscribers Select Men of Rumford have laid out the High Ways hereafter mentioned in said Town of Rumford this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1736. viz. a High Way Two Rods broad bounded as followeth, viz: Beginning at a Stake standing by the Road leading from the Gate by Deacon Merrills Ferry through the Frogg Ponds, thence running about Easterly upon the Ridge to a large Maple, thence about South Easterly by an Elm Stump to the Road on the South side of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Walker's Land, the said Road lyes on the South and South West Side of said Bounds.

also a High Way bounded as followeth, viz.

a Road Two Rod in Weadth on the North Side of Daniel Chase's Homestead, the said Road to run the Length of said Chases Homestead.

Dated at Rumford the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1736.

Ebenezer Eastman	} Select Men	
Benjamin Rolfe		of
Jeremiah Stickney		Rumford.

A true Copy of the Return of said Ways

Exam<sup>d</sup> ⚔ Benjamin Rolfe Town Clerk.

To Mr. Nathaniel Abbot Conftable of the Town of Rumford.

You are hereby required in his Majesties Name to notify as the Law directs the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford qualified to vote in Town Affairs to asemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Tuefday the Fifteenth Day of March next at Eight of the Clock in the Fore Noon, then and there to choose a Town Clerk, Select Men, Afesors, Conftable, Collector and all other ordinary Town officers also to raise such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be thought necefsary for defreying the Ministerial Charge, and for a School and for the other necefsary

Charges of the Town, also to order how the High Ways within this Township shall be made or mended in the Year 1737. and to allow and accept of the High Ways which the Select Men have laid out in said Township, also to allow what shall be thought proper for the killing of Wolves and Rattlesnakes in this Township for the Year 1737. also to choose a Committee to allow Accounts that the Select Men may draw Orders upon the Town Treasurer for the paying of the Same also to order some Man or Men to repair the Meeting House and to finish the same so far as the Town shall think proper, also to order whether the Hogs in this Town shall be shut up or go at large for the year 1737, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the Twenty First Day of February 1736.

Ebenezer Eastman } Select Men  
Benjamin Rolfe } of  
Jeremiah Stickney } Rumford.

A true Copy

Attest Benjamin Rolfe Town Clerk.

Rumford March y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1736.

Efsex fs. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and Inhabitants within named of the within mentioned Meeting by seasonably informing them of the same.

Nath<sup>l</sup> Abbott

Constable of Rumford.

A true Copy of the return of the foregoing Warrant.

attest Benjamin Rolfe

Town Clerk

To Richard Hefeltine

Constable of the Town of Rumford.

These are in his Majesty's Name to require you to notify as the Law directs the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of your Town That have an Estate of Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory of Forty Shillings  $\text{p}$  Annum at the least or other Estate to the Value

of Fifty Pounds Sterling to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Monday the Sixteenth Day of May Currant at Seven of the Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to elect & depute One or more Persons (being Freeholders & Resident in the same Town) according to the Number set & limited by an Act of the General Assembly to serve for and represent them in a great or General Court or Assembly appointed to be convened, held & kept for his Majesties Service at the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty Fifth Day of May currant, and to cause the Person or Persons so elected and deputed by the Major part of the Electors Present at such Election to be timely notified & Summoned to attend his Majesty's Service in the said Great and General Court or Assembly on the Day above prefixed by Nine in the Morning and so de Die in Diem during their Sefsion and Sefsions, hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the Ninth Day of May, 1737.

Benjamin Rolfe	} Select Men of Rumford.
Joseph Hall	
James Ofgood	

A true Copy of the Original Warrant

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Town Clerk.

Essex fs. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford of the within mentioned Meeting by placing a Notification of said Meeting with the Cause thereof at the Meeting House Door in said Rumford as the Law directs.

Rumford May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1737,

Richard Hafseltine

Constable of Rumford

A true Copy of the Return of the foregoing Warrant.

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe

Town Clerk

Notice is hereby given to the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford that have an Estate of Freehold Land within this Province or Territory of Forty Shillings ꝑ Annum at the least or other Estate to the Value of Fifty Pounds Sterling to assemble at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Monday the Sixteenth Day of May curreant at Seven of the Clock in the Fore Noon, then and there to elect & depute One or more Persons (being Freeholders and Resident in the same Town) according to the Number set and Limited by an Act of the General Assembly to serve for and Represent them in a Great or General Court or Assembly appointed to be convened, held and kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty Fifth Day of May curreant.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May Annoque Domini 1737.

By virtue of a Warrant from the Select Men of Rumford  
Richard Hafseltime  
Constable of Rumford.

A true Copy of the Notification, agreeable to the foregoing Warrant.

Attest, Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Town Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford on Monday the Sixteenth Day of May 1737, The Select Men regulating said Meeting as the Law directs

It was put to a vote whether they would choose a Man to represent them in the General Court or Assembly to be convened, held & kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court House in Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Fifth Day of May Curreant and it passed in the negative.

To M<sup>r</sup> Richard Hafseltime Constable of the Town of Rumford

You are hereby required in his Majesty's Name to notify as the Law directs the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in

the said Rumford on Wednesday the Twenty Ninth Day of March Currant at Eight of the Clock in the Fore Noon, then & there to choose a Town Clerk, Select Men, Afsefsors, Conftable and all other ordinary Town officers, alfo to raise such sum or sums of Money as shall be thought necessary for defraying the Ministerial Charge and for a School and for the other necessary Charges of the Town, alfo to order how the High Ways within this Townfhip shall be made or mended in the year 1738, also to allow what shall be thought proper for the killing of Wolves and Rattlefnakes in this Townfhip, for the Year 1738, alfo to choose a Committee to allow Accompts & Debts that the Select Men may draw Orders upon the Town Treafurer for the paying of the same alfo to order Some Man or Men to repair the Meeting House and to finifh the Same so far as the Town shall think proper, alfo to order whether the Hogs shall be shut up or go at large within this Townfhip for the Year 1738. alfo to choose a Committee to lett or lease out the School Right for a year or more as the Town shall think best, alfo to order the burying Place for this Town to be well fenced in, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the said Meeting.

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1737.

Benj <sup>a</sup> Rolfe	} Select Men	
James Ofgood		of
Joseph Hall		Rumford.

A true Copy

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe  
Town Clerk.

Efsex fs. by Virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants & Freeholders within mentioned of the within mentioned Meeting by seafonably setting up a Notification of said Meeting and the Cause thereof at the Meeting House Door in said Rumford.

Rumford March y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1738.

Richard Hafseltime  
Constable of Rumford.

A true Copy of the Return of the aforegoing Warrant.  
Attest Benjamin Rolfe Town Clerk.

Notice is hereby given to the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford qualified to vote in Town Affairs to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of March Currant at Eight of the Clock in the Fore-Noon Then & there to choose a Town Clerk, Select Men, Afesors, Constable and all other ordinary Town Officers, also to raise such Sum or Sums of Money as Shall be thought necessary for defreying the Ministerial Charge and for a School and for the other necessary Charges of the Town, also to order how the High Ways within this Township shall be made or mended in the Year 1738. also to allow what shall be thought proper for the Killing of Wolves & Rattle Snakes in this Township for the Year 1738. also to Choose a Committee to allow Accompts & Debts, that the Select Men may draw Orders upon the Town Treafurer for the paying of the same, also to order some Man or Men to repair the Meeting House, and to finifh the same so far as the Town shall think proper. also to order whether the Hogs shall be shut up or go at large within this Township for the Year 1738. also to choose a Committee to lett or Lease out the School Right for a year or more as the Town shall think best, also to order the burying Place for this Town to be well fenced in,

Dated at Rumford aforesaid the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1737. By Order of the Select Men

Richard Hafeltine

Constable of Rumford.

A true Copy of the Notification set up at the Meeting House Door agreable to the foregoing Warrant.

Attest Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Town Clerk.

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Town of Rumford regularly Afsembled at the Meeting House in said Rumford on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1738.

Ensign Jeremiah Stickney was Chosen Moderator of this present Meeting.

For Town Clerk was Chosen Benj<sup>a</sup> Rolfe Esq<sup>r</sup>.