

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

IN CONCORD, MARCH, 1836.

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND THAT PORTION OF THE LAW, ADOPTED BY THE
TOWN, DEFINING THE POWER AND DUTY OF
FIREWARDS, AND OTHER PERSONS.

Concord,

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OF THE

Annual Town Meeting, &c.

At a legal town meeting, duly notified and holden at Concord, in the county of Merrimack, on Tuesday the eighth day of March, in the year of our LORD eighteen hundred and thirty six, the inhabitants of said town of Concord, having a right to vote in any matter that might come before the town by a major vote and by ballot.

1 *Chose*--ROBERT DAVIS Moderator to preside in said Meeting, who being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

And the following votes of the inhabitants of said town, present and qualified to vote for Senators, were given in for Governor, for Counsellor and for Senator, and were received in presence of the Selectmen of said town in open town meeting by the Moderator thereof, who, in said meeting, in presence of the said Selectmen and the Clerk of said town, sorted and counted said votes, and at the close of the poll, made a public declaration thereof with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes for each person, as follows :—

FOR GOVERNOR.

Isaac Hill	had	555 votes.
Joseph Healy	“	340 “
George Sullivan	“	35 “
Hosea B. Barton	“	5 “
I. Hill	“	3 “
Gen. Joseph Low	“	1 “
William Badger	“	3 “
John Bell	“	1 “
Joseph M. Harper	“	1 “
Hezekiah Bradley	“	1 “
Joseph Bell	“	1 “
I. Smith.	“	1 “

FOR COUNSELLOR.

Ezekiel Morrill	had	541 votes.
Daniel Conner	"	400 "
William P. Fisk	"	6 "
John George	"	1 "

FOR SENATOR.

James Clark	had	537 votes.
Thomas D. Merrill	"	402 "
David George	"	1 "
Reuben G. Wyman	"	6 "
Samuel B. Dyer	"	1 "

And the following votes of the inhabitants of said town, present and qualified to vote for Senators, were given in for a Register of Deeds and for a County Treasurer, and were received in presence of the Selectmen of said town in open town meeting by the Moderator thereof, who, in said meeting, in presence of the Selectmen and the clerk of said town, sorted and counted said votes, and at the close of the poll, made a public declaration thereof with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes for each person, as follows :

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Joseph Robinson	had	528 votes.
Joseph Knowlton	"	403 "
Arlond Carroll	"	1 "
John Whipple	"	1 "
Sam. Coffin	"	1 "
David Allison	"	1 "

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Jonathan Eastman	had	536 votes.
Ebenezer S. Towle	"	397 "
C. C. Cady	"	2 "
E. S. Towle	"	1 "
Cyril C. Cady	"	6 "
John J. Ayer	"	1 "

And an alphabetical list of all the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in the election of Senators having been lodged with the clerk of said town and posted up at the inn of John Gass in said town fif-

teen days prior to said second Tuesday of March, and the name of each voter having been checked by the town clerk on said list during the balloting, and the number of voters, which said list contained, having been, as certified by the Selectmen eleven hundred and six.

The votes of the inhabitants of said town qualified as aforesaid, for four Representatives to represent said town in the General Court of this State, were received by the Moderator in presence of the Selectmen, and were by the same Moderator in presence of the Selectmen and town clerk sorted and counted, as follows :

Charles H. Peaslee	had	533	votes.
Ezra Carter	“	537	“
William Dow	“	548	“
Ebenezer Eastman	“	522	“
Joseph P. Stickney	“	435	“
Cyrus Robinson	“	417	“
David Allison	“	413	“
Henry Rolfe	“	401	“
Charles C. Hodgdon	“	3	“
Daniel Rand	“	1	“
Luther Roby	“	2	“
Michal Tubbs	“	1	“
J. P. Stickney	“	1	“
D. S. Palmer	“	1	“
C. C. Hodgdon	“	5	“
Henry M. Rolfe	“	1	“

And the said Moderator in presence of the Selectmen and town clerk, in open meeting, made a public declaration of the state of the votes, with the name of every person voted for, and the number of votes each person had, as aforesaid. And Charles H. Peaslee, Ezra Carter, William Dow and Ebenezer Eastman having each a majority of all the votes, were declared to be duly elected representatives of said town for the ensuing year.

Voted—To adjourn to to-morrow morning at 9 o’ clock.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 1836.

Met according to adjournment.

And the said inhabitants having a right to vote as aforesaid, by a major vote and by ballot :

Chose--Jonathan E. Lang, *Town Clerk*, who being present took the oath of office by law prescribed.

ATTEST, SAMUEL COFFIN, *Town Clerk*.

Chose,--Robert Davis, Moses Shute and Jacob Hoit, *Selectmen*, who being present took the oath by law prescribed.

Voted--That the Moderator appoint a committee of one from each highway district, to nominate Highway Surveyors, Constables, and all other necessary town officers.

Chose--Abraham Bean, Emery Burgess, Charles, C. Hodgdon, Wells Carter, Samuel T. French, John Abbot jr., Isaac Virgin, Hiram Locke, Abiel C. Carter, Thompson Tenney, John Putney, John Sawyer, Jeremiah Mills, Joseph Eastman, Isaac Eastman, Daniel Davis jr., Philip Sargent, William M. Carter, Josiah F. Dow, Charles Smart, Thomas B. Sargent, Jeremiah Wheeler, James Hoit, Nathaniel Rolfe, Theodore F. Elliot, Stephen Rand, Josiah K. Locke, Daniel Smith jr., Amos Sawyer, Nathan A. Moore, David Abbot jr., Benjamin T. Speed, Jeremiah S. Noyes, Elbridge Perkins, Isaac N. Haynes, and Jacob Rogers, *Constables*.

Chose--William Colby, and Stephen Colby, *Sealers of Weights and Measures*.

Chose--James Hoit, Simeon Abbot, *Pound Keepers*, who being present took the oath by law prescribed. Also, *Chose*, William Page, *Pound Keeper*.

Chose--Cyrus Robinson, and Enos Merrill, *Weighers of Hay*, who being present took the oath of office by law prescribed. Also, *Chose*, Isaac Eastman, Eben Hall, George W. Brown, Francis N. Fisk, William Walker, Isaac Dow, James Rines, Nathaniel Carter, and George Porter, *Weighers of Hay*.

Chose--Jeremiah Wheeler, John Fisk, Enoch Hoit, Thomas Eastman, Gilman Morrill, James Goodwin, Benjamin H. Weeks, Jeremiah Mills, Zebediah W. Gleason, Levi Abbot, William Pecker, Daniel Smith jr., Heman Sanborn, Isaac Virgin, Thomas D. Potter, Abram Bean, Samuel Coffin, James Corliss, Nathan Chandler, *Surveyors of Highway*, who being present, took the oath of office by law prescribed. Also chose--James Willey, Amos Frye, Stephen Carleton, Jeremiah Abbot, David G. Sargent, John Locke, Charles Hall, Seth Merrill, Nathan Chandler 4th, Samuel Runnells jr., *Surveyors of Highway*.

Chose--Zebediah W. Gleason Sam. Coffin, Robert Davis, Aaron Carter, William Low, William Gault Philip Sargent, Richard Bradley, Cyrus Robinson, John Putney, Isaac Eastman, Robert Eastman, *Firewards* who being present took the oath of office by law prescribed. Also chose--Hiram Farnum, Cyrus Barton, William Restieaux, Lewis Downing, Stephen Brown, Ebenezer S. Towle, Abraham Prescott, *Firewards*.

Chose--William Dow, Jeremiah Pecker and Joseph Low, *Fence Viewers*.

Chose--John Putney, *Culler of Staves*, who being present took the oath of office by law prescribed. Also--chose Leonard Bell, William G. Whitney, Ezra Hoit, Samuel Curtis, John Eastman Jr. *Culler of Staves*.

Chose--Jeremiah Pecker, Jewet Bishop, Philip Sargent, John Eastman, Ebenezer Eastman, Peter Lovejoy, Henry L. Elliot, Eben. F. Elliot, Atkinson Webster, Shadrach Seavey, Henry Rolfe, Abel Baker, John Putney, David Farnum Jr., John Sawyer, Leavitt C. Virgin, Charles Graham, Nathaniel Carter, *Surveyors of Lumber*, who being present took the oath of office by law prescribed. Also chose--Nathaniel C. Elliot, Reuben Goodwin Jr., Henry M. Moore, Nathan G. Spillar, Abraham Prescott, Ebenezer E. Carter, Lewis Downing,

James F. Lund, Philip Watson, George Wilkins, Porter Blanchard, Daniel Davis Jr., Joseph C. Wallace, John Miller, Thomas Abbot, Elliot A. Hill, Joseph Eastman Jr., Sewall Hoit, James Worth, Samuel Shute, *Surveyors of Lumber.*

*Chose--*William Gault, Jacob Hoit, Charles H. Clough, James Rines, Abiel Rolfe, Timothy E. Hoit, Amos Sawyer, Cyrus Robinson, *Corders of Wood*, who being present took the oath of office by law prescribed. Also, *Chose--*Erastus Underwood, Alexander Thompson, William M. Carter, Seth Eastman, Jewett Bishop, Joseph Eastman, Isaac Eastman, John George, Nathaniel Carter, David Allison, Hazen Virgin, Reuben Goodwin Jr., Ebenezer Capen, Sullivan Glover, Francis N. Fisk, John P. Gass, Elijah Mansur, *Corders of Wood.*

*Chose--*Samuel Coffin, John Putney, and Abiel Rolfe, *Auditors of accounts.*

*Chose--*Isaac Dow, Cyrus Robinson, and Enos Blake, *Sealers of Leather.*

*Chose--*Daniel Page, Eliphalet W. Upham, William Holt, Nathaniel Tallant, Jeremiah Pecker Jr., James H. Davis, Caleb Parker, Isaac Virgin, Isaac Houston, George Brooks, Charles P. Blanchard, Phineas Fuller, Benjamin How, Joseph L. Jackson, Charles W. Underhill, Charles Graham, Horace Abbot, Isaac Story, Joseph Eastman Jr., Chase Fowler, David Farnum, James Smith, Leonard Morrison, William Seavy, Elbrige G. Chase, Milton Boyes, Josiah Knowles, Enoch Geralls, Charles Norton, Reuben Simpson, Joseph C. Emerson, Bradbury Gill, John B. Cilley, Enoch Dickerman, Ephraim Morrill, Wm. M. Carter, *Hog Constables.*

*Voted--*To accept the Report of the Visiting School Committee.

The Superintending School Committee, having attended to the duties of their appointment, would respectfully submit the following

REPORT.

Although the subject before them is one of very great magnitude, and which is intimately connected with the general interests of the community—your Committee are aware that the space they are expected to occupy, at the present time, will render it necessary for them to be brief in their remarks and omit many particulars, respecting the several Schools, with which they have become acquainted.

1. Summer Schools.

Schools were taught by females in the Summer, in most of the Districts. These were visited and examined and generally they exhibited evidence of attention, and faithfulness on the part of the teachers, and also of application and improvement on the part of the scholars. Several of these schools, your Committee consider, as deserving special recommendation. Subscriptions were raised to sustain wholly, or to extend the terms of some of them, an effort, which is certainly creditable to those Districts, but which renders it more difficult for your Committee to present a definite account of the summer schools, as supported by the town.

2. Winter Schools.

Schools have been taught in all the Districts the past Winter, excepting in No. 16. These your Committee have visited twice with the exception of three or four, in which instances they were not informed of the close of the schools, or the weather rendered it impracticable to visit.

Recapitulation. Whole number of weeks taught by male teachers, 229½; do. taught by female teachers in winter term 55—total, 284½; making an increase of 56½ weeks over the number of the preceding year.

Scholars. The whole number of scholars, 1109; and, after deducting 39 which were reported last year in District No. 20, which belonged to Boscawen and the present number exceeds that of the preceding year by 99.

Studies have been attended as follows :

In the Spelling Book,	72
Reading (lower classes,)	433
“ (higher “)	412
Writers	493
Mental Arithmetic,	243
Written do.	271
Grammar	179
Geography	287
History	44
Philosophy	14
Astronomy	3
Rhetoric &c.	1
Algebra &c.	2
Book keeping	2
Composition	13
Watts on the Mind	5

Were they to speak in general terms, your committee would say that the schools the past year have sustained a fair character and have been profitable; that this is not saying all which the merit of some require, your committee are aware, and also, they regret to say, that to a remark so general, there are found exceptions.

In the opinion of your committee, the following schools are deserving of particular commendation, in view of their government, improvement and general appearance, viz :

No. 7,	taught by	Mr. Nathan K. Abbot.
No. 10,	“ “	Mr. Moses H. Clough.
No. 11,	“ “	Mr. James Moulton Jr.

No. 13, " " Mr. William H. Foster.
 No. 15, " " Mr. True Brown.
 No. 19, " " Mr. Locke.

In the schools in Districts No. 2, 3, 9 and 12 there appeared to be a deficiency in government and improvement, although no cases of insubordination were reported except in No. 9; an instance occurred in this school to which the special attention of the committee was called; they visited the school and enquired into the difficulty and obtained from the scholar who had refused to obey the orders of the school a pledge of obedience. This however, did not secure the end desired, and the instructor thought it best to leave, before the term had expired. A few instances of falsehood and profanity have occurred, but generally the morals of the scholars have been good.

In Districts No. 2, 7, and 14, your committee are happy to report that the school houses have been thoroughly repaired and are now in fine order, which evinces the interest that those Districts take in the subject of education. It is very much to be desired that an opportunity might be had to report the same of some other Districts in town, of whose interest in the improvement of the rising generation, your committee would be unwilling to judge by the present unfavorable appearances of their school houses. And it is the hope of the committee that their successors will have the privilege in the next annual report to state that Districts No. 3, 15, 18 and 19 have followed the example of the above, and provided comfortable and convenient rooms for their schools.

It is to be feared that our common schools do not receive that attention which their importance demands. Your committee believe that "they are the primary means of a nation's intelligence," the sources and the guardians of freedom. The security of our privileges is certainly found in the virtue and intelligence of the people—who, taken as a whole must receive that education which is afforded only in our

common schools. On these are depending our civil and literary institutions.

Considering their importance, the question will naturally arise, in what way can our schools best be sustained? As an answer in part to this question, your committee wish to advert to the following particulars, as being important to the prosperity of our schools. *First*, the members of a District should be sufficiently interested to attend its meetings. *Second*, care should be had that a suitable person be selected as agent—one *that will exert himself*. *Third*, The agent should take special pains to engage a competent teacher. Too many make little or no effort, neglect their duty until the best teachers are engaged, and then employ the first and cheapest that can be found. On this point your committee wish to say, especially, that no teacher should be engaged until he or she has been examined and recommended by the committee. The committee are placed in unpleasant circumstances to refuse a recommendation, after the individual has engaged to teach. Besides this, the agent ought not to employ a teacher without some satisfactory information of his qualifications for the work. *Fourth*, Parents and Guardians should discover to the school that they are greatly interested in its prosperity—should visit it, and especially should second the efforts of the instructor and sustain him in the government of the school, ever discountenancing all insubordination on the part of scholars. Your committee regretted to hear that the agent of the District in which the most difficulty in government occurred the past winter, advised the teacher “not to correct the larger scholars, but make complaint if they conducted improperly and have them expelled.”

Fifth, Suitable books should be selected and a sufficient number provided to supply each scholar. A uniformity is necessary, that the scholars may be classed and the teacher not be under the necessity of hearing each one separately. As school books have become numerous it is more difficult to make a

judicious selection. The law regulating our primary schools, makes it the duty of the superintending committee "to direct and determine the class books to be used in the respective classes," and after a careful examination, your committee have selected and recommended the following list of books, as being in their judgment the best adapted to the present state of the schools; viz.

The Bible, Webster's New Spelling Book, N. H. Book for Children, Popular Lessons, Parley's First and Second Book of History, Historical Reader, Porter's Rhetorical Reader, Murray's and R. C. Smith's Grammar, Parley's and Goodrich's Malte Brun's Geography, Emerson's, Colburn's and Adam's Arithmetic, Blair's Rhetorick, Whelpley's Compend of History, Whiton's History of N. H. Conversations on Chemistry, Blake's Natural Philosophy, and Vose's Astronomy.

As a frequent change of books is both expensive and injurious, your committee recommend that no new book be introduced into the schools except those recommended by the committee.

All which is most respectively submitted,
N. BOUTON,
E. E. CUMMINGS,
A. P. TENNEY,
E. WORTH.

Voted--To dispense with the Visiting School Committee unless a committee can be found who will perform the duties of said office free of expense to the town.

Voted--To accept the Auditors report.

We the undersigned, being appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Concord for the year past, respectfully

REPORT,

That there was cash in the hands of the Treasurer, March 1835.	\$ 230,53
Charles Hutchins, note, Principal and interest	28,35
Cash received of Showmen	39,00
“ “ Licences	23,00
“ “ Proportion of Literary Fund	204,80
“ “ County, for support of Mary Mayham and outstanding order	118,00
“ “ Town of Weare for support of pauper	19,15
“ “ Town of Orford for support of pauper	43,50
“ “ Samuel G. Potter, outstanding taxes	17,89
“ “ Abner Farnum & als amount of note & interest	15,95
“ “ John Jarvis & others amount of note & interest	24,23
“ “ Zebediah W. Gleason & others note	26,27
“ “ Brooks C. Flanders amount of note and int.	17,32
“ “ Lovejoy's cow	12,00
“ “ Overseer town farm	116,89
“ “ Taxes outstanding	44,83
“ “ Taxes assessed & committed to collectors for 1835.	6038.95

Cash received State treasurer for boun-
 " " ties on Foxes, Crows, &c. 37,75

\$ 7058,41

Which sum is accounted for as follows to wit :

	Charles Hutchins note	28,35
By cash paid	County Treasurer	438,43
" "	State treasurer	1040,00
" "	Receipts for nonresident	
" "	taxes	75,56
" "	Orders for school house tax	525,00
" "	School orders including lit-	
" "	erary fund	1733,15
" "	for roads, bridges, and	
" "	compensation	580,07
" "	for land & surveyor	
" "	support of Paupers	606,10
" "	school committee	75,00
" "	ringing & tolling bells	30,00
" "	Attorney's fees and bills of	
" "	cost	35,75
" "	rations for Militia	154,69
" "	printing, stationary, and	
" "	blank books	44,38
" "	repairing town hall and no-	
" "	tifying Jurors	9,60
" "	school on dark plain	21,00
" "	Guide Boards	23,67
" "	damages on road	80,00
" "	Hospital	221,99
" "	Abatement of Taxes	61,99
" "	Commission of Collector	120,77
" "	Bier for Grave yard at	
" "	Mill Road	1,50
" "	Selectmen, Town Clerk	
" "	& Auditors, for services	435,52
" "	and expenses	
" "	Cash in Treasurers hands	715,89

\$ 7058,41

The foregoing accounts are correctly
 cast and well vouched.

That the state of pauperism may be more clearly understood, the auditors would remark that the whole expense of supporting paupers at the farm the past year, including the salary of the overseer, and the interest on the cost of the farm, amounts to the following sums, to wit :

Amount of property on hand March 1, 1835,	1489,33
Cash and credit in the hands of overseer	35,42
Interest on cost of farm	- - - 240,00
Overseers salary	- - - 250,00
Services of Physicians	- - - 14,00
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	\$ 2028,75

From the foregoing sums should be deducted

Amount of property on hand	
March 1, 1836,	- 1358,49
Cash received of County, for support of M. Mayham	92,00
Town of Orford for support of Mr. Crandall	43,50
Due over and above paying all expense	- 53,40
Paid Treasurer	- - - 116,89
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	1664,28

leaving a balance of - - 364,47

Which is the whole expense of supporting the poor at the farm the past year.

The expense of supporting paupers not at the farm	- - - - 70,95
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Whole expense of Paupers	- - 435,42
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The average number of paupers at the farm for the past year was eighteen, being one more than the number the preceding year, and makes the expense to the town of supporting the poor, at the farm the past year, about 39 cts. per week for each person. The expense of supporting the poor at the farm, for the pre-

ceding year was as appears by the auditors report, a fraction over 40 cents per week for each person.

Which is respectfully submitted by

<p>HENRY SWEETSER, JACOB A. POTTER, DAVID DAVIS JR,</p>	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
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Concord, March, 7, 1836.

*Voted--*To raise sixteen hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year

*Voted--*To reconsider the preceding vote.

*Voted--*To raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year.

*Voted--*To raise the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to defray the necessary charges and expenses of the town the current year.

*Voted--*That the Selectmen be authorised to appropriate such sums as they shall think necessary for the improvement of highways, for the support of the poor and for all other necessary and useful purposes.

*Voted--*To raise the sum of four thousand dollars for the making and repairing of highways, to be laid out at ten cents per hour, and that seven hundred dollars of the same to be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen.

*Voted--*To accept the report of the Committee on the parsonage fund.

Statement of the Parsonage fund belonging to the Town of Concord, March 1st. 1836, viz :

Ten shares in M. C. Bank	1050,00
Thirteen do. " Concord Bank	1326,25
<i>Note,</i> Robert E. Pecker, Jona. E. Lang, Jer. Pecker	1000,00
<i>Note,</i> Peter Elkins, Samuel Coffin, Charles Smart	753,49
Four shares in the Mechanicks Bank	400,00
<i>Note,</i> Robert Davis, Samuel Coffin, Ezra Carter	258,74
<i>Note,</i> Nathan Chandler Jr. Ira Abbot and Ebenezer Fisk	202,26

<i>Note</i> , Ezra Chandler, Ezra Ballard, Laban Page	215,00
<i>Note</i> , Robert E. Pecker, Jon. E. Lang, Jer. Pecker	129,77
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	\$ 5335,51

The interest received the last year was by order of the Selectmen distributed as follows viz :

To the 1st Congregational Society	134,44
“ 2d “ “	57,43
“ West. “ “	39,17
“ Baptist “ “	39,53
“ Methodist “ “	39,20
“ Universalist “ “	16,69
“ Christian Baptist “ “	13,25
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	\$ 339,71

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH LOW, }
ROBERT DAVIS, } *Committee.*

Voted--That the interest of the parsonage fund, be distributed as heretofore.

Voted--To accept the report of the committee on the school and literary fund.

Statement of the School fund belonging to the Town of Concord March 1st 1836, viz :

10 Shares in Concord Bank	1020,00
Dividends now due	110,00
Deposit in Savings Bank	648,00
Interest to March 1st. 1836	69,15
3 Shares in Mechanicks Bank	300,00
Dividends due	18,00
<i>Note</i> , R. H. Ayer, Isaac Hill, I. F. Williams	501,85
Interest to Feb. 22 1836	169,61
<i>Note</i> , Isaac Hill, R. H. Ayer, I. F. Williams	520,64
Interest to Feb. 22, 1836,	176,88
<i>Note</i> , Josiah Furnald, Samuel B. Lock John Lock	300,00
Interest to March 1st. 1836	56,70
<i>Note</i> , Stephen Brown, Wm. Low. P. Watson	237,21

Interest to March 1st. 1836

34,25

\$ 4162,29JOSEPH LOW, }
ROBERT DAVIS, }

Committee.

Concord March 1st. 1836.

*Voted--*That the whole of the literary fund be distributed equally among the several school districts in town.

The 10th article was dismissed.

*Voted--*That one hundred dollars of the money raised be appropriated to the repair of the fire engines.

*Voted--*That the same part of the Police Laws of the town of Portsmouth, as was adopted the past year be adopted the current year.

*Voted--*To adopt all the laws of this state defining the powers and duties of firewards and other persons, in certain cases, except that part of the 10th sect. of the law passed Dec, 16th, 1828, which says, "and every such house or building which has eight fireplaces, shall be provided with four such buckets; and every such house or building which has more than eight fireplaces, shall be provided with six such buckets," provided that every such house or building which has eight or more fireplaces, shall be provided with three such buckets; and that the inhabitants of this town living more than half a mile, in any direction, from a line, beginning at the old north meeting house, and running southerly through the main street to Concord Bridge; and the inhabitants living more than half a mile in any direction from Orlando Brown's house in the west village; and the inhabitants living more than three quarters of a mile in any direction from Stephen Ambrose's store in the east village, be exempt from the operation of the whole of the said 10th section.

*Voted--*To adopt the same By Laws to prevent horses, cattle, sheep and swine from going at large, as were adopted the past year; which is that no horses, cattle, sheep, or swine shall be allowed to go at large without the permission of the Selectmen.

Voted--To adopt the laws passed January 4, 1833, regulating the office of Constable.

Voted--That the Selectmen be a committee to convey in the name and behalf of the town of Concord, to Samuel Currier the land and buildings formerly owned by him, and conveyed to said town, on his paying the sum advanced to him for the same and annual interest thereon.

Voted--That the Selectmen be authorized to agree with Nathan Abbot and sons, Samuel B. Knowles, and Reuben Goodwin on a committee to examine and award damages for land taken for a road which report shall be final and conclusive.

Voted--To adopt the act passed June 27th, 1835, for the prevention of the Small Pox, and for other purposes.

Voted--That the Selectmen be authorized to demand the highest sum of Showmen in all cases.

Voted--That the Selectmen be authorized to withhold licences for the sale of ardent spirit.

Voted--That the Selectmen be authorized to locate and build a Pound on the East side of the river.

Voted--That the 20th article in which is embraced the subject of recording the births, marriages, and deaths, be referred to the Selectmen, and they be authorized to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient.

Voted--That the proceedings of this meeting, and all reports, together with the By Laws of the Firewards, and the names of all persons on the check list, be published in pamphlet form and distributed.

Voted--That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase land for a burying ground in West Village.

Voted--To accept the proposals of Abraham Bean, to collect the taxes in West District at 6 mills, the South District at 2 cents and 4 mills, and the East District at 9 mills on the dollar.

Voted--That the Selectmen appoint Abraham Bean a collector of taxes for the current year.

Voted--That the Poor House on the town farm be

made a House of Correction, and the overseer of said farm be Keeper of the same.

The 21st article was dismissed.

Voted--That the subject embraced in the 22d article be referred to the Selectmen, and they be requested to report a statement of facts at the next annual meeting.

Voted--That the Selectmen be authorized to request the proprietors of the Hay Scales near Mr. Asaph Evan's store to be removed before the first day of August next.

The meeting was then dissolved.

J. E. LANG, *Town Clerk.*

Rules and Regulations, made and ordained by the Firewards of Concord, respecting the kindling, guarding, and safe keeping of fires, and also for the prevention and extinguishing of fires &c. March 12th. 1836.

Resolved--That from and after the twelfth day of March, in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six. The following rules and regulations for preventing fires be observed by all persons dwelling or being within those portions of the town of Concord, included within the following limits, to wit :---Within the the territory bounded on the east by Merrimack river, on the west, by a line running paralell with the Main street and one mile west from said street ; on the south, by a line running from Merrimack river at a point forty rods south of Concord Bridge and thence west to the line above mentioned ; and on the north, by a line running east and west crossing the highway leading to Boscawen at the causeway over Woodsbrook, so called, north of George Arlin's house, and extending from Merrimack river to the line first above mentioned. Also, within the territory lying within one mile of the store of Stephen Ambrose ; and also, within the territory lying within three fourths of a mile of Orlando Brown's tavern, to wit :

First--All ashes kept in any building shall be deposited in vessels made of iron, tin or other metals, or in apartments made of materials not combustible ; and any wooden vessel in which ashes are deposited, shall be placed and kept at least fifteen feet from any building or other combustible matter, provided that nothing in this article shall be construed or taken to prevent depositing ashes in a leach-tub but for the purpose of bleaching or making soap, the same being immediately wet.

Second--All shavings, or chips of wood, shall be seasonably removed from all buildings and deposited in suitable places, or burned under the direction of the Firewards ; and no shavings, or other combustible, shall be burned in any street or highway, or within ten rods of any building, without permission first obtained of one of the Firewards.

Third--No person shall carry or have a lighted cigar or pipe in any barn, shed, or stable, either by day or by night.

Fourth--No person shall carry any lighted torch or fire, by night or by day, within forty feet of any building, lumber, or other combustible matter, the burning of which would endanger the property of any person or persons, unless the said torch or fire be contained in a covered vessel, made of incombustible materials.

Fifth--It shall be the duty of every person or persons to make such alterations in his or her fire places, hearth, chimneys, stoves and stove pipes or funnels as any two or more of the Firewards shall direct ; and such alterations shall be made within three days after notice to such person or persons shall be given by said Firewards ; Provided that any person or persons notified as aforesaid, to make any such alterations as aforesaid, shall be excused from making the same, on his or their promising within said three days, the consent, in writing, of a majority of all the Firewards of said town.

Sixth--Every person, who shall violate any of the foregoing regulations, shall forfeit and pay for each

and every offence, a sum not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than one dollar, to be sued for and recovered according to the provision of the statute, in such case made and provided.

RICHARD BRADLEY, ROBERT EASTMAN,
E. S. TOWLE, ROBERT DAVIS,
WM. LOW, ISAAC EASTMAN,
SAMUEL COFFIN, PHILIP SARGENT,
CYRUS ROBINSON, JOHN PUTNEY,
WILLIAM GAULT,

Firewards of the Town of Concord.

The foregoing regulations were posted up in the most public places in the town of Concord on the 17th day of March 1836.

J. E. LANG, *Town Clerk.*

The following appointments have been made by the Selectmen for the current year,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE *for the examination of teachers &c.*

Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Ebenezer E. Cummings, Asa P. Tenney and Edmund Worth

PHYSICIAN for attending the Poor and agent for vaccinating all the inhabitants of the town, Doct. Ezra Carter.

OVERSEER of the Alms House and keeper of the House of Correction, James Hoit.

POLICE OFFICERS Luther Roby, John Miller, John P. Gass, Seth Eastman, Aaron Carter, Abraham Bean and Hiram Farnum.

TOWN CRIER, Cooper Frost.