

**PROCEEDINGS**  
 OF THE  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**IN CONCORD,**  
**MARCH 14, 15, 16 & 17,**  
**1843.**

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At a legal town meeting, duly notified and holden at Concord, in the county of Merrimack, on the second Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, the following votes were given in

FOR MODERATOR.

Whole number of votes cast,	879
Necessary to a choice,	440
George Minot	had 1 vote.
Joseph Law	" 1
G. Varden	" 1
Cyrus Robinson	" 17
Robert Davis	" 166
Franklin Pierce	" 341
Joseph Low	" 352

(No choice.)

*Second balloting for Moderator.*

Whole number of votes cast,	821
Necessary to a choice,	411
George Minot	had 1 vote.
Cyrus Robinson	" 3
Robert Davis	" 74
Franklin Pierce	" 355
Joseph Low	" 388

(No choice.)

*Third balloting for Moderator.*

Whole number of votes cast,		873
Necessary to a choice,		437
George Arlin	had	1 vote.
Thomas J. Tufts	"	1
William Low	"	1
Cyrus Robinson	"	2
Robert Davis	"	47
Franklin Pierce	"	375
Joseph Low	"	446

Joseph Low, having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

## FOR GOVERNOR.

Anthony Colby	had	395 votes.
Henry Hubbard	"	364
John H. White	"	191
Daniel Hoit	"	37
John B. Chandler	"	1

*For Representatives in Congress.*

Ichabod Goodwin	had	399 votes.
George W. Nesmith	"	399
Enos Stevens	"	397
Joseph Sawyer	"	397
John R. Reding	"	366
Edmund Burke	"	367
Moses Norris, Jr.	"	364
John P. Hale	"	368
John Page	"	188
James Clark	"	186
Israel Hunt, Jr.	"	184
Abner Greenleaf	"	185
Joseph Cilley	"	39
Jared Perkins	"	39
Daniel Adams	"	38
Isaac Crosby	"	37
George W. Safford	"	1
Newell J. McClure	"	3
Thomas W. Dorr	"	1
Mike Walsh	"	1
Nath'l P. Rogers	"	1

## FOR COUNSELLOR.

William Choate	had	401 votes.
Elijah R. Currier	"	372
James B. Creighton	"	183
Jesse Woodbury	"	34

## FOR SENATOR.

Morril Shepard	had	399 votes.
Isaac Hale	"	372
James Cochran	"	185
Samuel Forrest	"	37
James Batchelder	"	1

## FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Joseph Morrill	had	396 votes.
Mitchel Gilmore, Jr.	"	386
Thomas H. Bartlett	"	172
Samuel Morrison	"	37
H. Currier	"	1

## FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

James Wilson	had	399 votes.
True George	"	372
Reuben Porter	"	185
Albe Cady	"	37

## FOR ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Simeon B. Little	had	401 votes.
Jeremiah Tilton	"	398
Daniel George	"	398
Joseph Sweat	"	370
Robert Wilson	"	370
Matthew Gault	"	550
Richard Greenough	"	184
Moses Brown	"	184
Moody A. Pillsbury	"	37
Epps Burnham,	"	37
John A. Chamberlain	"	37
Franklin Eastman	"	2
Joseph A. Pearson	"	1
True Osgood	"	1
N. J. McClure,	"	1
John D. Caswell	"	1

*First ballot for Representatives to the General Court.*

Whole number of votes cast,	4907
Necessary to a choice,	491
John Eastman had	396 votes.
Henry Rolfe “	395
Charles Eastman “	392
Theodore T. Abbot “	380
Abel Hutchins “	375
Jacob Carter “	380
Asa Fowler “	371
Nathaniel Rolfe “	371
Jacob A. Potter “	358
Joseph Robinson “	358
Laban Page “	183
William Page “	183
Luther Roby “	182
Isaac Dow “	181
Abraham Prescott “	175
John Munroe “	39
Nathaniel Abbot “	38
Epps Burnham “	37
Asa Morrill “	37
Joel S. Morrill “	35
Ira Perley “	19
David Allison “	6
Daniel Knowlton “	3
True Osgood “	3
John D. Caswell “	3
George W. Dow “	1
Thomas H. Dow “	1
William M. Carter “	1
William Pecker “	1
John L. Tallant “	1
William Low “	1
Cyrus Robinson “	1

(No choice.)

*Voted*, to adjourn till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1843.

Met according to adjournment.

*Second ballot for Representatives.*

Whole number of votes cast,		4785	
Necessary to a choice,		479	
Laban Page	had	469	votes.
Ira Perley	"	434	
Charles Eastman	"	434	
John Eastman	"	432	
Henry Rolfe	"	417	
Jacob Carter	"	372	
Nathaniel Rolfe	"	365	
Asa Fowler	"	365	
Joseph Robinson	"	351	
Jacob A. Potter	"	345	
Isaac Dow	"	152	
Abraham Prescott	"	149	
Luther Roby	"	149	
William Page	"	146	
Theodore T. Abbot	"	99	
Nathaniel Abbot	"	15	
Asa Morrill	"	15	
John Munroe	"	15	
Joel S. Morrill	"	14	
Epps Burnham	"	13	
Abel Hutchins	"	13	
Franklin Pierce	"	3	
David Allison	"	2	
William Dow	"	2	
George W. Moulton	"	1	
Daniel Flanders, Jr.	"	1	
Thomas W. Dorr	"	1	
Oliver Hoit	"	1	
Thos. C. Campbell	"	1	
John Eastman, Jr.	"	1	
Hosea Barton	"	1	
G. Varden SMIKE	"	1	
Perkins Kimball	"	1	
Henry Farnum	"	1	
William Pecker	"	1	

Francis N. Fisk	had	1
Ezra Ballard	"	1
(No choice.)		

*Third ballot for Representatives.*

Whole number of votes cast,		4735
Necessary to a choice,		474
Ira Perley	had	428 votes.
John Eastman	"	424
Charles Eastman	"	422
Henry Rolfe	"	417
Jacob Carter	"	364
Nathaniel Rolfe	"	358
Asa Fowler	"	356
Joseph Robinson	"	350
Jacob A. Potter	"	345
Laban Page	"	352
T. T. Abbot	"	192
Isaac Dow	"	136
William Page	"	134
Luther Roby	"	133
Abraham Prescott	"	132
John Munroe	"	5
Abel Hutchins	"	4
Nathaniel Abbot	"	4
Epps Burnham	"	4
Asa Morrill	"	4
Joel S. Morrill	"	4
G. Varden Smike	"	2
Nathaniel Baker	"	1
Richard Bradley	"	1
Frederick Allison	"	1
Ezra T. Pike	"	1
Frank S. West	"	1
Geo. G. Estabrook	"	1
Elder Lane	"	1
Cheevy Chase	"	1
Asa Clough	"	1
Jacob Clough	"	1
John Clough	"	1
Jacob Chase	"	1
Moses Chamberlain	"	1
Asa T. Walker	"	1

Joseph Walker	had	1
John Hook	“	1
John Miller	“	1
Rufus Kimball	“	1
Elbridge G. Chase	“	1
J. Carter	“	1
Franklin Pierce	“	1

(No choice.)

*Fourth ballot for Representatives.*

Whole number of votes cast,		4907
Necessary to a choice,		491
John Eastman	had	396 votes.
Henry Rolfe	“	395
Charles Eastman	“	392
Theodore T. Abbot	“	380
Jacob Carter	“	380
Abel Hutchins	“	375
Asa Fowler	“	371
Nathaniel Rolfe	“	371
Joseph Robinson	“	358
Jacob A Potter	“	358
Laban Page	“	183
William Page	“	183
Luther Roby	“	182
Isaac Dow	“	181
Abraham Prescott	“	175
John Munroe	“	39
Nathaniel Abbot	“	38
Epps Burnham	“	37
Asa Morrill	“	37
Joel S. Morrill	“	35
Ira Perley	“	19
David Allison	“	6
Daniel Knowlton	“	3
John D. Caswell	“	3
True Osgood	“	3
Cyrus Robinson	“	1
John L. Tallant	“	1
William M. Carter	“	1
William Low	“	1
William Pecker	“	1

Thomas H. Dow had	1
George W. Dow “	1

(No choice.)

*Voted, To adjourn till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.*

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1843.

Met according to adjournment.

*Ballot for Town-Clerk.*

Whole number of votes cast,	618
Necessary to a choice,	310
Jacob C. Carter had	273 votes.
Rodney G. Cutting “	221
John P. Johnson “	94
Ab'm J. Prescott “	16
John D. Norton “	8
George Porter “	2
Moses Boyce “	1
Calvin Dustin “	1
Joel S. Morrill “	1
G. Varden “	1

(No choice.)

*Second ballot for Town-Clerk.*

Whole number of votes cast,	646
Necessary to a choice,	324
Jacob C. Carter had	297 votes.
Rodney G. Cutting “	241
John P. Johnson “	75
Ab'm J. Prescott “	21
John D. Norton “	7
Joel H. Puffer “	1
Henry B. Foster “	1
Atkinson Webster “	1
Samuel Evans, Jr. “	1
Nathaniel Abbot “	1

(No choice.)

*Third ballot for Town-Clerk.*

Whole number of votes cast,	624
Necessary to a choice,	313
Jacob C. Carter had	299 votes.
Rodney G. Cutting "	230
John P. Johnson "	61
Ab'm J. Prescott "	27
John D. Norton "	4
Samuel M. Griffin "	1
George Rines "	1
Henry Foster "	1

(No choice.)

*Fourth ballot for Town-Clerk.*

Whole number of votes cast,	617
Necessary to a choice,	309
Jacob C. Carter had	293 votes.
Rodney G. Cutting "	223
John P. Johnson "	69
Ab'm J. Prescott "	12
John D. Norton "	12
Geo. H. H. Silsby "	3
James C. Currier "	1
George W. Safford "	1
John Glover "	1
Joseph G. Wyatt "	1
Edward B. Lewis "	1

(No choice.)

*Fifth ballot for Town-Clerk.*

Whole number of votes cast,	725
Necessary to a choice,	363
Jacob C. Carter had	326 votes.
Rodney G. Cutting "	296
John P. Johnson "	66
Ab'm J. Prescott "	22
John D. Norton "	7
Geo. H. H. Silsby "	3
H. B. Crockett "	2
Jacob A. Potter "	1
John G. Pearsons "	1
N. P. Rogers "	1

(No choice.)

*Sixth ballot for Town-Clerk.*

Whole number of votes cast,	704
Necessary to a choice,	353
Jacob C. Carter had	306 votes.
Rodney G. Cutting “	297
John P. Johnson “	71
Ab'm J. Prescott “	15
Geo. H. H. Silsby “	7
John D. Norton “	4
Jacob A. Potter “	1
Nath'l P. Rogers “	1
G. H. Batchelder “	1
H. B. Crockett “	1

(No choice.)

*Voted*, To adjourn till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1843.

Met according to adjournment.

*Seventh ballot for Town-Clerk.*

Whole number of votes cast,	466
Necessary to a choice,	234
Jacob C. Carter had	154 votes.
John P. Johnson “	234
Rodney G. Cutting “	44
John D. Norton “	16
Ab'm J. Prescott “	7
John P. Gass “	7
Geo. H. H. Silsby “	2
Samuel Evans, Jr. “	1
Nath'l Evans, Jr. “	1

And John P. Johnson, having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the moderator duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

*First ballot for Selectmen.*

Whole number of votes cast,	1514
Necessary to a choice,	253

Nathan Stickney	had	282	votes.
Ira Rowell	"	266	
Thomas Potter	"	251	
Jeremiah Fowler	"	188	
William M. Carter	"	183	
John L. Tallant,	"	178	
Abraham Bean	"	54	
Jeremiah S. Noyes	"	54	
Shadrach Seavey	"	48	
William P. Hardy	"	1	
Amos B. Currier	"	1	
T. K. Dudley	"	1	
Laban Page	"	1	
John P. Gass	"	1	
Jos. Eastman, Jr.	"	1	
Bill Chokoff	"	1	
Jo Twaddler	"	1	
Simon Mongrel	"	1	
Rodney G. Cutting	"	1	

And Nathan Stickney and Ira Rowell, having a majority of all the votes given in, were declared by the moderator duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

*Second ballot for Selectmen.*

Whole number of votes cast,	498
Necessary to a choice,	250
Thomas Potter	had 261 votes.
William M. Carter	" 160
Jeremiah S. Noyes	" 23
Abraham Bean	" 18
John L. Tallant	" 14
Jeremiah Fowler	" 5
William Walker	" 5
S. A. Morrison,	" 4
Shadrach Seavey	" 2
John P. Gass	" 2
Timothy Davis, Jr.	" 1
Asaph Abbot	" 1
Thomas W. Dorr	" 1
John Christie	" 1

And Thomas Potter, having a majority of all the votes

given in, was declared by the moderator duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

*For Highway Surveyors.*

*Chose* John F. Chaffin, James Buswell, Isaac Abbot, Moses Shute, John E. Proctor, Andrew Seavey, Nathan K. Abbot, Isaac Emerson, Abiel C. Carter, Alpheus Goodwin, Jacob Dow, Alexander Thompson, Zebadiah W. Gleason, Theodore F. Elliot, Amos Sawyer, Amos Hoit, Isaac Runnels, Joseph Eastman, Robert Eastman, Abraham Bean, James Lock, Calvin Mooney, George G. Virgin, Amos Bean, Samuel B. Larkin, Benjamin Rolfe, Samuel B. Knowles, Nathan Chandler, 2d, Daniel Clark, *Highway Surveyors.*

*For Firewards.*

*Chose* Isaac Eastman, Cyrus Robinson, Daniel Davis, Jr., Harry Houston, Samuel Coffin, James Buswell, Luther Roby, James Woolson, David Allison, Benjamin Parker, Wm. Restieaux, Seth Eastman, Enos Blake, Joseph P. Stickney, Ephraim Hutchins, Charles Hutchins, William M. Carter, Jonathan Sanborn, John McDaniel, Moses Shute, Jacob Carter, Joseph Low, Horatio G. Belknap, George W. Brown, Robert Eastman, *Firewards.*

*For Constables.*

*Chose* Abraham Bean, Samuel Clifford, Isaac Eastman, Enoch H. Dow, John Abbot, Nathan Chandler, 2d, Charles Smart, Charles Mills, Charles P. Blanchard, Albert Webster, Samuel Coffin, Samuel Shute, George W. Brown, George W. Dow, Rufus D. Scales, Abraham J. Prescott, Harry Houston, Jacob Flanders, Joseph Graham, John Renton, Henry M. Moore, Jacob Dow, *Constables.*

*For Fence-Viewers.*

*Chose* Moses Shute, Jeremiah Pecker, Isaac Farnum, *Fence-Viewers.*

*Auditors of Accounts.*

*Chose* Samuel Coffin, John Whipple, John L. Eastman, *Auditors of Accounts.*

*Cullers of Staves.*

*Chose* Leonard Bell, Samuel Curtis, William Haywood,

Dudley Clifford, John Parker, David Abbot, Abraham Bean, *Cullers of Staves.*

*For Surveyors of Lumber.*

Chose Philip Sargent, Daniel Rand, David Abbot, Henry M. Moore, Rufus Abbot, J. Pecker, N. Call, A. Baker, G. F. Sanborn, A. Morse, E. F. Elliot, G. Wilkins, D. Fletcher, I. Abbot, S. Hutchins, Jr., P. Cleaves, H. Melvin, A. Webster, I. Eastman, John Ewer, Asa H. Morrill, H. Burgin, J. Eastman, I. Emery, Jr., C. P. Blanchard, D. Elliot, W. S. Brown, S. Seavey, John G. Warren, Joseph F. Dow, Samuel Shute, N. C. Elliot, Daniel Dunlap, Nath'l Rolfe, and Chas. Graham, *Surveyors of Lumber.*

*For Corders of Wood.*

Chose F. A. Fisk, Daniel Davis, C. H. Clough, Seth Eastman, Cyrus Robinson, Orin Foster, Timothy C. Rolfe, Philip Sargent, John McDaniel, John L. Tallant, Nath'l H. Sanborn, Jonathan E. Lang, George G. Virgin, M. Tubbs, H. Burgin, R. G. Cutting, and Isaac Eastman, *Corders of Wood.*

*Weighers of Hay.*

Chose James Moore, F. A. Fisk, C. H. Clough, William M. Carter, J. Gass, O. Foster, John Pettengill, Nathan Chandler, Jr., G. W. Brown, N. H. Sanborn, Isaac Eastman, Cyrus Robinson, Leonard Bell, Wm. P. Hardy, and Samuel Whitney, *Weighers of Hay.*

*Sealers of Leather.*

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

*Sealers of Weights and Measures.*

Chose Seth Eastman, Ivory Hall and L. R. Handerson, *Sealers of Weights and Measures.*

*Pound Keepers.*

Chose Hiram Farnum and Simeon Abbot, *Pound-Keepers.*

*Clerk of the Market.*

Chose Seth Eastman *Clerk of the Market.*

*Haywards.*

*Chose* Samuel Coffin for *Hayward*.

*Hog-Reeves.*

*Chose* John Abbot, Alfred C. Abbot, John Wheeler, Robert Hardy, Asa H. Morrill, William H. Page, John G. Warren, Gilman W. Holt, David G. Gile, William Thompson, Thomas Eastman, George W. Dow, Asaph Abbot, Ira Cutting, John Seavey, Joseph L. Sanders, Samuel B. Knowles, Newell S. Coffin, Roswell Silver, Gilbert Bullock, Reuben D. Moores, Isaac Clement, Joseph Mansur, David Burnham, Amos E. Hoyt, Lewis Devon, Timothy Haynes, Henry Farnum, Calvin Mooney, Elbridge G. Dammell, Ephraim Eaton, Levi W. Brown, Robert N. Corning, William D. Buck, Philip Watson, Nathaniel H. Sanborn, Joshua Perry, Benjamin Gale, Jr., Jacob Dow, Samuel M. Griffin, Rufus D. Scales, Thomas W. Abbot, George F. Sanborn, Pierre Parmentier, Daniel A. Hill, George Main, John Hutchinson, William Wallace, E. B. Tenney, C. F. E. Roby, John P. Johnson, Luther C. Pillsbury, Rufus E. Kimball, George B. Elliot, John W. Carter, Benjamin F. Dow, Oscar Knox, Oliver Greeley, Jeremiah Berry, Benjamin Grover, Nathaniel G. Wiggins, Lorenzo D. Sherburne, Uriah H. Foss, John P. Osgood, George H. Abbot, Nathaniel Evans, Rufus L. Tay, Joseph S. Staples, Ira R. Philbrick, *Hog-Reeves*.

The following preamble and resolution were presented and adopted.

*Whereas* for several years last past the town of Concord, on the fourth of July and at other times, has been disturbed by riots and disturbances by the assembling of numerous unknown individuals, and the lives and property of our good citizens exposed and greatly endangered—therefore,

*Resolved*, That Isaac Eastman, Abraham Bean, Josiah K. Lock, Heman Sanborn, Jacob A. Potter, John L. Talant, Amos Bean, Jonathan A. Palmer, Charles P. Blanchard, Rufus D. Scales, Harry Houston, Joseph Eastman, Jr., John P. Gass, Joseph Low, Nathaniel B. Baker, Albert Webster, Moses Ordway, Seth Eastman, Samuel Clifford, Charles Graham, Nathan Call, John Pettengill, Richard

Pinkham, Harrison Messer, Mical Tubbs, William Restieaux, Joseph G. Wyatt, Nathaniel H. Osgood, A. C. Blodgett and Thomas B. Sargent, together with the police, be appointed to keep the peace, and to assist in quelling any and all disturbances that may happen in said Concord on said fourth day of July, and other times; and the selectmen of said town are authorized to pay said constables a reasonable compensation for all such services as may be rendered by them on said occasion.

*Voted*, To accept the following report :

### AUDITORS' REPORT.

*The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the year 1842, ask leave to report :*

We have attended to the duty assigned us, and have found the accounts of the selectmen and acting treasurer well vouched and correctly cast.

1842.

March 7. Cash on hand,	\$282.50
Taxes assessed and committed to collector, A. Bean,	9771.58
Cash received for licenses,	30.00
Cash of state treasurer, for Literary Fund,	243.94
Cash of conditional exempts,	6.00
Cash of A. Walker and als., for land sold from Town Farm,	126.34
Cash borrowed of Timothy Walker,	2000.00
Cash borrowed of F. N. Fisk,	1000.00
Cash borrowed of Maria Ridgeway,	2000.00
Cash borrowed of town committee,	3771.00
Cash received of Joseph Low, for cost,	16.84
Cash received of George Hutchins and Joseph Low, for interest,	14.04
Cash received of county of Merrimack, for support of paupers,	445.82
Cash received of town of Epsom, for support of paupers,	11.50
Cash received of Isaac Eastman, for cost,	10.44

Cash received of Rice Corser, for his tax,	8.00
Cash received of Luther Roby,	8.35
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Making in the whole	\$19746.35

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid state treasurer,	1200.00
Paid county treasurer,	485.44
Paid school orders,	2412.51
Paid non res. receipts and dis.,	64.06
Paid abatement of taxes,	163.34
Paid for repairs of roads, bridges and for com- pensation for land,	8772.64
Paid superintending school committee,	75.00
Paid for support of paupers, 1841,	301.23
Paid for support of paupers, 1842,	1197.82
Paid for rations and services of militia,	529.50
Paid for printing and stationery,	79.61
Paid for repairs of buildings at farm,	725.73
Paid bills of cost and professional services,	344.30
Paid for burying ground and fence,	566.18
Paid for ringing and tolling bells,	115.00
Paid insurance assessments,	17.42
Paid for recording deeds,	1.92
Paid for repairs of town hall,	7.00
Paid for office rent and fuel,	12.25
Paid borrowed money and interest,	434.24
Paid town-clerk's services,	44.00
Paid commission to collector Bean,	150.00
Paid selectmen's services and expenses,	547.66
Paid tax in school district No. 24,	14.00
Paid auditors and expenses,	6.75
Paid appropriation, district No. 3,	20.00

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\$18287.60

Which leaves a balance in the hands of the act-  
ing treasurer of

1458.75

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\$19746.35

Of which sum there was, on the day of settle-  
ment, in the hands of collector Bean,

202.40

There is due from the town, to Abiel Walker,  
three notes of \$800 each,

2400.00

Timothy Walker, two notes of 1000 each,	2000.00
Francis N. Fisk, one note,	1000.00
Maria Ridgeway, one note,	2000.00
Town committee, one note,	3771.00
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Making in the whole,	\$11171.00
Deduct the sum which is in the hands of the treasurer, and collector Bean,	1458.75
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Leaves a balance due from the town,	\$9712.25
The auditors would further state, that the whole expense of supporting the poor at the farm the past year amounts to the following sums :	
Amount of property on hand March 1, 1842,	\$1288.37
Cash of selectmen,	215.00
Salary of physician,	21.00
Salary of overseer,	250.00
Interest on poor farm,	240.00
Pork, &c.,	10.64
Apples and cider,	4.00
Claim vs. County, March 1, 1842,	68.00
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Making,	\$2097.01
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By amount of property on hand, March 1, 1843,	1372.88
By cash on hand and due from sundry individ- uals,	45.11
By cash recived from the county, for the sup- port of paupers at the farm the past year,	297.28
By cash due from the county for the support of paupers,	163.00
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	\$1878.27
Leaving a balance of	218.74
Which is the expense of supporting paupers at the farm.	
The average number of paupers at the farm for the past year has been twenty-one, and makes the expense for each pauper about ten dollars forty-two cents each.	
The whole amount of support of paupers for the past year, including \$301.33 which was paid for the support of paupers in 1841, is	
	\$1499.05
Received from the county, and town of Ep- som, for support of paupers for past year,	457.32
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Leaves a balance of	\$1041.73

Which has been expended for the support of paupers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL COFFIN,  
JOHN WHIPPLE,  
JOHN L. EASTMAN.

March 9, 1843.

Voted, to accept the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOWN FUNDS.

*The Committee having in charge the various funds of the town of Concord, offer the following statement for the consideration of the town :*

PARSONAGE FUND.

The original amount of which was	\$5335.51
and is now invested as follows, to wit. :	
13 shares in Concord Bank, cost	1326.25
10 shares in Merrimack County Bank, cost - - - -	1050.00
4 shares in Mechanicks Bank, cost	400.00
Note, March 3, 1843, R. E. Pecker, Jona. E. Lang, Wm. Pecker,	964.77
Note, June 18, 1840, Abraham Prescott, Benjamin Eastman, A. J. Prescott,	473.74
Loaned to the town, on certificate of selectmen,	1120.75
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	\$5335.51

The income arising from this fund for 1842 was as follows, to wit. :

Dividend from Mechanicks Bank,	24.00
“ “ Merrimack County Bank,	60.00
Interest from Pecker & Lang,	57.89
“ “ N. Chandler,	3.44
“ “ Rail-road stock sold,	90.00
“ due A. Prescott to Jan. 1, 1843,	28.42
“ “ town, to Jan. 5, 1843,	33.62
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	\$297.37

## SCHOOL FUND.

The School Fund now consists of the following investments:

10 shares in Concord Bank, cost	\$1020.25
3 " in Mechanicks Bank, cost	300.00
Note, March 3, 1843, R. H. Ayer, Amos G. Gale, Isaac Hill,	711.87
Note, March 3, 1843, Isaac Hill, R. H. Ayer, Amos G. Gale,	738.51
Note, June 6, 1839, Geo. W. Moulton, Joseph Eastman, jr. Alpheus W. Clough,	200.00
Loaned to the town, on certificate of selectmen,	1994.96
Received interest on note, I. Hill and others, to March 3, 1843,	126.95
" " " " G. W. Moulton and als., and principal,	118.00
" " " " R. H. Ayer and als.,	96.38
" Dividend at Mechanicks Bank,	54.00
" Interest on Rail-Road stock sold,	96.13
	<u>\$5457.05</u>

## SURPLUS REVENUE FUND.

This fund is invested as follows:

Note of Lewis Downing, Theodore French, George Kent, Josiah Rogers, Josiah Rog- ers, jr., John Brown, on which there is due, as is supposed, the sum of	\$2000.00
with interest from March 10, 1840,	360.00
Note, July 10, 1837, Hall Burgin, Wm. Kent, George Kent, Wm. A. Kent,	2000.00
Interest due March 1, 1843,	32.86
Land set off on execution against George Kent, and unsold, as appraised,	570.00
Loaned to town,	655.29
Three notes of Samuel Tallant, of March 13, 1843, for \$250 each, secured by mortgage of real estate,	750.00
Received for interest and for land sold, &c., and not invested,	494.19
Respectfully submitted by	<u>\$6862.34</u>

SAMUEL COFFIN, SETH EASTMAN, FRANCIS N. FISK,	} Committee.
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## REPORT

*Of the Superintending School Committee for the year ending March, 1843.*

*The Superintending Committee of Schools in Concord, having attended to the duties assigned them, respectfully present to the town the following*

## REPORT.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Summer schools were kept, as usual, in the several districts, by females; which, as will appear from the annexed table, were attended by 897 scholars. The number of weeks kept was 302, making an average to each school of about 14 weeks.

## WINTER SCHOOLS.

Schools were kept in all the districts, mostly by male teachers, during the fall and winter. The subjoined table will give the number of weeks kept, and of scholars in each school. The total number of scholars is 1165, and of weeks kept 294—or, an average of 14 to each school.

The committee are happy to be able to state that, with few exceptions, the teachers in our several schools have been well qualified for their work, and under their instruction good improvement has been made by the scholars in the various branches of study. In district No. 13 a teacher was engaged, and commenced the school, without being examined by the committee: but proved to be incompetent either to teach or govern the school, and was consequently dismissed by the district after keeping about six weeks: also, in district No. 15, the school was commenced by a teacher without a certificate from the committee; and he likewise proved to be incompetent, and was dismissed in two weeks. In view of these cases the committee would remind their fellow-citizens, and particularly the district agents, that the law expressly declares that 'no person shall be employed as a school-master in any of the schools in this state, unless he shall produce a certificate from the superintending school committee of the town where such school shall be kept; and also, from some person of liberal education, literary pursuits and good moral character, that he is well qualified to instruct youth in the various sounds and powers of the letters in the English language, reading,

writing, English grammar, arithmetic, geography, and such other branches of education as may be proper to be taught in an English school: and also a certificate from the selectmen of the town where he belongs, of good moral character.' And further, the law declares that 'no person who shall teach any school, without producing the requisite certificates to the district committee, *prior* to commencing the school, shall have or receive any thing for his services; but shall be forever barred from recovering the same.' Although the superintending committee may sometimes misjudge, and give a certificate to an unqualified person, yet experience proves that the provisions of the law are wise and salutary; and that a person who neglects or refuses to be examined, furnishes presumptive evidence that he is not qualified.

The committee beg leave to call attention to the state of the schools in districts Nos. 3, 9, 10 and 11. The number of scholars in attendance in district No. 3, in the winter term, was 78. Though, under the instruction of an able and efficient teacher they appeared well on examination, yet they were so crowded together as to be seriously incommoded, and their health endangered from a stifled and infected atmosphere. The school-house is also out of repair, and there appeared to the committee an urgent necessity of providing a house more spacious, or of dividing the district so as better to accommodate the scholars.

In districts Nos. 9 and 10 the evils above referred to are still greater. The school-houses in both these districts are divided by thin partitions, and two departments kept both summer and winter. The number of scholars actually attending school in district No. 9 was 124: but the space in both apartments is not sufficient for the comfortable accommodation of more than half that number. In the centre district of the village, No. 10, there are not less than 400 scholars. But the school-house being altogether too small for their accommodation, branch schools have been kept during the warm season, in hired rooms, in two other places. Although the inconvenience is less in district No. 11, yet there the winter school has been excessively crowded. So great has been the increase of scholars in these three districts within a few years, that, besides the large number that attend public schools, there are not less than seven private schools, besides the academy, taught

nearly the year round. Adequate provision for the education of this large number of children and youth requires, either the enlargement of the present school-houses or the erection of at least two new ones; or some other arrangement that will allow scholars of certain age and attainments to go into a school where they may be taught to better advantage the higher branches of an English education.

Though it is not the duty of your committee to propose any specific plan, yet the importance of the subject, and their interest in it in common with their fellow citizens, will justify two or three suggestions. According to the present arrangement of our school system it is impossible to raise the standard of education; but parents who desire to have their children taught any thing more than the elementary branches must be at the expense of doing it in private schools, in addition to their school tax. Though a few families may be able and willing to do this, yet to the great majority it is impossible: but in education every advantage which the state can give ought to be equally open to all. Here, not less certainly than in religion, the rich and the poor should meet together. When we reflect on the value of a good education to all classes of society; on the elevation it gives to character; on the capacity it confers to pursue, more skillfully and successfully, the various branches of business, and on the great truth that the basis and support of our free institutions are the intelligence and virtue of the people, we cannot too strongly feel the importance of giving to all our youth, who are disposed, an opportunity to acquire a more complete education than our present system allows.

The plan which has been successfully adopted in other places similarly situated, is to establish a school in which the higher English branches shall be taught, open equally to all scholars who have made certain attainments in study, and arrived at a certain age. Such a school, taught by a competent instructor, would tend to raise the standard of study in the other schools, which might be considered as branches of it, and from which all its scholars were to be drawn, and it would effectually relieve on the one hand the expensive burden of private schools, and on the other the regret and complaint of many families, that they cannot

give their children advantages for education equal to the more wealthy.

A school on the plan here suggested might be so arranged in classes as to accommodate any number of scholars from 50 to 150, without increasing the expense beyond that of the present system. The plan itself is adapted to any large district, and especially to two or more so contiguously situated as that they could conveniently unite in the arrangement.

In conclusion, the committee are happy to state that the morals of the scholars in every part of the town are favorably reported. One case of insubordination occurred in district No. 10, which resulted in the expulsion of the scholar from school; and also one in district No. 9. The religious interest which has pervaded the town during a portion of the year has not retarded the progress of the scholars, but in general evidently conduced to their good order, subordination and mental improvement.

All which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

N. BOUTON,  
P. S. TENBROECK,  
T. MORGAN.

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SUMMER SCHOOLS.

District.	Teachers.		Weeks kept.		No. scholars.
1.	Jane W. Buswell,		10		12
2.	Msiss Brown,		6		31
3.	Susan Dow,		12		59
4.	Martha J. Hoyt,		11		31
5.	Frances R. French,		10		16
6.	Jane Burnham,		9		8
7.	P. M. Farnum,		10		24
8.	Lucretia Shute,		14		20
9.	{ Miss Patten, } { Miss Prescott, }	about	12	about	100
10.	{ M. J. Bailey,		20		59
	{ Maria Chandler,		20		42
	{ Emeline Page,		20		82
11.	{ Almira M. Wilcox,		15		62
	{ Louisa L. Kelly,		16		69
12.	Ann Moulton,		16		29
13.	Elizabeth W. Dow,		10		40
14.	Mary E. Virgin,		6		18

15.	Hannah Batchelder,	12	28
16.	Sarah C. Moore,	10	14
17.	Emma S. Smart,	12	29
18.	Miss Wilson,	16	32
19.	Caroline E. D. Virgin,	12	40
20.	No school.		
21.	No school.		
22.	No report.		
23.	Miss Danforth,	11	31
24.	Miss Alexander,	12	21

Total of weeks, 302—scholars, 897

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DIST.	NAMES.	No.	Number of weeks.	Number of scholars.	Number in spelling-book.	Readers in lower class.	Readers in the higher class.	Writers.	Mental Arithmetic.	Written Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	History.	Philosophy.	Astronomy.	Intellectual Philosophy.	Book-Keeping.
	1 Miss Hannah Danforth	10	16	2	9	3	5	3	5	2	4	1					
	2 Henry Rolfe, jr.	6	32	2	10	12	6	11	10	9	8			4			
	3 John Jarvis	14	78	16	30	31	50	36	24	19	34	5				4	
	4 Moody B. Smith	10	38	2	15	11	15	8	11	4	4	3					
	5 William C. Curry	10	28	1	7	20	24	4	15	13	14	1	3				
	6 Edward B. West	12	9	1	4	4	5	3	3	3	3						
	7 Stephen Sargent	12	32	6	10	16	15	11	12	9					1		
	8 Nathan K. Abbot	12	32	7	15	10	20	15	16	5	10	1	2	2			
	9 George W. Shackford	14	59				54	54	5	45	21	20	6	4	2		2
	Emily J. Barnham	13½	65														
	Miss Bailey & Miss French	12	141														
	10 James Moulton, jr.	37	130	11	20	99	90	29	69	31	61	5					
	James Richardson	21	94			36	56	75	35	51	37	53	9	6			
	11 Louisa L. Kelly	20	66														
	12 True Brown	10	48	5	18	30	18	5	24	12	27	2	3	2			
	13 Chandler E. Potter	3½	46	9	18	19	31	8	25	31	43	43	43				
	Mr. — Kimball	6															
	14 George Bradley	9½	23		12	10	16		10	7	9						
	15 John O. French	9	39	8	9	22	23	12	15	8	9			1			
	Mr. Shepherd	2															
	16 William Thompson	8	20	4	8	8	8	7	9	5	1						1
	17 No report																
	18 Warren Kimball	12	38	2	9	24	25	12	12	11	4						
	19 Jonathan Curtis	12	60	12	24	36	42	6	29	14	10						
	20 Charles K. Eastman	10	13	4	8	8	2	8	6	2							
	21 Jeremiah Clough, jr.	10	25	3	5	16	15	3	14	11	9			1	2		
	22 No report																
	23 Walter G. Curtis	8½	33	3	10	16	12	9	13	7	3			2			2
	24 No report																
			Total, 294 1165.														

## BURYING GROUND FENCE.

*Report of the Committee appointed to purchase land for the enlargement of the Burying Yard near the North Meeting-House, and to fence the same.*

The Committee appointed at your last annual meeting to purchase land for a Cemetery near the North Meeting-house, and fence the same, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have expended the following sums, viz. :

Paid for land,	-	-	-	\$127.50
do for lumber,	-	-	-	108.23
do for stone posts, iron bolts, building fence, making road, and other labor, and services,	-	-	-	321.10
Making in the whole				\$556.83

Your Committee would state, that they deem the quantity of land which they have purchased and enclosed with the old Grave Yard, equal to the public wants for half a century : That the whole, with the exception of the front, is enclosed with a fence as durable as they could construct of stone, iron and wood : That the front, until recently, has been occupied with sheds, which have prevented your committee from fencing the same : That a part of the sheds have recently been removed, and consequently the Grave Yard is at this time entirely unprotected on the front ; and your committee sincerely hope that immediate measures will be taken to complete this work.

LUTHER ROBY,  
WILLIAM RESTIEAUX, } *Committee.*  
JOSEPH LOW,

*The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Amos Sawyer and others, having attended to the duty assigned them, would respectfully*

### REPORT :

That District No. 1 be divided, by setting off Amos Sawyer, John Sawyer, Joseph Runnels, Joseph Runnels, jr., Josiah Runnels, and the property belonging to two of the daughters of the late Capt. Samuel Runnels, and annex

to them, from District No. 23, Enoch Hoit, Ezra Hoit, James Powell, Joseph Moore, Calvin Hoit, Albert Hoit and Isaac Hoit, and that they form one school district.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NATHAN CALL,  
NATHAN BALLARD,  
HAZEN VIRGIN.

Concord, March 13, 1843.

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## REPORT ON BRIDGES.

*The Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting, to take into consideration the subject of Free Bridges across Merimack river, in the town of Concord, make the following*

### REPORT.

Your Committee entered upon the duty assigned them with the belief that the subject is one of material importance to the town. They believe the future prosperity of the town depends very much upon the wisdom and prudence of the measures which shall be adopted in relation to it. And we fear there is too much cause for anxious solicitude for the result of this matter.

There are, it is well known, four bridges across said river within the limits of the town. One of them is now a charge upon the town, and several hundred dollars have been drawn from the treasury the past year to pay for repairs upon it, and a much larger sum will doubtless soon be needed for this object. Should the remaining three be thrown upon the town, (and to say the least, we have no security against such an event,) the result must be an amount of taxes which cannot fail to be highly prejudicial to the welfare of the town.

The question here naturally arises, Is this drawback upon our future prospects an unavoidable evil, growing out of our local situation, or is it only the offspring of that selfish principle in mankind, which sometimes seeks to throw the burthen upon any one who can be made to bear it. If the former be true, then we have only to make the best of our case, and submit in silence. If the latter, then we have little to hope for from patiently enduring an evil which will not be likely to work its own cure, but rather gain strength by delay. In this case, doubtless, according to

the old maxim, "an ounce of prevention will be found to be worth more than a pound of cure." Our system of free roads is founded upon the principle of mutual accommodation. For example: If the town of Concord maintains thirty miles of roads, and give the free use of them to the public, we expect and receive the like accommodation of roads when we go into other towns. But this reciprocal principle is not, and cannot be acted upon in the case of bridges across such rivers as the Hudson, the Connecticut and the Merrimack; and no good reason exists why the towns which happen to lie upon the banks of those streams should furnish the means of crossing them to all the intermediate population, while no similar benefit is or can be made in return. Still less is there reason why the town of Concord should be made an exception to this general rule which prevails on all those rivers.

Your Committee have deemed it no part of their duty to inquire how many bridges the public convenience requires across said river in this town, nor precisely where they ought to be located. This may be, and doubtless is a matter of interest to individuals and to particular sections of the town; but the town, as a whole, is only interested to know how the expense of these bridges is to be defrayed. In the opinion of your committee this is properly done by a toll.

This practice we believe has prevailed, with one or two exceptions, in this and all the neighboring states, in all past time. One of these exceptions is in the case of Warren bridge, across Charles River. And the return by the legislature of Massachusetts to this method of supporting that bridge, after thousands of dollars had been spent in the investigation of the principle, is very conclusive evidence that the practice is founded in wisdom and justice.

It is proper to remark, however, that the toll should be limited to the expenses of the bridge, and never be a profit on the investment. But if these bridges are not to afford a profit on the cost of their construction and support, how, it may be asked, are they to be kept in existence, unless they are maintained by the towns in which they are located? since it is not to expected that individuals will be at the trouble of these bridges without the hope of getting a profit from them? We answer, that in view of all the circumstances connected with the case of this town, your com-

mittee recommend that the town petition the legislature to grant them the right to construct or purchase so many bridges across said river, within the limits of the town, as the public convenience may require, and to put a toll upon them sufficient to pay the interest on the cost of their construction and the expense of keeping them in repair.

T. T. ABBOT, for the Committee.

*Concord, March 16, 1843.*

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*Voted,* To raise \$4500 to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the current year.

*Voted,* To raise \$2.000 for the support of schools the ensuing year.

*Voted,* To raise \$4.000 for the building and repairing of highways and bridges, to be laid out in labor at 10 cents per hour.

*Voted,* That Messrs. Baker, Palmer and Clement be appointed a committee to report what part of the laws regulating internal police should be adopted.

*Voted,* That the 8th article be dismissed.

*Voted,* That the 9th article be dismissed.

*Voted,* That the income of the Parsonage Fund, for the current and for the last year, be distributed in the same way that the distribution was made the year before; and such portions of said fund as shall have no direction given as to its distribution, divided equally among the several religious societies in town.

*Voted,* To adopt the law passed July 3, 1841, securing to mechanics and laborers a lien on buildings, &c.

*Voted,* That the report of the committee upon the petition of Amos Sawyer and others be accepted.

*Voted,* That the report of the committee upon the subject of Roads and Bridges over the Merrimack River be accepted.

*Voted,* That the following resolution be adopted.

*Resolved,* That a committee of ten be appointed by the selectmen, to apply to the Legislature at their next session to grant to the town of Concord the right to impose such toll upon any bridge or bridges across Merrimack river,

in said town, as they now own or may hereafter own, as will pay the interest on the first cost of such bridge or bridges, and defray all subsequent expenses of keeping the same in repair.

*Voted,* That the selectmen be authorized to cause a suitable house for Engine No. 5 to be erected, and also to make all necessary repairs on said engine.

*Voted,* That the subject of appropriating money for ringing the bells and for repairing and winding up the town clock, be referred to the selectmen.

*Voted,* That Gilman Cutting be paid the sum of \$13.25 for winding up the town clock the year past.

*Voted,* That the owners of the North Meeting House be requested to move the sheds in front of the grave-yard.

*Voted,* That the selectmen appropriate a sum not exceeding \$150, to finish the fence around the grave-yard near the north meeting house.

*Voted,* That the town accept the donation of a lot of land from Charles Smart, for a burying ground, and that the selectmen be authorized to fence the same.

*Voted,* That the selectmen provide a suitable carriage for the firehooks and ladders, to be used in case of fire.

*Voted,* That the selectmen be directed to take a conveyance to the town from Abraham Bean of the property which was conveyed to him by Benjamin Green, and to settle with Mr. Bean, agreeably to the conditions of his bond to the town relating to that property.

*Voted,* That the selectmen be authorized to send to the New-Hampshire Asylum, at their discretion, any or all the insane persons who are now or may become chargeable to the town.

*Voted,* That the selectmen be authorized to appoint an agent to take charge of the town house, and pay him a reasonable compensation for his services.

*Voted,* That the article respecting the purchase of the old North Meeting House be dismissed.

*Voted,* That the petition of Simeon C. Green and others, for a road, be referred to the selectmen.

*Voted,* That the subject of appropriating money to make

the bridges free for town's people the current year, be dismissed.

*Voted*, That Hiram Simpson be disannexed from school Dis. No. 3, and annexed to Dis. No. 13.

*Voted*, That \$15 of the school fund be paid to District No. 3, on account of the scholars at the town farm.

*Voted*, That the selectmen appoint a collector of taxes.

*Voted*, 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 main street to Concord Bridge, and the inhabitants living more than half a mile in any direction from Brown's tavern, in the West Village, and the inhabitants living more than three quarters of a mile from Clough's store, in the East village, and the inhabitants living more than half a mile from the Village at Millville, be exempt from the 10th section of an act regulating the powers and duties of firewards, passed December 16, 1828.

*Voted*, That the town-clerk be directed to have the proceedings published and distributed as usual.

*Voted*, That this meeting be dissolved.

JOHN P. JOHNSON, *Town-Clerk*.

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*School Committee*—Messrs. Bouton, Tenney and Noyes.

*Overseer of the House of Correction*—H. Farnum.

*Physician*—Ezra Carter.

*Police Officers*—Isaac Eastman, Harry Houston, Richard Pinkham, Mical Tubbs, Samuel Shute, Moses Ordway, James Woolson.