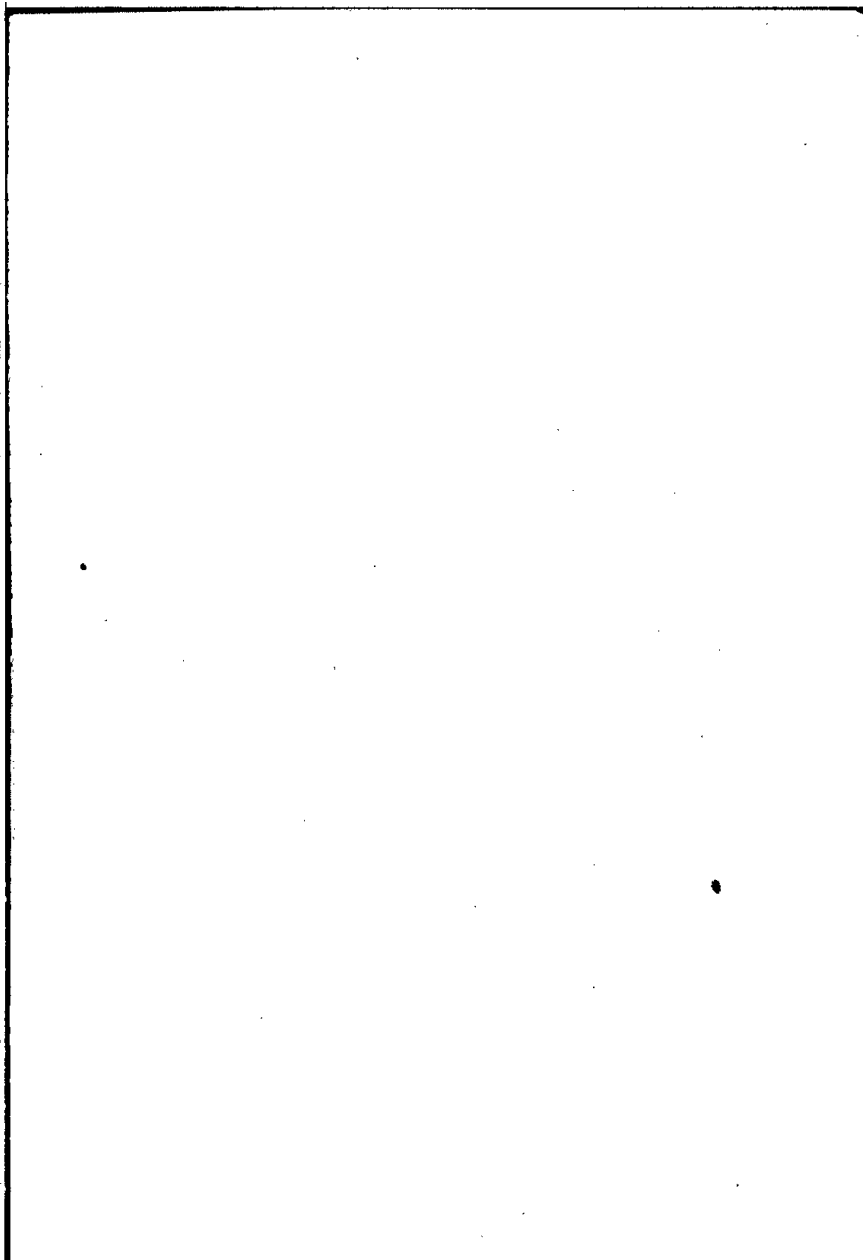


PART I.

The several patents and other instruments constituting the basis of the title of John Mason to parts of that portion of New England established as New Hampshire.

Records and documents of a general nature relating to the Masonian Patent in New Hampshire.



[*Council of Plymouth Established, Nov. 3, 1620.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 1.]

James by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of the Faith &c

To all to whom these presents shall Come Greeting

Whereas upon the humble petition of diverse of our well disposed subjects that Intend to make plantations in the Parts of America between the Degrees of thirty four & forty five We According to our princely Inclinations favoring their worthy dispositions in hope thereby to advance the Inlargm^t of Christian Religion to the Glory of Almighty God as also that by that means to stretch out the bounds of our Dominions and to replenish those deserts with People Governed by Laws and Magistrates for the more peaceable Commerce of all that in time to come shall have Occasion to Traffique into those Territories; Granted unto S^r Thomas Gates, S^r Geo: Summers Knights, Thomas Haman Raleigh Gilbert Esq^r & other their asociats for y^e more speedy Accomplishm^t thereof, by Our Letters Pattents being dated y^e 10th day of April in the fourth year of our Reign of England france & Ireland & of Scotland the Fortieth, free Liberty to devide themselves into two several Collonies y^e one called y^e first Collony to be undertaken & advanced by Certain Knights Gentlemen & Merch^{ts} in & about our City of London; the other called the second Collony to be undertaken & advanced by Certain Knights Gentlemen & Merch^{ts} & their asociats, in or about our Citties of Bristol Exon & our Town of Plymouth & other places as in & by our Letters pattents amongst other things it Doth & May more at large appear—

And whereas since that time upon the humble petition of the s^d Adventurers & planters of the s^d first Collony we have been graciously pleased to make them one distinct & Intire Body by themselves giving unto them their distinct Lymetts and bounds, and have upon their like humble request Granted unto them diverse Liberties priviledges Enlargm^t & Immunities as in & by our several Letters

patters it doth & may more at Large appear, Now for as Much as we have been in Like manner humbly petition'd unto by our Trusty & well beloved Servant S^r Ferdinando Gorges Knight Cap^t of our ffort & Island by Plymouth & by Certain the principle Knights & Gentlemen Adventurers of the s^d second Collony & by diverse other persons of Quallty, who now Intend to be their Associats diverse of w^{ch} have been at great & Extraordinary Charge & sustained Many Losses in seeking & discovering a plase fitt & Convenient to Lay the ffoundatiō of a hopefull plantation, & have diverse years past by Gods Assistance & ther own Endeavours, taken actual possession of the Contenen^t hereafter mentioned in our Name & to our use as Sovereign Lord thereof, & have settled already some of our people in places agreeable to there desires in those parts, & in Confidence of Prosperous success therein by the Continuance of Gods divine blessing & our Royall permission have resolved in a more plentiful and Effectual Manner to prosecute the same—And to that Purpose and Intent have desired of us for their better Incouragm^t and satisfaction therein, and that they may Avoyde all Confusions, questions or differences between them selves & those of the said first Collony, that we would likewise be Graciously pleased to make Certain adventurers intending to Erect and Establish Fishery trade & Plantations within the Territories, presincts & Lymmits of the said second Collony, & their Successors one severall distinct & intire body, & to grant unto them such Estate Liberties, priviledges, Enlargm^t & Immunities there as are in these our Letters patters hereafter particularly Expressed & Declared; & for as much as we have been Certainly given to understand by diverse of our good subjects y^t have for these Many years past Frequented these Coasts & Territories, between the Degrees of forty and forty Eight y^t there is no other y^e Subject of any Christian King or state by any authority from their sovereign Lords or princes actually in Possession of any of the Lands or presincts whereby any right Claim Intrest or title may might or ought by y^t means accrue belong or appertain unto y^m or any of y^m & also for y^t we have been further given Certainly to know y^t w^{ch} in these late years there hath by Gods visitation reign'd a wonderfull pleague together wth Many Terrible slaughters & Murders committed amongst y^e savage & brutish people there heretofore Inhabiting in a manner to y^e utter devastation destruction & depopulation of y^t whole Territory, so y^t there is not left for many Leagus together in a manner any y^t do claim or Challenge any kind of Intrest therein nor any other Sup^r Lord or sovereign, to make Claim there unto whereby we in our Judgm^t are perswaded & satisfied y^t y^e appointed times come in w^{ch} Almighty God in his Great goodness & bounty towards us & our

people hath Thought fit & determined y^t those Large & goodly Territories deserted as it were by their natural Inhabitants should be possessed & Enjoyed by such of our subjects & people as heretofore have & hereafter shall be by his mercy & favo^r & by his powerfull Arm be directed & Conducted thither: In Contemplation and serious Consideration whereof we have thought it fit according to our Kingly duty so much as in us Lyeth to second & follow Gods sacred will rendering reverend thanks to his divine maj^{ty} for his Gracious favour, in Lying open and revealing y^e same unto us before any other Christian prince or State by w^{ch} means without offence & as we trust to his Glory we may wth boldness go on to the settleing of so hopefull a work which Tendeth to y^e reducing & Conversion of such Savages as remain wandering in disolation & distress to Civil Society & Christian Religion, to y^e Inlargm^t of our own Dominions & y^e advancm^t of y^e fortune of such of our good subjects as shall willingly Intrest them selves in the s^t Employ^t to whom we Cannot but give singuler Commendations for their so worthy Intentions and Interprise, we therefore of our Especial grace meer motion & Certain Knowledge by y^e advise of y^e Lords & others of Our privy Council have for us our heirs & successors granted ordained & Establish'd & in & by these presents do for us our heirs & Successors grant ordain & Establish y^t all Circuit Contenant presincts & Lymmits in america lying & being in the breadth from forty degrees of Northerly Latitude from the Equanoctial Lyne, to forty Eight degrees of y^e s^d Northerly Latitude, & in Length by all the Breadth afores^d thro' The Main Land from sea to sea with all the seas rivers Islands Creeks Inletts ports & havens within the Degrees presincts and Lymmitts of the said Latitude & Longetude shall be the Lymmitts and bounds & presincts of the second Collony & to the End y^t the said Territories may forever hereafter be more particularly & Certainly knowen & Distinguished our will & pleasure is that y^e same shall from hence forth be nominated term'd & called by y^e Name of New England in America & by y^t name of New England in America the s^d Circuits presincts Lymmitts Continent Islands & places in America aforesaid We do by these presents for us our heirs Successors Name call Erect found & Establish & that by that Name to have Continuance forever, and for the better Plantation ruling & Governing of the aforesaid New England in America we will Ordain Constitute Assign Lymmit & Appoint for us our heirs & successors. We by the advise of the Lords & others of the said Privy Council do by these presents ordain Constitute Lymmit & appoint that from henceforth there shall forever hereafter in our Town of Plymouth in the County of devon on body Pollitick & Corporate w^{ch} shall have perpetual Suc-

cesion which shall Consist of the Number of forty persons & no more which shall be & shall be Called & known by the Name of the Council Established at Plymouth in the County of Devon for planting ruling ordering and Governing of New England in America and for that purpose we have at and by the Nomination & Request of the Said Petitioners; Granted Ordained Establish'd & Confirm'd and by these presents for us our heirs & successors do Grant Ordain Establish & Confirm our right Trusty & right well beloved Cozens & Councillors Lodowick Duke of Lenox Lord Steward of our house hold George Lord Marquis Buckinham our high admiral of England James Marquis Hambleton William Earl of Pembroke Lord Chamberline of Our household Thomas Earl of Arrundell & our right Trusty & right well beloved Cozen William Earl of Bath And Our right trusty & right well beloved Cozen & Councillor Henry Earl of south hampton and our right trusty & right well beloved Cozen William Earl of Salisbury & Rob^t Earl of Warwick & our right Trusty and well beloved John Viscount Haddington & our right Trusty & well beloved Councillor Edward Lord Zouch Lord Warden of our Cinque ports and our Trusty and well beloved Edmond Lord Shieffeild Edw^d Lord Gorges and our well beloved S^r Edw^d Seymore Kn^t and Barron^t S^r Rob^t Mansfield S^r Edw^d Zouch our Knight Marshal S^r Dudley Diggs S^r Thomas Row S^r Fardenando Georges, S^r Francis Popham S^r Jn^o Brooks S^r Thomas gates S^r Rich^d Hankings S^r Rich^d Edgcom s^r Allen Apsly S^r Warwick Hales S^r Rich^d Catchway S^r Jn^o Boucher S^r Nathan^t Rich S^r Edw: Giles s^r Giles Mompasson, S^r Tho: Worth Kn^t & our well beloved Mathew Sutcliffe dean of Exeter Rob^t heath Esq^r recorder of our City of London Henry Bourcher Jn^o Drake Ranleigh Gilbert Geo: Chidly Tho: Hammon & John Argal Esq^{rs} to be in & by these presents, We do appoint them to be the first Modern & present Council, Established at Plym^o in the County of Devon, for the planting ruling ordering And Governing of New England in America & y^t they and the Survivours of them & such of the survivours & survivor of them shall from time to time Elect & Choose to make up the afores^d Number of forty Persons when & as often as any of the mor any of their successors shall happen to decease, or to be remov'd from being of the s^d Council shall be in & by these presents Incorporated to have a perpetual succession forever in Deed ffact & Name & shall be one body Corporate & polittique & that those & such s^d persons & their successors & such as shall be Elected & Chosen to succeed them as afores^d shall be & by these presents are & be Incorporated Named & called by the name of the Council Established at Plymouth in the County of Devon for the planting ruling & Governing of New Eng-

land in America and them the s^d Duke of Lenox Marquis Buckingham, Marquis Hambleton Earl of Penbrook Earl of Arundel Earl of Bath Earl Southampton Earl of Salisbury Earl of Warwick Viscount Haddington Lord Zouch Lord sheffield Lord Georges S^r Edw^d seymore s^r Rob^t Mansfeild S^r Edw: Zouch S^r Dudly Diggs s^r Tho: Row S^r fferdenando Gorges S^r Francis Popham S^r Jn^o Brooks s^r Tho^s Gates S^r Rich^d Haukings S^r Rich^d Egcom S^r Allen Apsly S^r Warwick Heale S^r Rich^d Catchway s^r Jn^o Boutcher S^r Nathn^l Rich: s^r Edw: Giles S^r Giles Mompesson s^r Tho: Worth Kn^{ts} Math Sutcliffe Robert Heath Henry Bourcher Jn^o Drak Ranleigh Gilbert Geo: Chidly Tho: Haman & Jn^o Argal Esq^{rs} & their Successors one body Corporate and polittique in Deed & in Name by the Name of the Council Establish'd at Plym^o in y^e County of Devon for planting ruling & Governing of New England in America We do by these presents for us our heirs & successors really and fully in Corporate Erect ordain Name Constitute & Establish & y^e by y^e same name of the s^d Council they & their successors forever hereafter be incorporated Named & Called & shall by the same Name have p^{er}petual Succession And further We do hereby for us our heirs & successors grant unto the said Council Establish'd at Plym^o that they & their Successors by the same Name be & shall be & shall Continue p^{er}sons, able & Capable in the Law from time to time & shall by that Name of Council afores^d have full power & authority & Lawfull Capacity & ability as well to purchase take hold, receive, Enjoy & to have to them & their successors forever any Lands Mannors, Tenements, Rents, royalties, p^{ri}vilidges, Immunities, Reversions, annuities hereditaments, Goods & Chattles whatsoever of or from us our heirs & successors & of or from any other person or persons whatsoever as well in & within this our Realm of England as in & within any other place or places whatsoever or wheresoever & the same Mannors, Lands, Tenements & hereditaments, Goods or Chattles or any of them by the same Name to alien & sell or to do Execute ordain & perform all other matters & things whatsoever to the s^d Incorporation & plantation Concerning & belonging; and further our will & pleasure is, y^e the s^d Council for the time being & their successors shall have full power & Lawfull Authority by the name aforesaid to sue & be sued, to Impleade & be Impleaded answer & to be answered unto, in all Manner of Courts or places that now are or hereafter shall be within this our realm & else where as well Temporal as Spiritual in all Manner of Suits and matters whatsoever and of what nature or kind whatsoever such suits or Actions be or shall be And our will & Pleasure is y^e the said forty persons or the Greater Number of them, shall & may from time to time, and at all times hereafter, at their own will & pleasure Accord-

ing to the Laws, ordinances & orders of, or by them, or by the Greater Part of them, hereafter in Manner & form in these Presents mention'd, to be agreed upon, to elect & chuse amongst themselves, one of the said forty Persons for the time being, to be President of said Council which President so elected & chosen, we will, shall continue and be President of y^e said Council so Long time as by the Orders of the said Council from time to time be made as hereafter is mentioned shall be thought fit, and no longer, unto which President or in his absence to any such person as by the orders of y^e said Council shall be thereunto a Pointed Wee do give Authority to give Order for the Warning of the said Council & summoning the Company to their meetings and our will & pleasure is that from time to time when & so often as any of the s^d Council shall happen to Decease or to be removed from being of the said Council that then and so often as the survivors of them of the said Council & no other or the Greater Number of them who then shall be from time to time left & remaining and who shall or the Greater Number of which y^e shall be Assembled at a publick Court or meeting to be held for the said Company shall Elect or Choose One or more other person or persons to be of the said Council and which from time to time shall be of the said Council so that the Number of forty persons of the said Council may from time to time be supplied; provided always that as well the persons herein Named to be of the said Council as every other Councillor hereafter to be Elected shall be presented to the Lord Chancellor of England, or to the Lord high Treasurer of England, or to the Lord Chamberline of the house hold of us Our heirs & successors, for the time being, to take his & their Oath & Oaths of a Chancell^r or Councill^r To us our heirs & successors for the s^d Company & Colony in New England, & further we will & Grant by these presents, for us our heirs & successors unto the s^d Council & their successors that they and their successors shall have and Enjoy forever a Common seal to be Engraven according to their Discription, and that it shall be Lawfull for them to Appoint what other seal or seals they shall think most meet & necessary either for their use as they are one united body Incorporate here as for the publick of their Govern^{rs} & Ministers in New England afores^d whereby the said Incorporation May or shall seal any manner of Instrument touching the same Corporation and the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reversions, Annuities, hereditaments, Goods, Chattles, affairs & any other things belonging unto or in any wise appertaining touching or Concerning the said Council And their successors or Concerning the said Corporation or plantation in & by these our Letters pattents as aforesaid, founded Elected & Established and we do further by these presents

for us & our heirs and successors Grant unto the Council & their successors that it shall & may be Lawfull to & for the said Council & their successors for the time being in ther Discessions from time to time to admit such & so many person & persons to be made free & Enabled to trade & Traffique unto within & in New England aforesaid & to every part or parcel thereof or to have possess or Injoy any Lands or heriditaments in New England aforesaid, as they shall think fit according to the Laws Orders Constitutions & Ordenances, by the said Council & their Successors from time to time to be made & Established by Virtue of & according to the true Intent of these presents & under such Conditions reservations & agreem^{ts} as the said Council shall set Down Order & direct & not other wise, and further of our special grace Certain knowledge & meer Motion, for us our heirs & Successors, We do by these presents give & grant full power & authority unto the said Council, that the Said Council & their Successors, for the time being or the greatest part of them, shall & may from time to time nominate make Constitute & Confirm by such Name or Names stile or Stiles as to them shall seem good & like wise to revoke discharge Change & alter, as well all & singuler Govern^{rs} officers & Ministers w^{ch} hereafter shall be by them thought fit & needfull to be made or used as well to attend the buisness of the s^d Company here as for the Govern^{mt} of the S^d Collony & plantations, and also to make ordain & Establish all manner of orders Laws Directions Instructions formes & Cerimonies of Govern^{mt} & Magistrycy fit & Nessessary for & Concerning the Govern^{mt} of the said Collony & Plantation so always that the same be not Contrary to the Laws & Statutes of this our realm of England & the same at all times hereafter to abrogate revoke or Change not only within the presinet of said Collony but also upon the seas in going & Coming to & from y^e said Collony as they in their good discessions shall think to be fittest for the good of the adventurers & Inhabitants there, and we do further of our especial Grace Certain Knowledge & meer motion Grant declare & Ordain that such principle Govern^{rs} as from time to time shall be authorized and appointed in manner & form in these presents heretofore Expressed shall have full power & Authority to use & Exercise Marshall Laws & in Cases of Rebellion Insurrection & Mutany in as large and ample a manner as our Leiu^{ts} in our Countys within our realm of England have or ought to have by force of their Commission of Lieutenancy and for as much as it shall be Necessary for all such our Loving subjects as shall Inhabit within the said presinets of New England Aforesaid to determine to Live to geather in the fear and true worship of Almighty God, Christian peace & civil quietness, each with other, whereby every one may with More Safty

pleasure & profit Enjoy that whereunto they shall Obtain wth Great Pain & peril We for us our heirs & successors are Likewise pleased & Contented and by these presents do give & Grant unto the s^d Council & ther successors & to such Govern^r Officers & Minister as shall be by the s^d Council Constituted & apointed according to the Nature & Lymmits of ther offices & places respectively, that they shall & may from time to time forever hereafter, wthin the presincts of New England, or in the way by the seas thither & from thence have full & absolute power & Authority to Correct, punish, pardon, Govern & rule all such the subjects of us our heirs & successors as shall from time to time adventure them selves in any Voyage thither or that shall at any time hereafter Inhabit in the presincts & Territories of the Collony as afores^d According to such Laws Orders & Ordainances directions & Instructions as by the s^d Council afores^d shall be Establish'd in defect thereof, in Case of Necessity according to the good discessions of the said Govern^r & officers respectively as well in Cases of Capital & Criminal as Civil boath Marrine and others for always as that y^e s^d statutes ordinances & proceedings as near as Conveniently may be agreeable to the Laws Statutes Govern^t & pollicy of this our realm of England, & further more if any person or persons, adventurers or planters of The s^d Collony or any other at any time or times here after shall transport any money, Goods or M^chndize out of any our Kingdoms with a pretence & purpose to let Land, or other wise dispose the same within the Lymmits & bounds of the s^d Collony, and yet nevertheless being att sea or after he hath Landed within any part of the said Collony, shall carry the same into any other Forreign Country with a purpose there to sell & dispose thereof that then all the Goods & Chattles of y^e s^d person So offending & Transported together, with the ship or Vessell wherin such Transportation was made shall be forfeited to us our heirs and successors, and we do further of our Especial Grace, Certain knowledge & Meer Motion, for us our heirs & Successors for & in respect of the Considerations aforesaid & for Divers other good Causes & Considerations us thereunto Especially moveing & by the advice of the Lords and others of our said Privy Councell have absolutely given granted and Confirmed & by these presents do absolutely give grant & Confirm unto the said Councell Called the Councel Establish'd at Plym^o in the County of Devon, for the planting ruling & Governing of New England, in America, & to their successors forever all the afores^d Lands, Grounds, Tenem^{ts} presincts, place, places, & Territories, viz^t that afores^d part of America lying & being in breadth from forty degrees of Northlerly Latitude, from the Equonoctial Lyne to forty Eight degrees of the said northerly Latitude Inclusively and in length

of and within, all the Breadth aforesaid throughout the mean Lands from Sea to Sea, together also with all the firm Lands, soyles Grounds Havens, Ports, rivers, waters, fishings Mines and Munerals, as well Royal Mines of Gold & silver as other mines and Munerals, Precious stones quarris and all and singuler other Commodities Jurisdictions, Royalties priviledges & preheminences bouth within the s^d Tract of Land up the main & also within the said Islands & seas adjcyning Provided always that the s^d Islands or any the premises herein before Mentioned & by these present Intended & Meant to be granted be not Actually, possessed or Inhabited by any other Christian prince or state, or be within the bounds Lymmits or Territories of that southern Collony, heretofore by us granted to be planted by divers of our loving Subjects in the south parts, To have and to hold possess & Enjoy all & singuler the afores^d Continent, Lands, Territories, Islands, heriditam^{ts} & presincts sea, water, fishing, with all & all manner their Commodities, Royalties, Liberties, prehemences, & profits that shall arise from thence with all & singuler ther appurtenances & every part & parcel thereof, & of them to, & unto y^e s^d Council & their successors & assigns forever, to the sole only & proper use benefit & behoof of them the s^d Council & their successors & assigns forever, to be holden of us our heirs & successors, as of our mannor of East Greenwich, in our County of Kent, in free & Common soceage & not in Cuppite, Nor by Knights Service, yeilding & paying therefore to us our heirs & successors the fifth part of the oar of Gold, and silver, which shall from time to time and at all times hereafter, shall happen to be found, gotten, had & obtained in all or within any the said Lands Lymmits Territories & presincts, or in or wthin any part or parcel thereof for or in respect of all manner of Duties, demands & services whatsoever to be done made or paid to us our heirs & successors and we do further of our special Grace, Certain knowledge & meer motion for us our heirs & successors give & grant unto the s^d Council & their successors forever by these presents y^t it shall be Lawfull & free for them & their Assigns at all & every time & times hereafter out of any our realms or Dominions whatsoever to take Load Carry and Transport in & into their Voyage & for & towards the said plantation in New England, all such & so much of our Loveing Subjects or any other strangers that will become our Loving subjects, & Live under our allegiance shall willingly accompany them in the s^d Voyage & plantation with shiping armour weapons Ordenance Munition powder & shot Victuals & all manner of Cloathing Impliments furniture Beasts Cattle horses Mares and all other things Necessary for the said plantation & for their use & Defence & for Trade with the People there & in passing & return-

ing to & from without paying or yeilding any Custom or Subsidy either Inwards or outwards to us our heirs & Successors for y^e same for the space of seven years from the Day of the date of these presents Provided that none of the said persons be such as shall be hereafter by special Name Restrained by us our heirs or successors: and for there further Incouragem^t of our special Grace & favour we do by these presents for us our heirs And Successors yeild & Grant to & with the said Council and their Successors & every of them their Factors & assigns that they & every of them shall be free & quiet from all Subsides & Costoms in New England for the Space of seven years & from all Taxes & Impositions for the space of Twenty one years upon all Goods or Merchandize, at any time or times hereafter either upon Importation thither or Exportation from thence into our realm of England or into any other our Dominions by the S^d Council & their successors their Deputies factors & assigns or any of them Except only the five pounds ℥ ce^t due for the Custom upon all such Goods and Merchandizes as shall be brought or Imported into our realm of England or any other our Dominions according to the antient Trade of Merchants which five pounds ℥ Centum only being paid it shall be hence forth Lawfull & free from the said adventurers the same Goods & Merchandize to Export & Carry out of our s^d Dominions into forreign parts without any Custom Tax or other duty to be paid to us our heirs or successors, or to any other officers or Ministers of us our heir & successors, provided y^t y^e s^d Goods & Merchandize be shiped out within thirteen months after Their first Landing within any part of these Dominions, and further our will & pleasure is that we do by these presents Charge Command & warrant & Authorize the said Council & their successors or the Major part of them which be present and assembled for that purpose from time to time, under their Common seal distribute Convey assign & sett over such particular portions of Land Tenements & hereditaments as are by these presents formerly Granted unto each of our Loving Subjects, Naturely born or Denizens or other as well adventurers as planters, as by the said Company upon Commission of survey & distribution Executed & return'd for that purpose, shall be Named, appointed & allowed wherein our will & pleasure in that respect be had as well to y^e proportion of the adventurers as to the Especial s^{vice} hazard Exployt or merit of any persons so to be recompensed advanced or rewarded & we do also for us our heirs & Successors grant unto the said Council and their successors & to all & every such Govern^r & other officers or ministers, as by the said Council shall be appointed to have power & authority of Governm^t & Command in or over the said Collonies & plantations, y^t they & every of them shall & Lawfully may from time to time & at

all times, hereafter forever, for their several Defence safely incounter Expulse repell & resist, by force of Arms as well by sea as by Land, & always & means whatsoever all such person or persons as without the special Lycence of the said Council & their successors or the greater part of them shall attempt to Inhabit within the s^d several presincts & Lymmits of the said Collony & plantation & also all & every such person & persons whatsoever as shall Enterprize or attempt at any time hereafter distruction, Invasions detteriment or annoyance to the said Collony, & plantation & that it shall be Lawfull for the said Council and their successors & every of them from time to time & at all times hereafter as they shall, full power & authority to take & surprize by all ways & means whatsoever all & every such & persons whatsoever with their ships, Goods & other furniture Traffa- quing in any harbour Creek or place within the Lymmits or bounds of said Collony, & plantation & not being allowed by the s^d Council to be adventurers or planters of the said Collony: and of our further royal favour we have Granted for us our heirs & successors, we do Grant unto the said Council & their successors that the said Territories Lands rivers & places afores^d or any of them shall not be Visited frequented or traded into by any other of our Subjects or the subjects of us our heirs or successors either from any of the parts & havens belonging or appertaining or which shall be long or appertain unto us our heirs or successors or to any forreign prince state or pottentate whatsoever & therefore we do hereby for us our heirs & successors Charge Command prohibit & for bid all y^e subjects of us our heirs & successors of what degree & quality soever they be y^t none of y^m directly or indirectly Presume to vissit frequent Trade or adventure to Traffique into or from the said Territories Lands rivers & places afores^d or any of them other then the s^d Council and their successors, Factors, deputies and assigns unless it be with the Lycence & Consent of the s^d Council & Company first had & obtained in writing under their Common Seal upon pain of our Indignation and Imprisonm^t to their bodys dureing the pleasure of us our heirs or Successors & the forfeiture and Loss both of their ship & Goods whatsoever they shall be found either within any of our Kingdoms or Dominions or any the place or places out of our Dominions and for the better Effecting of our s^d Pleasure therein, We do hereby for our heirs & Successors give & grant full power & authority unto the said Council & their Successors for the time being that they by themselves their ffactors Deputies or assigns, shall & may from time to time & at all times hereafter attach, arrest, take & seize all & all manner of ship or ships, goods, wears & Merchandize whatsoever, which shall be brought from or Carried to the places before mentioned or any of

them Contrary to our will & pleasure before in these presents Expressed, the Moyatie or one half of all which forfeiture we do hereby for us our heirs & Successors give & grant unto the said Council & their Successors to their own proper use without Accom^t & the other Moyatie or half part thereof we will it shall be & remain to the use of us our heirs & Success^{rs} & we likewise Have Condiseded & Granted & by these presents, for us our heirs & Successors do Condisead & grant to & with the said Council & their Successors that we our heirs or successors, shall not or will not give or grant any Liberty Lycence or authority to any person or persons whatsoever, to sail, trade or Traffick into the aforesaid parts of New England without the Good will and liking of the said Council or the greatest part of them for the time being at any of their Courts to be Assembled, and we do for us our heirs & Successors give & grant unto the said Council & their Successors that whensoever or so often as any Custom or subsidie shall grow due or payable to us our heirs & Successors according to the Lymitation & Appointm^t aforesaid by reason of any Goods wears or M^cchandizes to be shipped out, or any return to, be made of any Goods wears or M^cchandize unto or from New England or any of the Lands or Territories aforesaid that then so often & in such Case the Farmers, Customers & officers of our Customes of England & Ireland & every of them for the time being upon request made unto them by the s^d Council their Successors Factors or assigns & upon Convenient security to be given in their behalf shall give & allow unto the Said Council & their successors & to all person or persons free of said Company as aforesaid six months time for the paym^t of the one half of all such Customs & subsidies as shall be due & payable unto us our heirs & successors for the same for which these our Letters pattents or the duplicate or the Inrolem^t thereof shall be unto our s^d officers a sufficient warrant & discharge Nevertheless our will & pleasure is, that if any of the said Goods, wears, or M^cchandizes which be or shall be at any time hereafter Landed & exported out of any of our realms afores^d & shall be shipped with a purpose not to be Carryed to New England afores^d that then such paym^t duty, Custom, Imposition, or forfeiture shall be paid, & belong to us our heirs & successors, for the s^d Goods wears & M^cchandizes so Fraudently sough to be Transported as if our Grant had not been Made nor Granted, & we do for us our heirs & successors give & grant unto the said Council & their successors forever, by these presents that the said president of the said Company or his Deputies, for the time being or any two others of the s^d Council for the said Collony of New England for the time being shall & may at all times hereafter from time to time have full power & authority to minister &

give the Oath and Oaths of Allegiance & supremacy or either of them to all & every person or persons w^{ch} shall at any time or times hereafter go or pass to the said Collony in New England, and further that it shall be likewise Lawfull for y^e s^d president or his deputy for the time being or two others of the said Council for the s^d Collony in New England for the time being from time to time & at all times hereafter, to Minister such a formall Oath, as by their discessions shall be reasonably devised, as well unto any person or persons Employed or to be Employed, in, for or touching the s^d plantation for their honest faithfull and Just Discharge of their Service in all Such Manner as shall be Committed unto them; for the good & benefit of the said Company Collony & plantation, as also unto such other person & persons as the s^d president or his deputy with two others of y^e said Council shall think meet for the Examination or Clearing of the truth in any Case whatsoever Concerning the said plantation, or any Buisness from thence proceeding or thereunto belonging & to the end, that no Lewd or ill disposed person, Sailors, Souldiers, Artificers husbandmen, Laboures or others, which shall receive wears, apparel or other Entertainm^t from the s^d Council or Contract & agree with the s^d Council to go & to serve & be Employed in the s^d plantation in the Collony in New England, do afterwards withdraw, hide & Conceal themselves or refuse to go thither after they have been so Entertained & agreed with all, & that no person shall be sent & Employed in the s^d plantation of the the s^d Collony in New England, upon the charge of y^e s^d Council do Misbehave themselves, by Mutinous seditious & other Notorious Misdemeanors, or which shall be Employ'd or sent abroad by the Governour of New England or his deputy with any ship or pinnace for provisions for the s^d Collony or for some discovery or other Buisness & affairs Concerning y^e same do from thence Treacherously, either come back again, or return into y^e realm of England, by stealth or without Lycence of the Govern^r of y^e s^d Collony in New England for y^e time being & be sent Thither as Misdoers or offenders & that none of those persons after they return from thence being questioned by y^e s^d Council here for such their Misbehav^r & offences do by Insolent and Contemptious Carriages in y^e presence of y^e said Council shew litle respect & reverence either to the place or Authority in w^{ch} we have placed & appointed y^m & others for y^e Clearing of their Lewdness Committed in New England, devulge, Vile & slanderous reports of the Country of New England or of y^e Govern^r or state of the said plantation & Collony to bring the said voyages & plantations into disgrace & Contemp^t by means whereof not only the Adventurers & planters already Ingaged in the said plantation may be exceedingly abused & hindered & great Numbers of Our Loving & well disposed

Subjects, otherwise well affected & Inclined to Joyn & adventure in so noble a Christian & worthy an Action May be discouraged from the same but also the enterprize itself may be Overthrown, w^{ch} cannot Miscarry without some dishonour to us & our Kingdoms: We therefore for preventing so great an Enormious Abusses, & Misdemeanors do by these present for us our heirs & successors Give & grant unto the said president or his Deputy or such other person or persons as by order of the s^d Council shall be appointed by warrant under his hand or hands to send for or cause to be apprehended, all & every such person or persons who shall be noted accus'd or found at any time or times hereafter to fend, or Misbehave themselves in any of the affairs before Mentioned & express'd, & upon the examination of any such offender or offenders & Just proof made by oath taken before y^e s^d Council of any such Notorious Misdemean^r by y^m to be committed as afores^d & also upon any Insolent contemptuous or Irreverend carriage or misbehave^r to or against y^e s^d Council to be shewed or used by any such person or persons, so called, convinced & appearing before them as afores^d, y^t in all such cases our said council or any two or more of them, for y^e time being shall & may Have full power & authority either to bind them over wth good sureties for their good behaviour & further therein to proceed to all Intents & purposes as it is used in Other like Cases within our realm of England or else at their discrecions to remand & send back the said offenders or any of them to the said Collony of New England & their to be proceeded against & punish'd as the Govern^r deputy or Council there for the time being shall think Meet or otherwise according to such Laws & ordinances as are & shall be in use there for the well ordering & good Govern^t of said Collony & our will & pleasure is and we do hereby declare to all Christian Kings, princes & states y^t if any person or persons w^{ch} shall hereafter be of the said Collony or plantation or any other by Lycence or appointm^t of the said Council or their successors, or otherwise shall at any time or times hereafter robb or spoyel by sea or by Land or do any hurt Violence or unlawfull hostility to any of the Subjects of us our heirs or successors or any of the subjects of any King, prince, ruler or Govern^r or State being then in League amity with us our heir & successors, & that upon such Injury or upon Just Complaint of such prince ruler Govern^r or state or their subjects we our heirs or Successor shall make Open Proclamation within any of the ports of our realm of England, Commodious for that purpose, that the person or persons having Committed any such Robbery or Spoyle shall within term Limitted by such a proclamation make full restitution or satisfaction of all such Injury's done so as the said princes or others So Complaining may hold themselves

fully satisfied & Contented & if that the said person or persons, having committed such Robbery or spoyle shall not make or Cause to be made satisfaction accordingly, within such time as to be Limmitted that then it shall be Lawfull, us our heirs and Successors to put the said person or persons out of our allegiance & protection, and that it shall be Lawfull & free for all princis to prosecute with hostility the said offenders & every of them, their & every of their procures aiders betters & Comforters in that behalf also, We do for us our heirs and successors declare by these presents that all & every the persons being our Subjects, that which shall go and Inhabit within the said Collony, and plantation, & every of their Children & their posterity which shall happen to be born within the Limmits thereof, shall have and Enjoy all Liberties and Franchizes and Immunities of free dennizens & Natural subjects, within any of our other Dominions to all Intents and purposes, as if they had been abiding & born within this our Kingdom of England, or any other of our Dominions & Lastly because the principal Effects which we Can desire or Expect of this action is the Conversion & reduction of the people in those parts unto the true worship of God, and Christian religion, in which respect we would be Loath that any person should be permitted to pass that we suspected the superstition of the Church of Rome, we do hereby declare that it is our will and pleasure that none be permitted to pass in any Voyage from time to time into the said Country but such as shall have taken first the Oath of Supremacy for which purpose we do by these presents give full power and authority to the president of the said Council to tender, and Exhibit the said Oath to all such persons who shall at any [time] be sent or Employed in the said Voyages, and we also for us our heirs & Successors do Covenant and grant to & with the said Council & their Successors for the time by these presents that if the Council, for the time being, and their Successors or any of them shall at any time or times hereafter upon any Doubt w^{ch} they shall Conceive Concerning the strength or Vallidity in Law of this our present grant or be desireous to have the same renewed & Confirm'd by us our heirs and successors with amendm^{ts} of such Imperfections and defects, as shall appear fit and necessary to the said Council and their Successors to be Reformed amended in behalf of us our heirs and Successors and for the furthering of the plantation and Government or the Increase, continuing & flourishing thereof, that then upon the humble petition of the said Council for the time being & their successors to us our heirs & Successors, we our heirs & Successors, shall & will forth with make & pass under the great seal of England to the said Council & their Successors such further & better assurance of all & singuler the Lands, Grounds, Royalties, p^rviledges &

premises aforesaid, Granted or Intended to be granted according to our true intent & Meaning in these our Letters pattents signified & declared or mentioned as by the Learned Council of us our heirs & successors and of all the s^d Company & their successors shall in that behalf be reasonably advised or devised, and further our will & pleasure is that in all questions and Doubts that shall arrise upon any difficulty of Construction or Interpretation in any thing Contained in these our Letters pattents they shall be taken and Interpreted in most ample and beneficial Manner, for the said Council & their successors & every Member thereof, and we do further for us our heirs & Successors Charge & Command all & singular admirals vice admirals Generals Command^{rs} & Cap^{ts}, Justices of the peace Major^{rs} Sheriffs Baylifs Constables Customers Controlers wayters serchers & all the officers of us our heirs & Successors whatsoever to be from time to time & at all times hereafter in all things aiding & assisting & helping Unto the said Council & their Successors and unto every of them upon request & requests by them to be made in all matters and things for the furtherance & accomplish^t of all or any of the matters & things by us in & by these our Letters Pattents given granted & provided, or by us meant or Intended, to be given, granted & provided, as they our s^d officers & the officers of us our heirs & Successors to tender our pleasure, & will avoide the Contrary at their perrills, and also we do by these presents ratify & Confirm unto the said Council & their successors, all priviledges Franchises Liberties & Immunities, granted in our s^d former Letters Pattents & not in these our Letters pattents, revoked Altered changed or abridged altho' express mentioned &c

In Witness &c our selves at westminster the Third day of November in y^e Eighteenth year of our reign—

☞ Bre de privato Sigillo—

Pro: Newhamp^r Vera Copia from the sup^r Courts Record Compared 6th June 1704—

☞ Theo: Atkinson Cle^r—

Pro: Newhamp^r Vera Copia Compared y^e 9th July 1706

Theo: Atkinson Cle^r—

Pro: Newhamp^r Vera Copia Compared with what on file in y^e Inf^r Court of Common pleas, y^e 15th April: 1707—

☞ Cur^m Henry Penny Cl^r—

Copy as in file in the Office of the Clerk of the Superiour Court of Judicature—

Examⁿ'd October 3^d 1760—

☞ Geo: Jaffrey Cler—

March 20th 1793 Copy examined by

Nath^l Adams Clerk

[*Grant of Mariana, March 9, 1621-2*]

[Archives of England, Colonial Entry Book, Vol. 59, p. 93.]

A Grant of Cape Anne in New England from the President & Council of New England to John Mason Esq^r

This Indenture made y^e Ninth day of March in y^e 19th yeare of the Reigne of Our Sovereigne Lord James by y^e Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Defender of the faith. Betweene y^e President & Councell of New England of the one parte and John Mason Gent. and inhabitant of the City of London of y^e other parte. Witnesseth that whereas Our Said Sovereigne Lord King James for y^e making a Plantac'on & Establishing a Colony or Colonyes in the Country called or knowne by the Name of New England in America hath by his Highness Letters Patents under the Great Seale of England bearing Date at Westminster the 3^d day of Novemb^r given granted & confirmed unto the R^t Hon^{ble} Lodwick Lord Duke of Lenox, George Marquies of Buckingham, James Lord Marquiss Hamilton, Thomas Earle of Arundell Robert Earle of Warwick S^r Ferdinando Georges Knight & divers others whose names are expressed in the Said Letters Pattents their Successo^{rs} and Assignes that they Shall be one body politicque and Corporate perpetuall, and that they should have perpetuall Succession, and One Common Seale or Seales to Serve for y^e Said Body, and that they & their Successo^{rs} shalbee knowne called and incorporated by the Name of the President and Councill Established at Plymouth in the County of Dev'on for y^e Planting Ruling & Governing New England in America And alsoe hath of his especiall Grace certaine knowledge meer motion for him his Heirs & Successors given granted & Confirmed unto the Said President & Councill & their Successo^{rs} under the Reservac'ons limitac'ons & Declarac'ons in the Said Letters Pattents expressed. All that parte & Porc'on of the Said Country Now comonly called New England which is Scituat lying & being betwixt the Latitude of 40. Degr. & 48 of Northerly Latitude together wth the Seas & Islands lying wthin One hundred Miles of any parte of the said Coast of the Country aforesaid. And alsoe all y^e Lands Grounds Soyle havens Ports Rivers Mines as well Royall Mines of Gold & Silver as others Mines Mineralls pearles and pretious Stones woods quarreys Marshes Waters fishing hunting hawking fowling Comodities & Hereditam^{ts} whatsoever together wth all the prerogatives Jurisdic'ons Royalties priviledges, franchises and preheminenes wthin any of y^e said Territoryes and y^e precincts thereof whatsoever To have hold possess & enjoy all & Sing'ler y^e said Lands & premises in y^e said Letters Pa-

tents Granted or menc'oned to be granted unto them the Said President & Councill their Successors and Assignes. To be holden of his Ma^{ty} his Heirs and Successors as of his Highness Mannor of East Greenwich in y^e County of Kent in free & Com'on Soccage and not in Capite or by Knights Service Yelding & paying to y^e Kings Ma^{ty} his heires and Successors the one fifth part of all the Oare of Gold & Silver that from time to time and att all times from the Date of the said Letters Patents Shall be there gotten had or Obteyned for all Services Dutyes or Demands as in & by his Highness Said Letters Patents amongst Divers other things therein conteyned more fully & at large it doth & may appeare And whereas the Said President and Councill have upon Mature Deliberac'on thought fitt for y^e better furnishing and furtherance of the Plantac'ons in those parts to appropriate and allotte to Severall and particuler persons diverse parcells of Lands wth in the precincts of the aforesaid granted premises by his Ma^{ty} said Letters Patents, NOW THIS INDENTURE further witnesseth that y^e said President and Councill of their full free and Mutuall consent as well to y^e end that all the Lands woods, waters, Islands & fishings wth all other the profitts and Comodities whatsoever to them or any of them and hereafter in These presents menc'oned may be wholly & intirely invested appropriated Severed and Settled in & upon the Said John Mason his heirs and assignes for Evar, as for divers Speciall services for y^e advancem^t of y^e said Plantac'on & other Good causes & considerac'ons them especially thereunto moveing have given granted bargained Sold assigned aliened Enfeoffed Sett over & confirmed, And by these presents doe give grant bargain sell assigne alien Enfeoffed Sett over & confirme unto y^e said John Mason his heirs and assignes, All that part of the Sea Coast of New England being a great headland or Cape & lying in y^e Northermost parts of the Massachusetts Country & to y^e Northeastwards of the Great River of the Massachusetts Stretching it Self out into y^e Sea Eastwards five Leagues or thereabouts and lying betwixt y^e Lat. of 42 & 43 Degr. or thereabouts; & com'only called or knowne by the Names of Cape Frabigzand or Cape Anne wth the North South & East Shoares & Coasts thereof the back bounds thereof towards the Maine Land to begin at the head of the Next Great River to the Southwards of the said Cape w^{ch} runs upwards into the Country of the Main Land westward and Supposed to be called Naumkeck or by what other Name or Names the Said River is or may be called & soeforth Eastwards into y^e Sea & to y^e uttermost part of y^e Said headland or Cape & round about the Same to y^e Northwards and from thence along the Sea Coast to the Next Great River w^{ch} runs up into the Maine Land Westwards & Supposed to be called Merimack or by what other Name or Names the said River is or

may be called & lying to the North westwards of the said Cape & to the farthest head of the Said river from w^{ch} period to Crossover land to y^e head of the other Great River w^{ch} lyes Southwards of y^e aforesaid Cape where the perambulac^on began & halfe way over that is to Say to y^e Midst of either of y^e Said two Rivers w^{ch} bounds or limits the aforesaid lands both on y^e North & South thereof together wth the Great Isle or Island henceforth to be called Isle Mason lying Neere, or before the Bay Harbor or y^e river of Aggawom together alsoe wth all the Seas Isles or Islands adjoining to any part of y^e precincts of the Lands aforesaid or lying wthin 3 Miles of any parte of y^e same, as alsoe all y^e Lands Soyle Grounds havens Ports Rivers Mines Mineralls pearls & pretious Stones woods Quarreys Marshes Waters Lakes fishings hunting hawking fflowing Com^odities & hereditam^a whatsoever wth all & Sing^ler their appurtenances together wth all prerogatives rights royalties jurisdictions priviledges franchises p^rheminences libertyes Marine power as alsoe y^e Escheats and casualties thereof, wth all y^e State right title interest claime & demand whatsoever w^{ch} the Said president & Council & their Successo^{rs} of right ought to have or claime in or to the Said porc^ons of land & other y^e premises as is aforesaid by reason or force of his Highness Said Letters Patents in as free large ample & beneficiall Manner to all intents construc^ons & purposes whatsoever as in & by y^e Said Letters Patents the Same are amongst other things granted to y^e Said president & Council aforesaid Except two fifths of the Oare of Gold & Silver these presents hereafter expressed w^{ch} Said Porc^ons of Lands wth the appurten^{ces} the s^t John Mason with the consent of the President and Council intendeth to Name Mariana.

To have and to hold all y^e Said porc^ons of land wth y^e Great Island henceforth to be called Isle Mason & all other Islands adjacent & wthin three Miles thereof and all & Singuler other y^e premises hereby Given granted aliened enfeoffed & confirmed or menc^oned or intended by these presents to be given granted Aliened enfeoffed & confirmed wth all & Sing^ler y^e appurten^{ces} & every part & parcell thereof unto y^e Said John Mason his heyres & Assignes for ever, To be holden of his Said Ma^{ty} his heyres & Successo^{rs} as of his Highness Man^{or} of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in ffree and common Soccage & not in Capite or by Kn^{ts} Service Nevertheless wth Such exceptions reservac^ons, limitac^ons & Declarac^ons as in the Said Letters Pattents are Expressed Yeelding and paying unto Our Said Sovereigne Lord the King his heires and Successo^{rs} the one fifth part of all y^e Oare of Gold and Silver that from time to time & at all times hereafter shall bee there gotten had and obteyned for all Services Dutyes and Demands, And also yeelding & paying unto the Said

President and Councill & their Successors Yearly the Sum' of five shillings English Money or the value thereof in fish or other Com'odities of the Country if it be demanded.

And the Said President & Councill for them and their Successors doe Covenant & Grant to & wth y^e Said John Mason his heires and assignes from and after then Sealing & delivery of these p^{nts} according to the purporte true intent & meaning of these p^{nts} that he Shall & May from henceforth & from time to time for Ever peaceably quietly have hold possess & enjoy all the aforesaid porcions of Land wth all other the Islands & premises wth the appurten'ces hereby before given & granted or Menc'oned meant or intended to be hereby given & granted & every part & parcell thereof without any lett disturbance or denyall trouble interupcion or evic'ion of or by the Said President & Councill or any person or persons whatsoever claiming by from or under them or their Successors or by or under their State right Title or interest, And the said President & Councill for them & their Successors doe Covenant & Grant to & wth the Said John Mason his heires and assignes by these P^{nts}, that they the Said President & Councill Shall at all times hereafter upon reasonable request at y^e only proper Cost & charges in the Law of the said John Mason his heyres and assignes doe make performe Suffer execute & willingly consent unto any further Act or Acts conveyance or conveyences assurance or assurances whatsoever for the good & perfect investing assuring & conveying & Sure makeing of all the aforesaid Porcions of Land & Islands and all & Sing'ler the appurten'ces to y^e Said John Mason his heyres & assignes as by him his heyres & Assignes or by his or their Councill Learned in the Law Shall be devised advised or required And it is further agreed by & between the said partyes to these Presents, And the said John Mason for him his heyres Executors & Administrators doth Covenant to & with the said President & Councill & their Successors by these Presents that if at any time hereafter there shall be found any Oare of Gold or Silver wthin the Grounds or in any part of the said premises that then he the s^d John Mason his heyres & Assignes shall yeeld & pay unto y^e said President & Councill their successors and Assignes one fifth part of all Such Oare of Gold & Silver as shall be found in & upon the premises. And the Said John Mason doth farther covenant for him his heyres & Assignes that he will Establish such a Governm^t in y^e said Porcions of Lands granted unto him & the same will from time to time continue as shall be agreeable as neere as conveniently may bee to the Law's and Customes of the Realme of England, and if he shall be charged at any time to have Neglected his Duty therein that then he will reforme the same according to the Directions of the President & Councill. And further that

if y^e said John Mason his heyres or assignes shall at any time hereafter alien these premises or any part thereof to any forreigne Nations or to any person whatsoever of any forreigne Nation without the Speciall Lycence consent and agreem^t of the Said President & Councell their Successo^rs & Assignes that then the parte or parts of the said lands soe aliened shall inediatly returne back againe to the use of the Said President and Councill And further know yee that the Said President & Councell have made Constituted Deputed authorished & appointed & in their place & stead doe put Ambrose Gibbins or in his Absence to any other person that shall be their Governo^r or other Offic^r to the President & Councill to be their true & Lawfull Attorney & in their name & stead to enter the s^d porc^{ions} of Lands & other premises wth their appurt^{nces} or into some part thereof in the Name of the whole for them & in their Name to have & take possession & seizing thereof & after such possession & Seizin thereof or of some parte thereof in y^e Name of the whole Soe had & taken then for them & in their Names to deliver the full & peaceable possession & Seizin of all & Singuler the said granted premises unto the said John Mason or to his certaine attorney or Attorneys in that behalfe according to the true intent & meaning of these presents ratifying allowing & Confirming all and whatsoever their said Attorney shall doe in or about y^e premises by these p^sents. In wittnesse whereof to one parte of these present Indentures remaining wth y^e said John Mason the said President & Councell have put their Com^{on} Seale & to y^e other part thereof remaining wth y^e said p^resident & Councell he the said John Mason have put his hand & Seale, Given the Day & Yeare first above Written.

[*Grant of Maine, Aug. 10, 1622.*]

[Archives of England, Colonial Entry Book, Vol. 59, p. 101.]

A Grant of the Province of Maine to S^r fferdinando Gorges, and John Mason Esq^r 10th of August 1622.

This Indenture made the 10th day of August Anno Dom: 1622, & in the 20th yeare of the Reigne of Our Sovereigne Lord James by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Deffender of the ffaith &c^a Betweene the President & Councell of New England on y^e one part, and S^r fferdinando Gorges of London knight and Captaine John Mason of London Esquire on y^e other part Wittnesseth that whereas Our Said Sovereigne Lord King James for

the making a Plantac'on & Establishing a Colony or Colonyes in y^e Country called or knowne by y^e Name of New England in America hath by his highness Letters Pattents Under the Great Seale of England bearing date at Westm^r the 3^d day of Novemb^r in the 18th Yeare of his Reigne given granted and confirmed Unto the Right Honourable Lodowick Duke of Lenox George Marquiss of Buckingham James Marquis Hamilton, Thomas Earle of Arundell Robert Earle of Warwick S^r Ferdinando Gorges kn^t and diverse others whose Names are expressed in y^e said Letters Patents their Successors and assignes that they Shalbe One Body Politique and Corporate perpetuall and that they Should have perpetuall Succession & One Com'on Seale or Seales to Serve for the said Body and that they & their Successors Shalbe knowne called and incorporated by the Name of the President & Councill established at Plymouth in the County of Dev'on for the Planting ruling & Governing of New England in America. And also hath of his especiall grace certaine knowledge & Meer Moc'on for him his heyres and Successo^{rs} given granted & confirmed unto the Said President & Councill & their Successo^{rs} under the reservac'ons, limitac'ons, & declarac'ons in the said Letters Patents expressed, All that part or porc'on of that Country now com'only called New England w^{ch} is Scituate lying & being between the Latitude of 40, & 48 Degrees Northerly Latitude togeather wth the Seas and Islands lying wth in one hundred Miles of any part of the Said Coasts of the Country aforesaid and also all y^e Lands Soyle, Grounds, havens, Ports, Rivers Mines as well Royall Mines of Gold & Silver as other Mines Mineralls pearls & pretious Stones Woods, quarryes, Marshes, Waters ffishings hunting, hawking fowling com'odities & hereditaments whatsoever togeather wth all prerogatives Jurisdictions Royalties Priviledges franchises & preheminenes within any of the said Territoryes & precincts thereof whatsoever, To have hold possess & enjoy all & Singuler the said lands & premises in the said Letters Pattent granted or menc'oned to bee Granted unto y^e said President & Councill their Success^{rs} and Assignes for Ever to be holden of his Ma^{ty} his heires & Success^{rs} as of his highness Man'o^r of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in free & common Soccage & not in Capite or by kn^{ts} service Yeelding & paying to the Kings Ma^{ty} his heyres & Success^{rs} the one fifth part of all Gold & Silver Oare that from time to time & at all times from the date of the said Letters Patents Shall be there gotten had or Obtayned for all Services Dutyes or Demands as in & by his highnes Said Letters Patents amongst divers other things therein conteyned more fully & at large it doth appeare, And whereas the said president & Councill have upon Mature deliberac'on thought fitt for

the better furnishing & furtherance of the Plantac'on in those parts to appropriate & allot to Severall & particuler persons diverse parcells of Lands within the precincts of y^e afores^d granted p'misses by his Ma^{ty} Said Letters P'atents. NOW THIS INDENTURE witnesseth that y^e s^d President & Councill of their full free & Mutuall consent as well to the end that all the Lands, woods, lakes, rivers, waters, Islands, & fishings wth all other the Traficques profits & Com'odities whatsoever to them or any of them belonging & hereafter in these presents menc'oned may be wholly & intirely invested appropriated Severed & Settled in & upon y^e Said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heyres & assignes for Ever as for diverse Special Services for the advancem^t of the S^d Plantac'ons & other good & Sufficient causes & considerac'ons them especially thereunto moving have given granted bargained Sould assigned aliened Sett over Enfeoffed & confirmed And by these presents doe give grant bargaine Sell assigne alien Sett over & confirme unto y^e S^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heyres & Assignes All that part of y^e Maine land in New England lying upon y^e Sea Coast betwixt y^e rivers of Merimack & Sagadahock & to y^e furthest heads of y^e said Rivers & Soe forwards up into the land westward untill threescore Miles be finished from y^e first entrance of the aforesaid rivers & half way over that is to Say to the midst of the said two Rivers wth bounds & limitts the lands aforesaid together wth all Islands & Isletts wthin five leagues Distance of y^e premisses & abutting upon y^e Same or any part or parcell thereof, As also all the lands, Soyle, Grounds, havens, Ports, rivers, Mines, Mineralls, pearls pretious Stones woods quarryes Marshes Waters fishings hunting hawking fowling and other Com'odities & hereditam^{ty} whatsoever wth all & Singuler their apurtenences together wth all prerogatives rights royalties Jurisdictions Priviledges franchises libertyes preheminences Marine power in & upon y^e Said Seas & rivers as alsoe all escheats and casualtyes thereof as flotsion Jetson lagon wth anchorage and other Such Dutyes immunities Sects Isletts & apurtenences whatsoever wth all y^e estate right Title interest claime & demands whatsoever w^{ch} y^e Said President & Councill & their Successor^s of right ought to have or claime in or to y^e Said por'cons of lands Rivers & other y^e premises as is aforesaid by reason or force of his highnes Said Letters Patents in as free large ample & beneficiall man^r to all intents constructions & purposes whatsoever as in & by the Said Letters Patents y^e Same are among other things granted to y^e said President & Councill afores^d Except two fifths of y^e Oare of Gold & Silver in These p'nts hereafter Expressed w^{ch} Said por'cons of lands wth y^e appurten'ces the said S^r Ferdinando Gorges &

Cap^t John Mason wth the consent of y^e President & Councell intend to name y^e Province of Maine—To have & to hold all the said Por^ons of land Islands rivers & premises as aforesaid & all and Sing^ler other y^e Com^odytes & hereditam^s hereby given granted aliened enfeoffed & confirmed or menc^oned or intended by these p^rsents to be given granted aliened enfeoffed & confirmed wth all & Singular y^e appurten^ces & every part & parcell thereof unto y^e Said S^r Ferdinando Gorges and Cap^t John Mason their heyres & assignes for Ever. To be holden of his Said Ma^{tie} his heyres & Successo^rs as of his Highnes Man^or of East Greenwich in y^e County of Kent in free & Common Soccage & not in Capite or by Kn^{ts} Service Nevertheless wth Such exceptions reservac^ons limitac^ons & declarac^ons as in y^e said letters Pattents are at large expressed Yeelding & paying unto Our Sovereigne Lord the King his heyres & Successo^rs the fifth part of all y^e Oare of Gold & Silver that from time to time & at all times hereafter Shall be there gotten had & Obteyned for all Services Dutyes & Demands And alsoe Yeelding & paying unto the Said President & Councell & their Successo^rs yearly the Sum^o of Tenn Shillings English money if it be demanded. And the Said President & Councill for them & their Success^rs doe Covenant & grant to & wth the Said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Captain John Mason their heires & Assignes from & after the ensealing & delivery of these p^rsents according to y^e purport true intent & Meaning of these p^rnts that they shall from henceforth from time to time for ever peaceably & quietly have hold possess & enjoye all y^e aforesaid Lands, Islands, rivers & premises wth y^e appurtenances hereby before given & granted or menc^oned or intended to be hereby given and granted & every part & parcell thereof wthout any lett disturbance denyall trouble inter^up^on or Evicc^on of or by y^e Said President & Councill or any person or persons whatsoever claiming by from or under them or their Successo^rs or by or under their Estate right Title or Interest, And y^e said President & Councill for them & their Successors doe further Covenant & Grant to & wth y^e said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heyres & assignes by these presents that they y^e said President & Councell Shall at all times hereafter upon reasonable request at y^e only proper Cost & charges in the Law of y^e Said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heyres & Assignes doe make performe Suffer Execute & willingly consent unto any further Act or Acts conveyance or conveyances assurance or assurances whatsoever for y^e Good & perfect investing assuring & conveying & Sure making of all the aforesaid por^ons of Lands Islands rivers & all & Singuler their appurten^ces to y^e Said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heyres & Assignes as by them their heyres

& Assignes or by his their or any of their Council learned in y^e Law shall bee devised advised or required, And further it is agreed by and between the Said partyes to these presents & y^e Said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Captaine John Mason for them their heyres Executors Administrators & Assignes doe covenant to & wth y^e Said President & Council and their Successo^{rs} by these presents that if at any time hereafter there shall be found any Oare of Gold & Silver within y^e Ground in any part of the Said premises that then they y^e said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heyres and Assignes shall yeeld & pay unto y^e said President & Council their Successo^{rs} and Assignes One fifth part of all such gold & Silver Oare as shall be found wthin & upon y^e premises & digged and brought above ground to be Delivered above ground and that allwayes within reasonable and convenient time if it be demanded after y^e finding getting & Digging up of Such Oare as aforesaid wthout fraud or covin and according to y^e true intent and meaning of These Presents. And y^e S^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason doe further covenant for them their heyres & Assignes that they will Establish Such Governm^t in y^e S^d Porc^{ions} of lands and Islands granted unto them & y^e same will from time to time continue as shall be agreeable as nere as may be to y^e Laws & Customes of y^e realme of England and if they shall be charged at any time to have neglected their Duty therein that then they will reforme the same according to y^e Directions of the President & Council or in Defaulte thereof it shall be Lawfull for any of y^e agreived inhabtants or Planters being tenn^t upon y^e Said Lands to appeale to y^e Cheif Courts of Justices of y^e President & Council And y^e said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason doe covenant & grant to & wth y^e said President & Council their Success^{rs} & assignes by these presents that they y^e said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason shall & will before y^e expirac^{on} of three yeares to be accopted from y^e day of y^e Date hereof have in or upon the said porc^{ions} of lands or some p^t thereof One fforte wth a competent guard & ten famillyes at y^e least of his Ma^{ty} Subjects resident & being in & upon y^e same premises or in default thereof shall & will forfeite & loose to the said President & Council the sum^{me} of One hundred pounds Sterling money and further that if y^e said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heires & assignes shall at any time hereafter alien these premises or any part thereof to any florraine Nations or to any person or persons of any florraine Nation without y^e speciall licence consent and agreement of y^e said President & Council their Successo^{rs} and Assignes that then y^e part or parts of the said lands soe aliened Shall immediately returne back againe to y^e use of y^e said President & Council. And

further know yee that y^e said President & Councill have made constituted deputed authorized & appointed and in their place & stead doe put Cap^t Rob^t Gorges or in his absence to any other person that shall be their Governo^r or other officer to be their true & lawfull attorney & in their Name & Stead to enter the said porc'ons of Lands & other the premises wth their appurten'ces or into Some part thereof in y^e Name of y^e whole for them & in their Name to have & take possession and Seizin thereof or some part thereof in y^e Name of y^e whole Soe had & taken there for them & in their Names to deliver the full & peaceable possession and Seizin of all & Singuler the said granted Premises unto y^e said S^r Ferdinando Gorges and Cap^t John Mason or to their certaine attorney or Attorneys in that behalf according to y^e true intent & meaning of these presents, ratifying confirming and allowing all & whatsoever their said Attorney Shall Doe in or about y^e premises by these presents. In Witnesse whereof to one parte of these presente Indentures remaining in the hands of S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Captaine John Mason the said President & Councill have caused their com'on Seale to be affixed & to the other of these present Indentures remaining in the Custody of the said President & Councill the said S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason have put to their hands & Seales. Given y^e day & yeare first above written.

Wheelwright deed, May 17, 1629, State Papers, Vol. 1, pp. 56—60.

[*Grant of New Hampshire, Nov. 7, 1629.*]

[Archives of England, Colonial Entry Book 59, folio 109.]

Grant of New Hampshire to Cap^t John Mason 7th of Novem^r 1629./

This Indenture made y^e Seaventh day of Novemb^r Anno Dom^y 1629 & in y^e fifti yeare of y^e Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by y^e Grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland Defender of the faith &c Between y^e President & Councill of new England on the one partie & Cap^t John Mason of London Esq^r on y^e other partie Wittnesseth y^t whereas our late Sovereigne Lord of ffamous Memory King James for y^e making a Plantation & establishing of a Colony or Colonyes in the Countrey called or Knowen by y^e name of New England in America did by his highness letters patents under y^e great Seale of England bearing date att Westminster y^e

third day of Novemb^r in y^e Eighteenth yeare of his Reigne give grant & confirme unto y^e Right hon^{ble} Lodowick Duke of Lenox George marquis of Buckingham James marquis of Hamilton Thomas Earle of Arundell Robert Earle of Warwick Sr Ferdinando Gorges Kn^t & divers others whose names are expressed in y^e said letters patents their heyres & assignes. That they shall be one bodye politique & corporate perpetuall & y^t they should have perpetuall Succession & one com'on seale or Seales to serve for y^e Said bodye & that they & their Successo^rs Shalbe known called & incorporated by y^e name of president & Councell established at Plymouth for y^e planting ruling & Governing of New England in America and also did of his especiall Grace certaine knowledge and meer motion for him his heyres & Successors give grant & confirme unto y^e said President & Councell & their Successors under y^e reservac'ons limitac'ons & declarac'ons in y^e s^d letters patents expressed. All y^t part & porc'on of y^t Countrey now commonly called New England w^{ch} is scittuate lying & being between y^e latitude of fforty degrees & ffourty Eight of Northerly latitude together wth y^e Seas & Islands lying wthin one hundred miles of any part of y^e s^d Coaste of y^e Countrey afores^d & also all y^e lands Soyle grounds havens ports rivers mines as well Royall mignes of Gold & Silver as other mines mineralls pearls & pretious Stones woods quarryes marshes waters fishings hunting hawking fowling commodities & hereditaments whatsoever together wth all perogatives Jurisdicc'ons Royaltys pliviledges franchises & preheminences within any of y^e s^d Territoryes & y^e precincts thereof whatsoever To have hold possess & Injoye all & singular y^e said lands & premisses in y^e said letters patents granted or menc'oned to be granted unto them y^e s^d President & Councill their Successors & Assignes for ever to be holden of his Ma^{tie} his heirs & Successors as of his Highness Man'or of East Greenwich in y^e County of Kent in free & com'on Succage & not in Capite or by Knights Service yeelding & paying to y^e Kings Ma^{tie} his heirs & Successors y^e one ffifth part of all gold & silver oare y^t from time to time & at all times frome y^e date of y^e said letters patents shalbee there gotten had or obeyned for all services dutyes or demands as in & by his highness said letters patents amongst diverse other things therein conteyned more fully and at large it doth & may appeare And whereas y^e said President & Councell have upon mature deliberac'on thought fitt for y^e better furnishing & furtherance of y^e plantac'on in those parts to appropriate & allott to severall & particular persons divers parcells of lands wthin y^e precincts of y^e afores^d granted premises by his Ma^{ties} s^d letters patents Now this Indenture wittnesseth y^t y^e s^d President & Councill of their full free & mutuall consent as well to y^e end y^t all

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Assigness one fifth part of all such Gold & Silver oare as shalbe found in & upon y^e s^d premises & digged & brought above ground to be delivered above ground & y^t always wthin reasonable & convenient time if it be demanded after y^e finding digging getting up of such oare as afores^d wthout fraud or conin & according to y^e true intent & meaning of these p^{ts} And y^e s^d Cap^t John Mason doth further covenant for him his heires & assigness that he will establish such governm^t in y^e s^d porc^{ns} of lands & Islands granted unto him & y^e same will from time to time continue as shall be agreable as near as may be to y^e laws & costoms of y^e Realme of England & if he shall be charged at any time to have neglected his duty therein y^t then he will reforme y^e same according to y^e direction of y^e president & Council or in Default thereof it shalbe lawfull for any of y^e aggrieved inhabitants or planters being tennants upon y^e said lands to appeale to y^e cheif Courts of Justice of y^e s^d president & Council And further that if y^e s^d Cap^t John Mason his heires & assigness shall at any time hereafter alien these premisses or any part to any forraigne Nations or to any person or persons of any forraigne nation wthout y^e speciall licence consent & agreem^t of y^e s^d president & Council their Successors or assigness That then y^e part or parts of y^e s^d lands soe aliened shall immediatly returne back again to y^e use of y^e s^d president & Council And further knowe yee y^t y^e s^d president & Council have made constituted deputed authorized & appointed & in their place & stead doe put Cap^t Walter Neale or in his absence to any other p^{son} y^t shalbe their Governor or other officer to be their true & lawfull Attorney & in their name & stead to enter y^e s^d porc^{ns} of lands & other y^e premises wth their ap^{ur}tences or into some part thereof in y^e name of y^e whole for them & in their name to have & take possission & seizin thereof or some pt thereof in y^e name of y^e whole soe had & taken Then for them & in their nams to deliver y^e full & peaceable possession & seizin of all & singular y^e s^d granted premisses unto y^e said Cap^t John Mason or to his Certaine Atorny or Attornies in y^e behalf according to y^e true intent & meaning of these p^{ts} ratifying confirming & allowing all & what soever y^e s^d Attorney shall doe in or about y^e premises of these p^{ts} in wittness whereof to one part of these present Indentures remaining in y^e hands of Cap^t John Mason y^e s^d president & Council have caused their common Seale to be affixed & to y^e other part of these p^{ts} Indentures remaining in y^e costody of y^e s^d president & Council y^e s^d John Mason hath putt to his hand & Seal Given y^e day & yeare first above written/.

[*Grant of Laconia, Nov. 17, 1629.*]

[Archives of England, Colonial Entry Book, Vol. 59, p. 115.]

THE GRANT of the Province of Laconia to Sr Ferdinand Gorges and Cap^t Jn^o Mason—17th Nov^r 1629.

THIS INDENTURE made y^e seaventeenth day of Novemb^r Ano Domⁱ: 1629 & in y^e fifth yeare of y^e Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by y^e grace of God King of England Scotland france & Ireland Defender of the ffaith &c Between y^e President & Councell of New England in y^e one partie & Sr Ferdinand Gorges of London Kn^t & Cap^t John Mason of London Esq^r on y^e other partie Witt^{es}seth y^t whereas our late Sovereigne Lord of ffamous memory King James for y^e making a plantac^on and establishing of a Colony or Colonys in y^e Country call^d or known by y^e name of New England in America did by his Highness letters pattents under y^e great Seal of England bearing date at Westminster y^e third day of Novemb^r in y^e Eighteenth yeare of his raigne give grant & confirme into y^e right hon^{ble} Lodowick Duke of Lenox George Marques of Buckingham James Lord Marques of Hamilton Thomas Earle of Arundel Robert Earle of Warwick Sr Ferdinand Gorges Kn^t & divers others whose names are expressed in y^e s^d letters pattents their heires & assignnes y^t they shalbe one body politicque & corporate perpetuall & y^t they should have perpetuall succession & one com^on Seal or seales to serve for y^e s^d body & that they & their Successors shalbe knowne called & incorporated by y^e name of y^e President & Councill established at Plymouth for y^e planting ruleing & Governing of New England in America & also did of his speciall grace certaine knowledge & meer moc^on for him his heires & Successors give grant & confirme unto y^e s^d President & Councill & their Successors under y^e reservac^ons limitac^ons & declarac^ons in y^e s^d Letters Pattents expressed All y^e part & porc^on of y^e Countrey now com^only Called NEW ENGLAND w^{ch} is Scittuate lying & being between y^e latitude of Fourty degrees & fourty eight of Notherly latitude together wth y^e Seas & Islands lying wthin one hundred Miles of any part of y^e s^d coast of the Country afores^d And alsoe all y^e lands soyle grounds havens ports rivers mines as well Royall mines of Gold & Silver & other mines meneralls pearles & pretious Stones woods Quarrys marshes watters fishings hunting hawking fowling commodytes and hereditam^{ts} w^{so}ever together wth all prerogatives Jurisdic^ons royaltyes priviledgs ff ranchises & preheminences wthin any of y^e s^d territoryes & precincts thereof whatsoever To have hold possess & enjoye

all & singular y^e s^d lands & premises in y^e s^d letters patents granted or meuc'oned to be granted unto them y^e s^d President & Council their Successors & assignes for ever To be holden of his Ma^{ty} his heires & Successors as of his Highness man'or of East Greenwich in y^e County of Kent in free & Com'on Soccage & not in Capite or by Kn^{ts} service Yeelding & paying to his K^{ts} Ma^{ty} his heirs & Successors y^e one fifth part of all Gold & Silver ore that from time to time & att all times from y^e date of y^e s^d letters patents shalbe there gotten had or obtained for all services dutyes or demands as in and by his highness said letters pattents amongst divers other things therein contained more full & at large it doth & may appear And wheras y^e s^d president & Council have upon mature deliberac'on thought fitt for y^e better furnishing and furtherance of y^e plantac'on in those parts to appropriate & allot to Sev'all & particular persons divers parcels of lands wthin y^e precincts of y^e afores^d granted premises by his Ma^{ty} s^d Letters Pattents Now this Indenture wittneseth y^e y^e s^d president & Council of their full free & mutuall consent as well to y^e end y^e all y^e lands woodes lakes louchs rivers watters Islands & fishings with all other y^e traficques proffitts & comodities whatsoever to them or any of them belonging & heerafter in these p'nts meuc'oned may be wholly & intirely invested appropriated severed & setteled in & upon y^e s^d S^r fferdinando Gorgs & Cap^t John Mason their heires & assignes for ever as for divers Speciall services for y^e advancem^t of y^e s^d plantac'on & other good & Sufficent causes & Considerac'ons them especially thereunto moveing have given granted bargained sould assigned aliened sett over enfeoffed & confirmed & by these p'nts doe give grant barginne sell assigne alien sett ovr enoffe & confirme unto y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heirs & assignes & to their Associates & such as they shall alow of & take in to adventure & joyne wth them in their plantac'ons traficques & discoveryes in y^e parts heerafter expressed & their Heires & assignes according to contracts wth them to be made All those lands & Countrys lying adjacent or bordering upon y^e great lake or lakes or rivers commonly called or knownen by y^e name of y^e river & lake or rivers & lakes of y^e Irroquois a Nation or Nations of salvage people inhabiting up into y^e landwards betwixt y^e lines of west & Northwest conceived to passe or lead upwards from y^e rivers of Sagadahock & Merrimack in y^e Country of New England afores^d Together also wth y^e lakes & rivers of y^e Irroquois & other Nations adjoining y^e midle part of w^{ch} lakes is scittuate & lying neer about y^e latitude of fourty four of fourty five degrees reckon'd from y^e Equinoctial line Northwards as alsoe all y^e lands Soyls & grounds wthin tenn Miles of any part of y^e said lakes or

rivers on y^e South or East part thereof & from y^e West end or Sides of y^e s^d lakes & rivers soe farre forth to y^e West as shall extend half way into y^e next great lake to y^e Westwards & from thence Northwards unto y^e North side of y^e maine river w^{ch} run^{eth} from y^e great & vast Westerne lakes & falleth into y^e river of Canada including all y^e Islands wthin y^e percinct or perambulac^{on} described As alsoe all y^e lands sole grounds havens ports rivers mines mineralls pearls & pretious Stones woods Quarrys marshes watters fishings hunting hawking fowling trade & traficque wth y^e Salvages & other com^odi-tyes & hereditam^{ts} w^{so}ever wth all & singular their appurten^{ces} together wth all prerogatives rights royalltys Jurisdic^{ions} priviledges franchises preheminences libertyes Marine power in & upon y^e s^d rivers & lakes As alsoe all escheats & casualtys therof as flotson Jetson & lagon wth anchorag^s & other such dutys im^{unities} sects isletts & appurtenances w^{so}ever wth all y^e Estate right title interest claime & dem^{and} w^{so}ever w^{ch} y^e s^d President & Councill & their Successors of right ought to have or claime in or to y^e s^d por^{ions} of lands rivers & lakes & other y^e premises as is afores^d by reason or force of his Highness s^d letters pattents in as free large ample & beneficiall man^{er} to all intents construcc^{ions} & purposes w^{so}ever as in & by y^e s^d letters patents y^e same are amongst other things granted to y^e s^d president & Councill afores^d Except two fifths of y^e oare of Gold & Silver in these p^{nts} heerafter expressed w^{ch} s^d por^{ions} of lands rivers & lakes wth y^e appurtenances y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason wth y^e consent of y^e President & Councill intend to name y^e province of LACONIA To have & to hold all y^e s^d por^{ions} of land & all y^e lakes & Islands therein contained as afores^d & all & singular other y^e premises heerby given granted aliened enfeoffed & confirmed or menco^{ed} or intended by these p^{nts} to be given granted aliened enfeoffed & confirmed wth all & singular y^e ap^{urtenances} and every part & parcell thereof unto y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Masson their heires & assignes & their associates contracts wth them for ever To be holden of his s^d Ma^{ty} his heires & Successors as of his Highness Man^{our} of East Green Wich in y^e County of Kent in free & com^{on} soccage & not in Capite or by Knights service Nevertheless wth such exceptions reservac^{ions} limitac^{ions} & declarac^{ions} as in y^e s^d letters pattents are at large expressed Yeelding & paying unto our Sovereigne Lord y^e King his heires & successors y^e fifth part of all y^e Oare of Gold & Silver y^e from time to time & att all times heerafter shalbe there gotten had & obtained for all service dutyes & demands And alsoe Yeelding & paying unto y^e S^d President & Councill and their Successors yearly y^e Sum^e of tenn pounds of lawfull mony of England at one entire paym^t wthin tenn dayes afer

y^e feast of S^t Michael y^e Archangel yearly And y^e s^d president & Council for them and their Successors doe covenant & grant to & wth y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heires & assignes & their associates from & after then sealing & delivery of these p^{nts} according to the purport true intent & meaning of these p^{nts} y^t they shall from henceforth from time to time for ever peaceably & quietly have hold posses & enjoye all y^e afores^d porc^{ons} of land lakes & rivers wth all y^e Islands & premises wth y^e appurtenances heerby before given & granted or menc^{oned} or intended to be heerby given & granted & every part & parcell thereof wthout any lett disturbance denyall trouble interrupcon or evic^{on} of or by y^e s^d President & Council or any person or persons whatsoever claimeing by from or under them or their Successors or by or under their Estate right title or interest And y^e s^d president & Council for them & their Successors doe further covenant & grant to & wth y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heires & assignes & their associates contractors as afores^d by these p^{nts} That they y^e s^d president & Council shall att all times heerafter upon reasonable request at y^e only proper coasts & Charges in y^e law of y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heirs & assignes & their associats doe make performe Suffer execute & willingly consent unto any further act or acts convenyence or convenyences assurance or assurances w^{soever} for y^e good & perfict investing assureing conveying & sure makeing of all y^e afores^d porc^{ons} of land lakes Islands & all & Singular their appurtenances to y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heires & assignes & their associates as by them their heires & assignes & their associates or by his their or any of their Council learned in y^e law shalbe devised advised or required And further it is agreed by & between y^e s^d Partyes to these p^{nts} & y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason for them their heires Executors Administrators & assignes & their associates doe covenant to & wth y^e S^d president & Council and their Successors by these p^{nts} y^t if at any time heeafter there Shall be found any oare of Gold & Silver wthin y^e ground wthin any part of y^e s^d premises y^t then they y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heires & assignes & associates shall Yeeld & pay unto y^e s^d President & Council their Successors & assignes One fifth part of all such Gold & Silver oarle as shalbe found wthin & upon y^e premises & digged & brought above ground to be delivered above ground & y^t always wthin reasonable & convenient time if it be demanded after y^e finding getting & digging up of such oare as afores^d wthout fraud or conin & according to y^e true intent & meaning of these p^{nts} And y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason doe further covenant

for y^m their heires & assignes & their associates y^t they will establish such governm^t in y^e s^d porc'ons of land & Islands granted unto y^m & y^e same will from time to time continue as shalbe agreeable as neer as may to y^e laws & custome of y^e Realme of England & if they shalbe charged at any time to have Neglected their duty therein y^t then they will reforme y^e same according to y^e directions of y^e President & Councill or in default thereof it shall be lawfull for any of y^e agreed inhabitants or planters being tennants upon y^e s^d lands to appeale to y^e Cheife Courts of Justice of y^e s^d President and Councill And y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason doe covenant & grant to & wth y^e s^d President & Councill their Successors & assignes by these p^{nts} y^t they y^e S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason shall & will before y^e expirac'on of three yeares to be accounted from y^e day of y^e date heerof have in or upon y^e s^d porc'ons of lands or some part thereof one fforte wth a competent guard & tenn famillyes at y^e least of his Ma^{ty} subjects resident & being in & upon y^e same premises or in default thereof shall & will forfeit & loose to y^e s^d President & Councill y^e Sume of one Hundred pounds sterling money & further y^t if y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heyres assignes or associates shall at any time hereafter alien these premises or any part thereof to any forraigne Nations or to any person or persons of any fforraigne Nation wthout y^e speciall licence consent & agreeem^t of y^e s^d President and Councill their Successors or assignes y^t then y^e part or parts of y^e s^d lands soe aliened shall immediatly returne back again to y^e use of y^e s^d President & Councill And y^e s^d President & Councill for them selves & their Successors doe further covenant & grant to & wth y^e S^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heires & assignes & associates & by these p^{nts} y^t it shall & may be lawfull at all times heerafter to & for y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges and Cap^t John Mason their Heires & assignes & their associates & y^e Deputyes factors servants & ten^{ants} of them or any of them to have free Egress regress way & passage to enter & pass into & returne from & to any of y^e s^d demised lands lakes & rivers wth their Shippes boates barkes or other vessella wth their munition & their Cattle and commodityes of w^t nature soever from by & through any of y^e lands rivers harbours creeks or Sea ports upon y^e sea Coasts or frontier parts of New England afores^d belonging to y^e President & Councill afores^d wthout any lett trouble interrupc'on molestac'on or hindrance of them y^e s^d president & Councill their Successors or assignes or if any other person or persons claiming under them or by their means or procurem^t And for y^e better accommodac'on of them y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heires assignes & associates in their intended traficques & plan-

tac'ons above in y^e s^d lakes of y^e Irroquois whither their goods & marchandizes from y^e sea ports are to be after landing transported it shalbe lawfull for y^m to make choise of & take and possess for y^e use of y^m y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason their heires assignes & associates and their Deputyes ffactors tennants & planters of their Colonyes in any of y^e ports harbours or Creekes in New England lying most com'odious for their passage up into y^e s^d lakes One thousand acres of land upon y^e side or Sides of such harbors ports rivers or Creekes where y^e same is not yet disposed of to any other persons by y^e S^d president & Councill & y^e s^d lands by y^m shalbe holden possessed & enjoyed as freely & with as ample priviledges Jurisdic'ons & comodities in all respects as any other y^e lands above in these p^{nts} demised & granted unto them & further knowe yee y^t y^e S^d president & Councill have made constituted deputed authorized & appointed & in their place & stead doe put Edw: Godfrey or in his absince to any other person y^t shalbe there Governo^r or other Officer to y^e president & Councill to be their true & lawfull Attorney & in their name and Stead to enter y^e s^d porc'on of land & other premises wth there appurtences or into some part thereof in name of y^e whole for them & in their names to have & take possession & seizin thereof & after such possession & seizin therof or some part thereof in y^e name of y^e whole soe had & taken then for them & in their names to deliver y^e full & peaceable possession & seizin of all & singular y^e s^d granted premises unto y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason or to their certaine Attorney or Attorneys in y^e behalf according to y^e true intent & meaning of these p^{nts} ratifying confirming & allowing all & w^{soever} there s^d Attorney shall doe in or about y^e apremises by these p^{nts} In wittness whereof to one of these p^{nt} Indentures remaining in y^e hands of y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason y^e s^d president & Councill have caused their com'on Seal to be affixed & to y^e other part of these p^{nts} Indentures remaining in y^e Custody of y^e s^d President and Councill y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges & Cap^t John Mason have putt to their hands & Seales given y^e day & Year first above written.

Description of Laconia, State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 17.

Letter, Thomas Eyre to Ambrose Gibbons, last of May, 1681, State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 61.

[*Grant of Piscataway Nov. 3, 1631.*]

[Archives of England, Colonial Papers, Vol. 6, p. 28.]

Grant & Confirmation of Piscataway to s^r Firrardino Gorges & Cap^t Mason & others: An^o 1631

THIS INDENTURE made the 3^d day of Novem^r An^o Dni 1631: and in y^e 7th yeere of y^e Reigne of Our Sov^aigne Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defendor of the ffaith &c Betweene the Presid^t & Councill of New England on y^e one p^{ty}, and S^r Ferdinando Gorges Kn^t Cap^t John Mason of London Esq^r and their Associates John Cotton, Henry Gardner, Geo: Griffith, Edwin Guy, Thomas, Wannerton, Thomas Eyre and Eliezer Eyer, on y^e other p^{ty} Wittnesseth. That whereas our late Sovereigne Lord of famous Memory King James for the makeing of a Plantacon and establishing of a Colonie, or Colonies in y^e Countries called or knowne by the name of New England in America Did by his Highnesse's L^{res} Patents under the Great Seale of England, bearing date at Westm^r y^e 3^d day of Nov^r 1620, give grant and confirme unto the R^t Hon^{ble} Lodwicke Duke of Lenox, Geo: Marques of Buckingham, James L^d Merques of Hamilton—Thomas Earle of Arundale Robert Earle of Warwicke S^r Ferdinando Gorges Kn^t and diverse other whose names are expressed in the s^d L^{res} Pat: their Heires and Assignes, that they shalbe one body Politique, and Corporate perpetuall, and that they should have perpetuall Succession, and one Common Seale or Seales, to serve for the said Body, And that they and their Successors shalbe knowne, called and incorporated by y^e name of the presid^t and Councill established at Plym^e for the planting ruling and governing of New England in America, and did of his especiall Grace, certaine Knowledge, and mere Mocon for him his Heires and Success^{rs} give, grant, and confirme unto the s^d Presid^t and Councill and their Success^{rs} under y^e Reservac^ons, Limitac^ons and Declarac^ons in the s^d L^{res} Pat. expressed, All that part and porcon of y^e Countrie now commonly called New England w^{ch} is situate, lying, and being betweene y^e latitude of 40 gr and 48 of North^{ly} latitude, Togeather wth y^e Seas, and Islands lying wthin 100 Miles of any port of y^e s^d Coasts of y^e Countrie afores^d And also all y^e Lands, Soyles, Grounds Havens, Ports, Rivers, Mines as well Roy^{al} Mines of Gold and Silver and other Mines Minalls Pearles and precious stones, Woods Quarries Marshes, Waters, fishings, Hunting, Hawking, fflowing, Commodities and Hereditam^{ts} w^{so}ever, togeather wth all Prerogatives, Juridicc^ons, Royalties, Priviledges franchises and Preheminences wthin any of the s^d Territories and y^e p^cincts

thereof whatsoever. To have hold possesse and enjoy all and singuler the said Lands and p'misses in y^e s^d L^{res} pat: granted or menc'oned to be granted unto them y^e s^d presid^t and Councill their Successors and Assign^s forever. To be holden of his Ma^{ty} his heires and Successors of his H^{es} owne Man^r of East Greenw^{ch} in the Countie of Kent, in free and Common Soccage and not in Capite or by Knights Service. Yeilding and paying to the Kings Ma^{ty} his Heires and Success^{rs} the One 5th p^t of all y^e Gold and Silver Oar that from time to time and at all times from y^e date of the s^d L^{res} pat. shalbe there gotten had or obtained for all Services duties or Demands as in and by his H^{es} L^{res} pat: amongst div^s other things therein contained more fully and at large it doth and may appeare, And whereas the sd Presid^t and Councill have upon mature deliberacon thought fitt for the better furnishing and furtherance of y^e Plantacon in these parts to appropriate and allott to sev^{al}l pticular p^{er}sons diverse p^{er}cells of Land w^{ch} in the p^{er}incincts of the afores^d granted p'misses by his Ma^{ty} s^d L^{res} pat: NOW this Indenture Wittnesseth that the s^d Presid^t and Councill of their full free and mutuall consent, as well to y^e end that all the Lands Woods Lakes, louches, Rivers, Waters ponds Islands and Fishings, w^{ch} all other Traffique, Proffitts, and Commodities whatsoever to them or any of them belonging, and hereafter in these pnts menc'oned may be wholly and entirely invested appropriated severed and settled in and upon y^e s^d S^r fferdinando Georges, Cap^t John Mason, and their Associates, John Cotton, Henry Gardner, George Griffith, Edwyn Guy, Thomas Wannerton Thom: Eyre, & Eliezer Eyre as by divers speciall Services by them already done for the advancement of the s^d plantacon by makeing of Clapboards and pipestaves makeing of Salt panns, and Salt, transporting of Vines for makeing of Wines searching for Iron Oare being all, businesse of very great Consequence for causeing of many Soules both men, women and boys and store of Shippes to be employed thither, and so in short time prove a great Nursery for shipping and Mariners, and also a great helpe to such as in this Kingdome want good Employ^{nt} And further for y^e the s^d S^r fferd: Gorges Capt. John Mason, and their said Associates John Cotton, Henry Gardiner, Geo: Griffith Edwin Guy Thom: Wannerton Tho Eyre and Eliezer Eyer have by their Agents there taken great paines and spent much tyme in the discovering of the Countrie all w^{ch} hath cost them (as we are credibly Informed) 3000^{li} and upwards, which hitherto they are wholly out of purse, upon hope of doing good in time to come to y^e publike, And also for other good and sufficient Causes and Considerac^{ons} the s^d presid^t and Councill especially thereunto moveing, Have given granted bargained sold assigned, aliend, sett over enfeoffed and confirmed and by these p^{nts}

Do give grant, bargain, sell assigne, aliene sett over enffoe and confirme unto the s^d Ferdinando Gorges Cap^t John Mason John Cotton Henr: Gardner Geo Griffith Edwin Guy Thom: Wannerton, Thom: Eyre and Eliezer Eyre, their Heirs and Assignes for ever All that house and cheife habitacon situate and being at Pascataway al's Pascataquack al's Pascaquacke in New England aforesaid, wherein Cap^t Walt: Neale and y^e Colony wth him now doth or lately did reside together wth the Gardens and Cornegrounds occupied and planted by the s^d Colonie, and the Salt workes allready begun as afores^d And also all that porcon of Land lying wthin the precincts hereafter menc'oned, beginning upon the Seacoast 5 miles to the W^{ward} of or from the s^d cheife Habitacon or Plantation now possessed by the s^d Cap^t Walter Neale for y^e use of the Adventurers to Liconia (being in the latitude of 43 degr^s or thereabouts in the Harbour of pascataquack al's Pascataquack al's Pascataway, and so forth from y^e s^d beginning Eastw^d & North eastw^d and so proceeding Northw^d or North Westw^d into y^e Harbour and River along the Coasts & Shoares thereof including all the Islands and Islets lying wthin or neere unto the same upwards into the head land opposite unto the plantacon or Habitacon now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of Edw^d Hilton, & from thence, W^{ward} & South W^{ward} in y^e middle of the River and through the middle of y^e Bay or lake of Boquacack al's Boscaquack or by what other name or names it hath towards the bottome or Westermost part up y^e River called Pascassockes to the falls thereof, and from thence by an Imaginary Line to pass over, and to the Sea, where the pambulacon begann Together wth all y^e Lands, Soyle, Ground Wood, Quarries, Mines, ffishing, Hunting Hawking, fflowing, Comodities and Hereditam^s whatsoever, Together also wth all p^rogatives, Juridic^{ions} Royalties, privilegeiges, ff ranchises and preheminences wthin y^e precincts of Land contained wthin y^e limits or bounds afores^d. And also the Isles of Shoales, and y^e ffishings thereabouts—And all the Seas wthin 15 miles of the foresd Sea Coasts, And also all the Sea Coasts and Land lying on y^e East and Northeast side of the Harbour and River of Pascataway afores^d and opposite to the bounds above menc'oned, begining 15 miles to y^e S: eastwards of y^e Mouth or first entrance and begining of the said Harbour, and so upp to y^e falls and into the ponds or Lakes that feed the s^d falls, by the space of 80 miles including the s^d ponds or Lakes and the Shoares thereof, and so crossing into the Landward, at a right angle by the space of 8 miles the whole length therof from y^e s^d mouth or first entrance from the Sea and Eastwds into y^e Sea, w^{ch} s^d 8 Miles shalbe allowed for y^e breadth of y^e s^d land last menc'oned both upon y^e land and Sea, As also all y^e Land Soyle Ground Woodes, Quarries Mines, ffishings

Hunting Hawking fflowing Commodities and Hereditam^{te} whatsoever, togeather wth all prerogatives Jurisdicc'ons, Royallties, Priviledges, ffranchises and p^rheminences wthin the p^reincts of Land lasst men- c'oned, contained, To have and to hold all y^e s^d House and Habitacon porc'ons of Land and all Lakes and Islands therein contained as aforesaid, and all and singular other y^e p^rmisses hereby given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, and confirmed, wth all and singular thappurtences and every part and pcell thereof unto y^e s^d S^r fferdinando Gorges, Cap^t John Mason John Cotton Henry Gardner Geo. Griffith Edwyn Guy, Thomas Wannerton, Thomas Eyre and Elyezer Eyer to y^e only use & behoofe of them y^e s^d fferd: Gorges &c their Heires and Ass: for ever. Yeilding and paying unto our Soverⁿ L^d y^e King his Heires and Successors $\frac{1}{2}$ fall y^e Oore of Gold and Silver that from time to time and at all tymes hereafter shalbe there gotten, had & obtained for all Services, duties and demands, and also yeilding & paying unto the s^d presid^t Councill and their Successes^{rs} every yeere yeerely for ever 40^s sterl^s at y^e ffeast of S^t Mich: tharchangell if it shalbe lawfully demanded, at the Assurance House on the West side of the Roy^{ll} Exchange in London. And the s^d presd^t & Councill for them & their Success^{rs} do Covenant and Grant to and wth y^e s^d S^r fferdin: Gorges Cap^t John Mason and their said Associates John Cotton Henr: Gardner Geo Griffith Edwyn Guy Thom: Wannerton, Thom: Eyer and Eliezer Eyre their Heires & Assignes by these p^rnts, true intent and meaning of these p^rnts the s^d S^r Ferdinan: Gorges, Cap^t John Mason and their s^d Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner, Geo. Griffith, Edwin Guy, Thom. Wannerton Thom. Eyer and Eliezer Eyre, their Heires and Assignes shall from tyme to tyme for ever peacably and quietly have hold possesse and enjoy all thaforesd House and Cheife Habitacon porc'ons of Lands wth all y^e Islands and p^rmisses wth thappurten'ces hereby before given and granted or men- c'oned, meant or intended to be hereby given and granted, and every part and parcell thereof, wthout any Lett, disturbance, denyall trouble interrup^on or evicc^on of or by y^e s^d President and Councill or any pson or psons whatsoever clayming by from or under them or their Successors or by or under their Estate, Right Title or Interest, And the s^d presid^t and Councill for them and their Successors do further Covenant and grant to and wth y^e s^d S^r fferd: Gorges Cap^t John Mason, and their Associates John Cotton, Henry Gardner Geo. Griffith Edwyn Guy, Tho: Wannerton, Thom: Eyre and Eliezer Eyre their Heires and Ass' by these p^rnts That they the s^d presid^t and Councill shall at all time & times hereafter upon reasonable request, at the only proper Cost and Charges in the Law of the s^d S^r fferdin: Gorges,

Cap^t John Mason, and their s^d Associates John Cotton, Henry Gardner, Geo: Griffith Edwin Guy Tho: Wannerton Tho: Eyre, and Eliezer Eyre their Heires and Ass' do, make $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ forme, suffer execute, and willingly consent unto any further Act or Acts, Conveyance, or Conveyances, Assurance, or Assurances for the good and pfect Investing, Assuring, Conveying, and sure making of all the afores^d Houses and Habitacon^s, porc'ons of Land, Islands and all and singular other the p'misses wth thappurten'ces to the s^d S^r fferd: Gorges Cap^t John Mason, and their s^d Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner George Griffith Edwyn Guy Thomas Wannerton Tho. Eyre and Eliezer Eyre, their Heires and Assignes, as by them their Heires or Assignes, or by his or their or any of their Councill learned in the Law shalbe devised or advised or required, And further KNOW YEE that the s^d presid^t and Councill have made, constituted deputed, authorized appointed, and in their place and steed do putt Cap^t Thom: Camock Henry Joselin, or in their absence to any other pson that shalbe their Governour, or other Officer, to the pres^{nt} and Councill, to be their lawful Attorney and in their name & Steed to enter into the s^d House and Habitation porc'ons of Land and other y^e p'misses above given and granted wth their ap $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ ten'ces, or into some pt thereof, in the name of the whole for them and in their name to have and take possession and seizin thereof, and after such Possession and Seizin so thereof or of some part thereof in the name of the whole so taken and had, then for them and in their names, to deliver full and peaceable possession and Seizin of all and Singular the s^d Granted p'misses unto y^e s^d S^r Ferdinando Gorges Cap^t John Mason, and their said Associates John Cotton, Henry Gardner, Geo: Griffith Edwyn, Guy, Thomas Wannerton, Thomas Eyre, and Eliezer Eyre, or to their certaine Attorney or Attornys in that behalfe, according to the true intent and meaning of these p'nts. Ratifying, Confirming and Allowing all and whatsoever their said Attorney shall do in or about the p'misses by these p'nts. In Wittnesse whereof the said president and Councill to two parts of these presents both of One Tenor have sett their Common Seale and to one part thereof the s^d S^r Ferdin: Gorges, Cap^t John Mason, John Cotton, Henry Gardiner, Geo: Griffith Edwin Guy, Tho: Wannerton, Thom: Eyre, and Eliezer Eyre have sett their hands and Seale the day and yeere first above written.

Note of patent to Gorges and Mason, Nov. 4, 1681, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 484.

Compasses @—	000 18 06
Georgius Agricolae—	000 12 00
Spices & mustard seed—	000 18 03
Summa is as appeareth—	109 00 01
Charges here—	010 19 11
More 25 ^{li} p^{r} centum ff ^o r disbursing the monie & bearing y ^e advent:—	080 00 00
Summe totall is—	150 00 00

These things you are to deliver to the Governour Cap^t Walter Neale, he giving you good beaver ff^or them at 6^s p^{r} pound if Cap^t Neale needeth them not or cannot pay you for them, then you maye dispose of them otherwise ff^or Beaver as occasion offereth./.

rec^d 3 bar 4 bar Oatmeale cont 22 bush: 3 pecks at

fferd. Gorge
John Mason
John Cotton
Henry Gardiner
Edwin Guye
Geo: Griffith
Tho: Wannerton
Tho. Eyre
Willia' Gyles

More there is in the ff^oatt where the Kettles are 2 Rolles of Virginia tobacco w^{ch} I rate at 12^d p^{r} pound I pray put them off in the best manner you can And put the returnes amoung y^e Adventur^{rs}./.
you^{rs} Tho. Eyre

Carpenters Toolcs, clinch nayles etr for the Pinace we reckon not

[Endorsed] Invoice of comodities 17th November 1631 to Jun^o Raiman Purser of ye pidge Cowe to sell for present paye—
N^o 9

Other invoices and accounts, State Papers, Vol. I, pp. 66-102.

[*Invoice of Goods, April 18, 1632.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 5.]

London the 18th of Aprill 1632./.

M^r George Vaughan

Oure trade com'odities now shipped aboard the shippe John are as followeth./.

	li	s	d
158½ yerds of Playnes at 18 ^d ʒ yard—	11	17	09
65½ Goads of Cottons at 2 ^d ʒ goade—	06	11	00
59½ yoades at 16 ^d ʒ yoade—	03	18	08
59½ yoades at 2 ^e 1 ^d ʒ yoade—	06	03	11
90½ y ^{rs} of shagge at 18 ^d ʒ y rd —	06	15	09
51 at 22½ ^d ʒ yoade—	04	15	09
3 Greye ffrizes at 50 ^s ʒ ps—	07	10	00
55 Blanketts at 12 ^s ʒ ps—	33	00	00
4 courser at 10 ^s ʒ ps—	02	00	00
1 peice of fflanell yards 17½ at 12 ^d ʒ y rd	00	17	06
In all to send us by yo ^r Cosin Kinge	83	10	04
1 peice of Bayes 64 ^{rs} at 15 ^d ʒ yard	04	00	00
	87	10	04

These comodities were as you know all but the 3 ffrizes, 1 Cotton & the peice of fflannell by your Taylor made into Coates and stockings viz./.

50 mens Coats			
24 Childrens Coates			
51 wascoates			
3 Caskots & hose &			
7 dozen & 7 paire of stockings			
The Dyeing & Dressing Cost	07	10	00
Threeds, Tape, Buttons, lace—	02	11	06
To the taylor for making—	08	01	00
20 paire of sheetes cost—	10	01	07
packing, canvas, Cartage, Custome house	01	15	07
Summa	117	10	00

The Com'odities I mentioned in the last folio are packed as you know in 9 Bales m^rked all wth a P. viz./.

N ^o 1	20 Blanketts
2	20 Blankets
3	19 Blankets
4	1 Cotton qts. 82½ y ^{rs}
	3 ffrizes q ^{ts} 20½, 21, 22, y ^{rs}
	20 paire of sheetes./.
5	16 mens Coates
6	16 mens coates

7 16 mens coates
 8 24 Childrens Coates &
 48 wascoates. /.

In your owne Trunke
 3 mens Coates.
 8 wascoates
 3 suites Cassocks & hose &
 1 peice of flannell red. /.

soe the whole number of coates for men wth. 1. of o^r owne y^t remayned of a former voyage are 51 when God shall send you safe arivall repaire we pray you unto Captaine Naile we have written unto hime to deliver these Com'odities unto you & such other trade goods as he can furnish you wth there of o^rs if you desire them. And then we pray you to put them of for good beaver alsoe we pray you to helpe us there w^t you can in dispeeding hither o^r returnes. And then if you thinke good to come unto us for another supplie we shall like it well. /.

Thus we Commend you to God

Your loving friends

John Mason

Henry Gardiner

Tho. Eyre for the rest
 of the Adventurers

[Endorsed] M^r George Vaughans remembrance or y^e Companies
 Invoice of trade goods 1632
 N^o 10

[*Letter to Ambrose Gibbons, Dec. 5, 1632.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 9.]

London the 5th December 1632 —

M^r Ambrose Gibbins: /

Your Sundrie letters we have Received wee doe take notice of your Care and paines in our plantation and doe wish that others had bin that way the same that you are and will wee hope soe Continew, The Adventurers here have bine soe discouraged by reason of John Gibbes Ill dealing in his fishing voiage as alsoe by the small retournes sent heither to Captaine Neale, M^r Herbert, or any of their factors as that they have noe Desire to proceed any further untill Captaine Neale

Come heither to Confer with them that by Conference with him they may settle things in a better order, wee have written unto Captaine Neale to Dismise the household onlie Such as toill, or canne live of themselves may stay upon our plantation in Such Convenient places as Captⁿ Neale M^r Godfrie and you shall thincke fitt and after Conference had here with Captaine Neale they shall have a reasonable quantity of Land graunted unto them by Deed —

Wee praie you to take Care of our house at Newichewanick and to looke well to our Vines alsoe you may take some of our Swine and goates which wee pray you to preserve Wee have Committed the Cheife care of our house at Pascattaway to M^r Godfrie and written unto m^r Wanerton to take care of our house at strawberry bancke our desire is that M^r Godfrie, m^r wannerton, and you, shold Joyne Loveinglie together in all things for our good, And to advise us what our best Course will be to doe another yeare —

You desire to settle yourself upon Sanders point, the adventurers are willing to pleasure you not only in this, in regard of the good report they have heard of you from tyme to tyme but alsoe after they have Confered with Captⁿ Neale they determyne some further good towards you for yo^r further Incouridgment —

Wee desire to have our fishermen Increased whereof wee have written unto M^r Godfrye, wee thanke you for Assisting John Raymond wee pray you still to be helpfull unto him that be he may dispatch and Come to us wth such retourne as he hath and if he hath any of his trade goods remaying unsold wee have willed him to leave them with you and wee doe hereby pray you to receive them into yo^r Custody and to put them off with what Conveniency you Canne and to send us the retournes by the first shipp that Cometh, Thus we Comend you and yo^r wife to the Protection of the Almightye

Yo^r Loveing freinds

Jhon Mason

Henry Gardiner

Geo: Griffith

Tho: Wannerton

Tho: Eyre for my Children

[Endorsed] The Comp^a of Laconia to m^r Ambros Gibbens

London 5th December 1632

Rec^d y^e 30th June 1633 —

Names of Stewards and Servants sent by John Mason, Esq., into this Province of New Hampshire, State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 113.

[*Letter from Ambrose Gibbons, June 24, 1633.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 16.]

After my Umble duty remembred Unto your worship I pray for your health and sperits these are Certifying your worship for goodes I have Received from you I have delivered Unto John Raymon 76^l and 4 ownces of beaver 10 otters 6 musquashes and on martin more that Cap^t neale had 358^l and 11 ownces of beaver and otter 7 martins on black fox skin on other fox skin 3 Raccoon skins 14 musquashes 2 of them with stones mr Raymons present departing and the intermix of all the trade goodes in my care Until m^r Vaghan Com I Can give you any satisfaction for the account of trade I did advise m^r Raymon to Returne with all speede Unto youre letters I Received the 7th of June at larg I wil write god will by the next thus taking my leave I Comit your worship to Almigty god from Newichwanicke this 24 of June 1633

your worshipes at Comand

Ambros Gibbins

M^r Raymon hath left a noot of perticuler debtes which I doe not dout but are good and by his account they doe Amount Unto 22 Pound and $\frac{1}{2}$ of beaver

[Endorsed] of a letter to the Company 1633

Mr Gibbons to the Company

No: 4

[*Property at Newichwannock, July, 1633.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 17.]

An Estimate of the Trade goodes left at Newichwanicke July 1633.

	u	s	d
17 lined Cootes	17	0	0
07 Unlined at 15 ^s $\frac{3}{4}$ peese	05	05	0
11 Ruges	11	00	0
5 papoose Cootes	02	10	0
2 wastcootes	00	08	0
16 mouse Cootes	16	00	0
3 Cootes lined	03	00	0
14 mouse Cootes at 15 ^s $\frac{3}{4}$ peese	10	10	0
30 gallands of aquavity	07	10	0

6 pare of ould sheetes	03— 0—0
on Ruge	01— 0—0
	<hr/>
14 wastcootes at 4 ^s p^{p} peese	77—03—0
39 mens Cootes	02—16—0
6 barnstable soyled Ruges	39—00—0
26 Kotten blankits	06—00—0
19 pare of stokins at 1 ^s 6 ^d p^{p} peese	05—00—0
71 pare of stokins at 1 ^s 4 ^d p^{p} pa	01—08—6
32 shirtes ould and nue at 4 ^s p^{p} peese	04—13—8
51 pare of shooes at 2 ^s 6 ^d p^{p} pare	06—08—0
24 pare Coorse Kotten stokins	06—07—0
4 kettles	01—04—0
27 hatchits at 2 ^s p^{p} peese	03—00—0
14 pare of Kotten shooes	02—18—6
	01—00—0
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	79—15—0
	77—03—0
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	156—18—8

[*Covenant between Walter Neale and Charles Knill, July 1, 1633.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 18.]

This present writing testifieth that Charles Knill doth covenant wth Cap^t Wallter Neale, Governour at Pascattaquack in New england in the behalfe of Cap^t John Mason of London esqr. & Company, that the said Charles Knill shall serve at the Plantacon of Pascattaquack, for the use and benefitt, of the said Cap^t John Mason & Company, from the date of this present writing untill the first of march next ensuing, duringe w^{ch} said time, the said Charles Knill doth promise to doe all faithfull service, to the said Cap^t John Mason or his assignes. And the said Cap^t Walter Neale doth promise in the behalfe of the said Cap^t John Mason. that the said Charles Knill shall well & truely be paid for his service duringe the said time the somme of five poundes either here in New England or in any other place where the said Charles Knill shall conveniently appoynt, & the sayd Walter Neale doth further promise in the behalfe of the said John Mason Esqr And Company, that the said Charles Knill shall have passage into England the next yeare, after the said terme expired in any such shipp as shall be sent hither for this Plantacon provided that the said Charles

Knill, shall serve in the aforesaid plantacon untill the shippa departure (if it shall be soe required) after the rate afore said in testimony whereof the said Charles Knill hath here unto subscribed, the first of Julie, 1633

This is the true Coppie of the Covenant betweene Cap^t Walter Neale & Charles Knill in the behalfe of the Company. /.

[*Gibbons to the Company, July 13, 1633.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 23.]

Newichiwanicke July the 13th 1633

Right Honorable Right Worshipful and the Rest my hu[m]ble ser-
viced membered]

your letter dated the 5th of december and m^r Ares letter [the third of April, I received] the 7th of June The detaining of the former letter [hath put you to a great] Charge in the plantation—for my Care and paines I have [not thought it much] Although I have had Very little encouragement from you [and here.] I doo not doubt of your good will Unto mee—for [your fishing you complain] of m^r gibes, a londoner is not for fishinge Neither [is there any amity] betwix the west Cuntriesmen and them bristo or [Barnstable is very] Convenient for your fishinge shipes—it is not I nou[gh to fit out shipes] to fish but the must be sure god wil to be at ther [fishing place the] begininge of february and not to Com to the land [when other men have] halfe ther Viage —m^r wanerton hath the Charge of the [house at Pascatawa] and hath with him william Cooper Rafe Gee [Roger Knight and his wife] William darnit and on boy—for your howse at Newic[hwanicke I feeling the] Necessity wil doe the best I Can there and elsewhere [for you until I hear from] you againe—Advise I have sent but not knowing your intentes I Canot wel enlarge—but I Refer you to m^r herbert and m^r Vaghhan for my settlement at sanders poynt and the further good you intend me I humbly thanke you I shal doe the best I Can to be grateful I have taken into my handes all the trad goodes that remains of John Raymones and m^r Vaghans and wil with what Convenience I may put them of; you Complaine of your Returnes you take the Coorse to have litle a plantation must be furnished with Cattel and good hire hands and necessities for them and not thinke the great lookes of men and many wordes wil be a meanes to raise a plantation those that have bin heare this thre year som of them have neither meat money nor Clothes a great disparigment I shal not need to speak of this you shal heare of it by others for my self my wife and Child and 4 men wee have but $\frac{1}{2}$ a ll of Corne beefe and porke I have not

had but on peese this 3 monthes nor beare this 4 monthes for I have for 2 and twenty monthes had but 2 ll of beare and 2 ll and 4 booshel of malt [our] number Comonly hath bin ten I nor the servantes have neither mony nor Clothes I have bin as spare As I Could but it wil not doe these 4 men with mee is Charles knel Thomas Clarke steven kidder and Thomas Crookit 3 of them is to have for ther wages Until the first of march 4^l P peese and the other for the yeare 6^l which in your behalfe I have promised to satisfie in mony or bevor [at 10^s P] pound if hear were necessaryes for them for Clothing ther would not be much for them to Receave you may perhapes thinke that fewer men would serve me but I have somtimes on C or more Indians and far from Neybors thes that I have I Can set to pale in ground for Corne and gardin I have diged a wel within the palizado wher is good water I hav that to Close with timber more men I Cowld have and wel Imploy but I Rest thus Until I heare from you the Vines that were planted wil Com to little the P sper not in the ground they wor set them that groo natural are Veri good of divers sortes I have sent you a noote of the beaver taken by me At Newichewanicke and how it hath gon from me George Vaghun hath a Note of all the trad goodes in my Custodi of the ould store John Raimons and George Vaghuns Accounted but the beaver beenige disposed of before I Could make the devident I Canot see but it must bee all on stocke and bee devided by you—the governer departed from the plantation the 15 of July in the morning so for this time I end Comitting you to the P tection of the Almighty and ever Rest your loving servant

Ambrose Gibbins

[The words in brackets are missing in the original, and are supplied from State Papers, Vol. I, p. 81.—ED.]

[*Four Towns Laid Out, Aug. 13-20, 1633.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 24.]

Whare as Capⁿ Walter Nele & Capⁿ Tho^s Wiggins both Agents or Governours one for the Pattentes of Laconiah and the Twenty Thousand Acres pattent at Randsvough on the South Side of Piscataway River or harbor And the other for the Pattent of hiltons poynt, They haveing Received orders from the said pattentes to Make a Diviyon of those pattents into foure townes w^{ch} accordingly they did It. and Desired us the Subscribers advice therein. W^{ch} wee did give them and ware present, at the doeing, there of, and there doeings therein is as folloeth it beinge a Copia of what they wroate hoome to the Pattentes

Mutch Honered

In Obedents to your Com'ands have Survaied the River from the Mouth of the harbor to Squamscutt ffales and liquise from the harbors Mouth by the Sea side to the Massathusets Bounds and find that the Bounds of your Pattents will Not aford More then for two Tounes in the River of Piscataway and the remainder will make a Nother good Toune haveing mutch Salte Marsh in it, And because You would have foure Tounes Named, as you Desird, wee have Treated With a Gentleman who has Purchassed a Tractt of land of the Indyans at Squamscutt ffales, and your land Runing up to the said ffales on one Side of the River, & from the ffales about a mile Dounwards. said gentleman, haveing a mind to Said land on your side to a Certaine Crike and one Mile Bacward ffrom the River, w^{ch} wee agreed on, and the Crike is caled Weelerights, the gentlemans Name being Wee- right, and he was to name Said Plantatyon (when Settled) Exeter. and the Other two Tounes in the River, the one North ham, and Portsmouth the Other Bounded as folloeth Viz' Portsmouth Runes from the harbors mouth by the Sea sid to The Enterance of a little River betwene two hed lands w^{ch} wee have give the Names of, the little Bores hed and the grete Bores hed, and ffrom the Mouth of that little River to go on a Straight line to the afore said Creeke which wee have Named Weelerights Creeke and ffrom thens Doun the River to the harbors Mouth Wher it began. And North ham Is the Bounds of all the land of hiltons poynt Side, And the other land ffrom the little River betwene the two Boores heds to Run by the Sea till it meets With the line betwene the Massatusets and you and So to Run from the Sea by Said Massatusets line in to the Woods Eight Miles and ffrom thence a Twart the Woods to meete wth Portsmouth line nere Whelerights Creeke, And that Tracte of land to be Caled hampton, so that there is ffoure Towns Named as you Desired, but Exeter is Not wth in the Bounds of your Pattents. But the grete Dificulty is the Agrement about the Dividing line betwene the pattent of the Twenty Thousand Acres belonging to the Company of Laconyah, and the pattent of Bluddy poynt. the river Runing So Intrycate, And Bluddy poynt patten' bounds ffrom thence to Squamscutt ffales, And to Run three Miles into the Woods from the Watters side—Butt for your better Understanding thereof wee have sent you a Draft of it, according to our best Skill of what wee know of it at present, and have Drawn a Dividing line betwene the two pattents so that Portsmouth is parte of booth pattents, and hampton Wee Apprehend will be holly in the Twenty Thousand acre pattent, and North ham is the bounds of hiltons poynt patten If in what we have Don be to your likeinge wee Shall Thinke our time well spent, And What ffurther

Com'ands You will please to lay on us, wee Shall redyly obaye to the Utmost of our power. wee humbly take leve and Subscribe our Selves

Your Devoted and Most
Hombly Servants

Walter Nele
Thomas Wiggen

North ham on Piscataway River in New England 13th Augs^t 1633—

Superscribed To John Mason Esq^r Governor of Portsmouth to be Communicated to the Pattentes of Laconiah and hiltions poynt hombly present—In London

Wee Under written Being of the Government of the Province of Maine doe Affirme that the above letter written & Sind by Walter Nele and Thomas Wiggin, and Directed to John Mason Esq^r Governor of Portsmouth to be Comunycated to the pattentes of Laconiah and Hiltions Poynt Is a Trew Copia Compared with the Origenall—

And farther, Wee Doe Affirme that there was ffoure Grete Gunes brought to piscatequa Which ware given by a March^t of London for the Defence of the River, and at the Same time the Earle of Warwicke S^r Fhardenando Gorges Cap^t Jn^o Mason and the Rest of the patten Teies sent an Order to Capⁿ Walter Nele and Capⁿ Thomas Wiggin ther Agents and Governors at Piscataway to make Choise of the most Convenint place in the Said River to make a ffortefecacyon for the Defence therof, and to Mount those ffoure Gunes given to the place Which accordingly was done, by Capⁿ Walter Nele and Capⁿ Thomas Wiggins and the Pattentes servants and a Draft was Sent to the place that they had made Choise of to the said Earle and Company and the Draft Did Containe all the Necks of Land in the North Este Side of the Grete Island that makes the Grete Harbor, and they gave it the Name of ffort poynt and alloted it so for bake in to the Iland about a bow shoat to a grete high Rocke Where on was Intended in time to Sett the Principall fforte—That the above is all Truth wee affirme and by the Desier of Capⁿ Walter Nele and Capⁿ Tho^s Wiggen wee have orderd This Wrighting to ly in our files of Records, of there doinges therein; In Witnes Where of wee have here Unto sett our hands and Seles at Gorgeana In Province of Maine In New-England 20th August 1633.

Rith^d Vines [seal]
Henry Jocelyn: [seal]

Agreement between John Mason for himself, and John Cotton, Henry Gardner, George Griffith, and Thomas Eyer, for Thomas Wannerton and Eliezer Eyer, for division of property, Dec. 6, 1633, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 487.

Allotment of Capt. Mason's part by the Council of New England, Feb. 3, 1634, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 488.

[*Gorges and Mason to Wannerton and Gibbons, May 5, 1634.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 27.]

M^r Wannerton & m^r Gibbins

These are to let you know that wee wth the Consent of the rest of our partners have made a devison of all our Lands Lying on the northeast side of the harbor and River of Pascattaway of the quantities of wch Lands and bounds agreed upon for every mans part we send you a Coppie of the draft, desiring your furtherence wth the advice of Cap^t Norton & m^r Godfrey, To set out the lynes of division betwixt our lands, & the lands of our parners next adjoyning, because we have not onselie each of us shipped people present to plant upon our owne lands at our owne charge but have given direction to invite & authoritie to receive such others as may be had to be Tenants to plant & live there for the more speedie peopling of the Countrie: And wheras there is belonging unto me S^r fferdinando Gorges & unto Cap^t Mason for himselfe & for m^r John Cotton & his deceased brother m^r William Cotton both whose interests Cap^t Mason hath bought the one halfe of all matters mentioned in the Inventorie of householdes stufte & Implements left in trust wth you by Cap^t Neale wherunto you have subscribed yo^r names & wherof a Coppie is herewth sent, we desire you to cause an equall division as neere as possible maye to be made of all the saied matters menc^oned in the Inventory in kinde or if some of them cannot be soe divided, then the on^e halfe to be made equal to the other in valew of all the saied matters except the Cattell & suites of apparell & such other thinges as belong peculiarly to Cap^t Mason, And to diliver the saied one halfe of all the saied matters soe to be divided unto m^r Henry Jocelyn for the use of our Plantations, Taking an Inventory therof under his hands of all you shall soe deliver hime & making Certificate to us therof And for

your soe doeing this shall be your sufficient warrant & discharge, And
soe we rest

Yo^r verie Lovinge ffreinds

fferdin : Gorge
John Mason

Portsmouth maye 5th 1634.

[*Capt. Mason to Ambrose Gibbons, May 5, 1634.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 28.]

[Mr. Gibbins :

These people and provisions, which I have now sent wth Mr. Jocelyne, are to sett upp two mills uppon my owne division of lands lately agreed upon betwixt our adventurers; but I think not any of them will adventure this yeare to the plantation, besides Sir Ferdinando Gorges and myselfe; for which I am sorrye, in that so good a business (albeit hitherto it hath bene unprofitable), should be subject to fall to the ground; and therefore I have strayned myself to do this at this present, and could have wished that the rest would have joyned to have sent you some provisions for trade and support of the place; but that failing, I have directed to you, as a token from myselfe, one hogshhead of mault to make you some beare. The servants with you, and such others as remain upon the companies charge, are to be discharged and payed their wages out of the stocke of beaver in y^r hands, at the rate of 12 s (?) the pound, whereof I thinke the company will write you more at large: And we have agreed to divide all our moveables mentioned in the Inventory that Capt. Neale brought home, w^{ch} were left in trust wth you and Mr. Wannerton. I bought Mr. Cotton's and his brother's parte of all their adventures, so that the halfe of all belongs to Sir Ferdinando Gorges and myselfe; and of that halfe, three quarters] wilbe dewe to me and one quarter to S^r fferdinando; These thinges being equally divided, they are to be delivered to M^r Joceline my three partes of the halfe and the other fourth to whom S^r fferdinando shall appointe; And yo^u must afford my people some houseroome in Newitchwannocke and the Cowes and goates w^{ch} are all mine and 14 Swine wth their increase some ground to be uppon till wee have some place provided uppon my new divided lands, or that you Receive my further order a Copie of the division of the landes is herewth sent unto yo^u. The stockinges and the Mault and Suites of cloathes and suggar and Raysinges and wine that was delivered by M^r Bright and M^r Lewes I have not received any satis-

faction for; wherein I must crave yo^r helpe and such satisfacc'on as may be sent by this shipp The Christall stoanes yoⁿ sent are of little or no vawew, unless they were so great to make drinking Cuppes or some other workes as pillers for faire lookeinge glasses or for garnishinge of rich Cabinetts good Iron or Lead oare I should like better of, if it could be found; I have disbursed a great deale of mony in yo^r plantac'on and never Received one penny, but hope if there were once a discoverie of the lakes that I should in some Reasonable time be reimbursed againe, [I pray you helpe the Mr. what you can to some of the best iron stoane for ballast, and in case he want other laddinge, to fill the shipp upp wth stocks of cypress wood and cædar. Let me here from you of all matters necessary, and wherein I maye doe you any pleasure, I shall be reddie. And so wth my heartie commendacons, I rest

Yo^r verie loving friend

John Mason.

Portsmouth May 5, 1634.]

[That part of the foregoing which is included in brackets is missing in the original, and the text is supplied from Dr. Bouton's copy in Vol. I of this series, p. 89. ED.]

[Gibbons to Mason, Aug. 6, 1634.]

[Council Book 1, p. 29.]

S^r

Yo^r Wor^{sh^p} have donne well in setting forward your Plantacon, & for your Milles they will ~~be~~ve beneficiall unto you, by gods assistance. I would you had taken this coorse sooner, for the Marchants I shall be very Cautylouse, how I deale wth any of them while I live, but Gods will be donne, I & the world doth Judge, that I could not in these my dayes have spent my time for noethinge, for there sending trade & support I desire it not, I have supported but now sonke under my burthen, the more I thinke on this, the more is my greife, I have rec^d the hog^d of mault that you sent me givinge you humble thanks for the same, The servants that were wth me are discharged & paid there wages for the yeare past, & I have deliv^d unto m^r Wannerton, 43^{li} of beaver to pay those that were wth hime for the yeare past, for the paying of the servants there old wages, or the deviding of the goods, I expect agenerall letter, if not then to heare further from your wor^{sh^p} Yo^r Carpenters are wth me & I will further them the best I can, Cap^t Neale appoynted me two of your goates to keepe at his departinge, I praise God they are 4: of the goods that

m^r Bright left, I onely rec^d of Cap^r Neale 4 bush^{l^{rs}} of mault, & at sev^r all times 8 gallons of sack, & from m^r Wannerton, 7 bush^{l^{rs}} & 1 peck of mault, 5 lb & $\frac{1}{2}$ of suger, & 3 p of Children stockings, & 97 lb of beefe wth was of an old Cow, that m^r Wannerton kild, being doubtfull that shee would not live all the winter, for these I will pay m^r Jocelin for you, I p^{er}ceive you have agreat mynd to the Lakes, & I as great awill to assist you, if I had 2 horses, & 3 men wth me, I would by Gods helpe soone resolve you of the Cituacon of it, but not to live there my selfe, The Pide Cow arriv'd the 8th of Julie, the 13th day she cast anker some halfe amile from the ffale, the 18th day the shippe unladen, the 19th fell downe the River, the 22th day the Carpenters began about the mill, the 5th of August the Iron stone taken in the shippe, there is of 3 soarts, on sort that the myne doth cast forth as the tree doth gu^m wth is sent in arundit, on of the other soarts we take to be very rich there is great stoare of it for the other I know not, but may it please you to take notice of the waight & measure of every sort before it goeth into the furnace, & w^t the stone of such waight & measure will yeeld in Iron, This that we take to be the best stone is 1 mile to the southward of the great house it is some 200 rodd in length & 6 foote wide the depth we know not, for want of Toolles for that purpose, we tooke onely the surface of the mine. / . I have paled in apeice of ground & planted it if it please God to send us adrie time, I hope there will be 8 or 10 quarters of Corne, you have heare at the great house, 9 Cowes 1 Bull, 4 calves, of the last yeare, & 9 of this yeare the prove very well, farre better then ever was expected, they are as good as your ordinary Cattle in England, & they goates prove some of them very well, both for milke & breed, if you did send ashippe for the westernne Ilands of 6 scoare tunne or there abouts for Cowes & goates, it would be profitable for you, a stocke of Iron worke to put away with your boardes from the mill, willbe good, Nayles, spikes, lockes, hinges, Iron worke for boates, & pinaces, Twine Canvis needles & Cordadge pitch & Tarre, graples, ankors & nessessaries for that purpose. / . S^r I have written unto m^r John Round to repaire unto your wor^{sp} he is a silver smith by his Trade, but hath spent much time, & meanes about Iron may it please you to send for hime, he dwelleth in mogall street, if you are acquainted wth any finer or mettlemann enquire of hime & as you see cause send for hime he is well seene in all myneralls, if you deale not wth hime, he will give agood light for your p^{er}ceedings, The 6th of August the shippe Ready to set sayle for Saco to load cloave boards & pipe staves, A good husband wth his wife to tend the Cattle, & to make butter & cheese, will be profitable, for maides they are soone gonne in this Countrie, for the rest I hope m^r Jocelyn for your owne

Particulars will satisfie you, for I have not power to examen it, This
wth my humble service to your wors^p I rest

Yo^r ever lovinge servant
Ambrose Gibbins

Newitchawanock the 6th of August 1634./

[*George Vaughan to Ambrose Gibbins, Aug. 20, 1634.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 81.]

Boston Augst 20th 1634

M^r Gibbins

Wee Only Waite for a faire Wind. I shall Acquaint m^r Mason and
y^e Yest of the owners, ffully of what you and I have formerly Dis-
corst and if they give mee Incoradgment hope Shall see you Againe
The next yere; Looking over My Papers found the Inclosed* it be-
ing the Divityon of the Tounes and the Coppia of Wat Cap^e Nele and
Capⁿ Wiggins Wroat Hoome to The Pattentes of Laconiah and Hil-
tons Poynt, It may be of som Use to You hereafter, therefore send it
you Leste Capⁿ Wiggins Should make a nother Bluster, Wth w^{ch} my
kind Love, to you and your Spouse And Little Bert I Am

Your Assure^d ffrend
George Vaughan

*See foot-note, State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 95.

[*Lease of New Hampshire to John Wollaston, April 18, 1635.*]

[Archives of England, Colonial Entry Book, Vol. 59, folio 123.]

Grant of the Province of New Hampshire to John Wollaston Esq^r
An^r 1635 /

THIS INDENTURE made y^e Eighteenth day of Aprill in y^e Eleaventh
yeare of y^e raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by y^e Grace of
God King of England Scotland france & Ireland Defender of the
faith &c Between y^e Councill established at Plymoth in y^e County
of Devon for y^e planting ruleing ordering & governing of New Eng-
land in America of y^e one part & John Wollaston citizen & Gold-
Smith of London of y^e other part witnesseth y^t whereas our late
Sovereigne Lord King James of blessed memory by his highness Let-
ters pattents under y^e great Seale of England beareing date at West-

minster y^e third day of Novemb^r in y^e Eight year of his highness Raigne over y^e Realme of England for y^e considerac^on in y^e s^d letters patents expressed hath absolutly given granted & confirmed unto y^e s^d Councill & thier Successors for ever All y^e land of New England in America lying & being in breadth from fourty degrees of Northernly latitude from y^e Equinoctiall line to forty eight degrees of y^e s^d Northernly Latytude inclusively & in length of & wthin all y^e breadth afores^d from Sea to Sea together alsoe wth all y^e firme lands soyles grounds havens, ports, rivers waters fishings mines mineralls as well Royall mines of Gold & Silver as other mines & mineralls pretious Stones quarryes & all & singular other Comodityes Jurisdic^ons Royalties priviledges ffranchises & preheminenes both wthin y^e s^d tract of land upon y^e maine & alsoe wthin y^e Islands adjoyning as by y^e s^d letters pattents amongst divers other things therein contained more at large it doth & may appeare Now this Indenture further wittnesseth y^e y^e s^d Councill in performance of an agreem^t by & between them made & enacted y^e third day of february last past before y^e date of these p^{nts} & also for diverse other good causes & considerac^ons them y^e s^d Councill hereunto especially moveing have demised granted & to farme letten & by these p^{nts} doe demise grant & to farme lett unto y^e s^d John Woollaston his Executors & assignes all y^e part purpart & porc^on of y^e Maine Land in New England afores^d being from y^e middle part of Naumkeek river & from thence to proceed Eastwards along y^e Sea Coast to Cape Anne & round about y^e same to Passcattaway harbour & soe forwards up wthin y^e river of Newichewanock & to y^e furthest head of y^e s^d River & from thence northwestward till Six miles be finished from y^e first enterance of Passcattaway harbour & also from Naumkeek through y^e river thereof up into y^e land west Sixty miles from w^{ch} period to crose over land to y^e Sixty miles end accompted from Passcattaway though Newichewanock to y^e land north westward afores^d & alsoe all y^e South half of y^e Isles of Shoulds together wth all other Islands & Isletts as well imbayed as wthin five leagues distance from y^e premises or abutting upon y^e same or any part thereof not otherwise granted to any by speciall name and together alsoe wth all y^e woods & underwoods & trees now standing growing & being or w^{ch} may stand growe to be upon y^e s^d demised premises or any part or pacell thereof w^{ch} porc^on of land and premises are from hence forth to be called by y^e name of New Hampshire And alsoe y^e s^d Councill for y^e considerac^ons afores^d have demised granted & to farme letten & by these p^{nts} doe demise grant & to farme lett unto y^e s^d John Wallaston his Executors & assignes All y^e other parcell of lands woods & wood grounds lying on y^e South east part of y^e river of Sagadahock in y^e North east part of

New England afors^d att y^e mouth & entrance therof contening & to containe tenn Thousand Acres together alsoe wth all y^e woods under woods & trees of y^e same other parcell of land & wood ground shall from hence forth be called by y^e name of Masonia And asoe y^e s^d Councill for y^e considerac'ons afors^d have demised granted & to farme letten & by these p'nts doe demise grant & to farme lett unto y^e s^d John Wollaston his execto^r & assignes together wth all y^e s^d lands & Islands and premises all y^e soyles grounds havens ports rivers watters ffishings mines & mineralls as well Royall mines of Gold & Silver as other mines mineralls pretious Stones quarreys & all & Singular other Com'odities Jurisdicc'ons royalties priviledges ffranchises & preheminences both wthin y^e s^d tracts of land upon y^e Maine & alsoe wthin y^e s^d Islands or any of y^e s^d demised premises and together alsoe wth all rents reserved upon y^e premises or y^e any part or parcell thereof perquisitts & profitts of Courts Deodands waives & straies goods of felons & fugitives escheats & all other casuall profitts. w^t soever arising or w^{ch} may hereafter arise out of y^e s^d Demised premises or out of any part or parcell therof Saveing excepting & reserveing only out of this p'nte demised or granted y^e fifth part of all y^e Gold & Silver oare due to his Ma^{ty} his heires & Successors & in & by y^e s^d Recited letters pattents recovered To have hold & enjoy all & singular y^e s^d lands Islands & all other the s^d demised premises wth their & every of their appurtences unto y^e s^d John Wollaston his executors & assignes from y^e day of y^e date heerof unto y^e full end & terme of three Thousand Yeares from thence forth next & imediately ensuing & fully to compleate & ended wthout impeachment of any maner of wast & also with full Power to doe & comitt of man'er of wast either in y^e selling felling or cutting of any timber trees woods & underwoods or in y^e new opening of any mines of Gold or Silver or any other Mines w^{so}ever & alsoe wth full power licence & authority to sell fill cutt downe carrey & dispose of to his & their owne proper use & behoofe att his & their free will & pleasure all & singular y^e s^d woods & underwoods & trees & alsoe to digge & car'y away or other wise dispose of all or any y^e soyle mines pretious Stones & quarreys & to convert & imploy or other wise enjoy y^e same as fully freely & in as large ample beneficial man'er to all intents & purposes as they y^e s^d Councill or any of them by vertue of y^e s^d recitted letters pattents may might or ought to have hold & enjoy y^e same Yeelding & paying therfore yearly dureing y^e s^d terme one peper Corne to be lawfully demanded In wittness wherof to y^e one part of this p'nte Indenture remaining in y^e hands of y^e s^d John Wollaston they y^e s^d Councill have fixed their Com'on seale to y^e other part of this p'nte Indenture remaining in y^e hands of y^e s^d Councill

y^e s^d John Wollaston hath sett his hand & Seale dated y^e day & yeare first above written Annoque Domⁱ 1635

[*Grant of New Hampshire and Masonia, April 22, 1635.*]

[Archives of England, Colonial Entry Book 59, folio 131.]

Grant of the Province of New Hampshire to M^r Masen 22 Apr: 1635 by the Name of New Hampshr

This Indenture made the two and twentieth Day of Aprill in the 11th yeare of the Reigne of Our Sovereigne Lord Charles by y^e Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, & Ireland Defender of the faith &c^a Between the Councill Established at Plymouth in the County of Devon for the planting ordering ruling & Governing of New England in America of y^e one part and Cap^t John Mason Esquire of the other part Witnesseth that whereas our late Sovereigne Lord King James of Blessed Memory by his Highnes Letters Pattents under the great Seale of England bearing date at Westminster the 3^d day of November in the 18th yeare of his highnesse Reigne over the Realme of England for the considerac^ons in the Same Letters Pattents expressed hath absolutely given granted and confirmed unto the Said Councill & their Successo^rs for ever all the Land of New England in America lying and being in breadth from 40 Degrees of Northerly latitude from y^e Equinoctiall Lyne to 48 Degrees of the Said Northerly Latitude inclusively, & in length of & wth in all y^e breadth aforesaid throughout y^e Maine Land from Sea to Sea together alsoe with all the firme Lands Soyles, grounds havens Ports rivers waters ffishings, Mines, & mineralls as well Royall Mines of Gold & Silver as other Mines & Mineralls, pretious, Stones, quarries and all and Singular other Comodities Jurisdictons Royalties Priviledges ffrenchises & p^reminences both within the Said Tract of Land upon the Maine and also wth in the Islands & Seas adjoining as by the Said Letters Pattents amongst divers other things therein contained more at large it doth & may appeare Now this Indenture further Witnesseth that y^e Said Councill in p^rformance of an agreement made by & between themselves & enacted the third day of february last past before the Date of these p^rsents for a Competent Sume of Money, & alsoe for divers other good causes & considerac^ons them y^e Said Councill hereunto especially moveing have given granted bargained Sold enfeoffed & confirmed and by these p^rsents doe give grant bargain Sell enfeoffe and confirme unto the Said Captain John Mason his heires and assignes all that part purpart & porc^on of y^e Maine land of New

England aforesaid begining from the middle part of Naumkeck River & from thence to proceed Eastwards along the Sea Coast to Cape Anne and round about the Same to passcattaway Harbour and soe forward up within y^e River of Newichwanock and to y^e farthest head of the Said River & from thence Northwestward till Sixty Miles be finished from y^e first entrance of Passcattaway harbour & alsoe from Naumkeck through the River thereof up into the land West Sixty Miles from which period to Crosse over Land to the Sixty Miles end accounted from Passcattaway through Newichwanock River to the Land Northwestward aforesaid & also all that the South half of the Isles of Shoulds together wth all other Islands, & Isletts as well imbaid as within 5 Leagues distance from the premisses & abuting upon the same or any part or parcell thereof not otherwise granted to any by Speciaall Name All which part & porc'on of Lands Islands and premisses are from henceforth to be called by the Name of Newhampshire & also the said Council for y^e considerac'on aforesaid have given granted bargained Sold enfeoffed & confirmed & by these p'nts doe give grant bargaine Sell enfeoffe & confirme unto y^e s^d John Mason his heires & assignes all that other parcell or porc'on of Lands woods & wood grounds Lying on y^e South east part of the river of Sagadahock in New England aforesaid at the mouth or entrance thereof containing & to containe there Ten Thousand Acres wth said other parcell of Lands from henceforth is to be called by y^e name of Masonia. And moreover the Said Council for y^e considerac'on aforesaid have given granted bargained Sold enfeoffed & confirmed & by these p'sents doe give grant bargaine Sell enfeoffe & confirme unto y^e said Captaine John Mason his heires & assignes together wth the said bargained p'mises all y^e firme Lands Soyles Grounds havens Ports, Rivers waters ffishings Mines and Mineralls as well Royall Mines of Gold & Silver as other Mines & Mineralls pretious Stones quaryes & all & Singular other Com'odities Jurisdictions Royalties priviledges ffranchises & preheminences both wth in the Said Tracts of Lands upon the Maine and alsoe with y^e Islands & Seas adjoyning Saving excepting and reserving out of this p'sent Grant only y^e fifth part of all y^e Oare of Gold and Silver due to his Ma^{ty} his heires and Successors and in & by y^e said recited Letters Pattents reserved To have & to hold all Those the said severall parcell of Land and all other y^e said bargained premisses wth their and every of their appurtenences Except before Excepted unto y^e Said Cap^t John Mason his heires & assignes to y^e only & proper use and behoofe of him y^e said Cap^t John Mason his heires & assignes forever. And to bee Enjoyed as fully freely & in as Large ample and beneficiaall Manner & forme to all Intents & purposes whatsoever as they the Said Council & their

Successors by vertue of y^e Said recited Letters Pattents may might or ought to have hold & enjoy the same or any part or parcell thereof In witnes whereof to one part of this p^rsent Indenture remainig in y^e hands of y^e said Cap^t John Mason they y^e Said Councill have affixed their com'on Seale to y^e other part of this p^rsent Indenture remaining in y^e hands of y^e Said Councill the Said Cap^t John Mason hath Sett his hand and seale dated y^e Day & yeare first above written Anno^q Dom^o 1635

[*Grant of New Hampshire and Masonia, April 22, 1635.*]

[Archives of England, Colonial Entry Book 59, folio 127.]

Grant of the Province of New Hampshire to M^r Mason 22 April 1635 by the name of Masonia/

To ALL CHRISTIAN people unto whome these p^rnts shall come The Councill for y^e affaires of New England in America send greeting in our Lord God ever lasting Whereas our late Sovereigne Lord King James of blessed memory by his Highness L^rs pattents under y^e great seal of England beareing date at Westminster y^e third day of Novemb^r in y^e Eighteenth year of his Raigne over his Hihgness Realme of England for y^e Considerac^ons in y^e s^d L^rs pattents expressed and declared hath absoelutely given granted & confirmed unto y^e s^d Councill & their Successors for ever All y^e land of New England in America lying & being in breadth from forty degrees of Northerly latitude from y^e Equinoctiall line to forty Eight Degrees of y^e s^d Northerly latitude inclusively & in length of & wthin all y^e breadth afores^d from Sea to Sea together alsoe wth all y^e firme lands soyles ground havens ports rivers waters fishings mines & Mineralls as well Royal mines of Gold and Silver as other mines minerals pretious stones quarreys & all & singular other comodities Jurisdicc^ons Royaltys & priviledges ffranchises & preheminences both wthin y^e s^d tract of land upon y^e maine & alsoe wthin y^e Islands and seas adjoining as by y^e s^d L^rs pattents amongst diverse other things therein contained more at large it doth & may appeare now knowe all men by these p^rnts y^e y^e s^d Councill of New England in America being assembled in publique Court according to an act made & agreed upon y^e third day of ffeb^r last past before y^e date of these p^rnts for divers good causes & considerac^ons them therunto especially movinge haveing granted aliened bargained & sould & in & by these p^rnts doe for them & their successors give grant alien bargain sell & confirme unto Cap^t Jo^hn Mason Esq^r his heires & assigness All

y^t part of y^e maine land of New England afores^d being from y^e middle part of Naumkeek river & from thence to proceed East wards along y^e sea Coast to Cape Anne & round about y^e same to passcattaway harbour & soe forwards up wthin y^e river of Newickewanock & to y^e farthest head of y^e said river and from thence Northwards till six miles be finished from y^e first entrance of passcattaway harbour & asoe from Naumkeek through y^e river thereof up into y^e land west Sixty miles from w^{ch} period to crose over land to y^e sixty miles end accounted from passcattaway through Newickewanock river to y^e land north west afores^d & alsoe all y^t y^e south half of y^e Isles of Sholds all w^{ch} lands wth y^e consent of y^e Councill shall from henceforth be called New Hampshire & alsoe tenn thousand acres more of land in New England afores^d on y^e south east part of Sagahabock at y^e mouth & entrance thereof from henceforth to be called by y^e name of Masonia together wth all & singular havens Harbours creekes & Islands imbaid & all Islands & Isletts lying wthin five leagues distance of y^e maine land opposit & abutting upon y^e premises or any part thereof not formerly lawfully granted to any by speciall name and all mines mineralls quarreys soyles & woods marshes rivers waters lakes fishings hawking hunting & fowling & all other Royalties Jurisdicc'ons priviledes preheminence proffitts comodities & hereditaments w^{soever} wth all & singular their & every of their appurtences & together alsoe wth all rents reserved & y^e benefitt of all proffitts due to y^e s^d Councill & their successors wth y^e power of Judicature in all causes & matters w^{soever} as well criminall capitall & civill ariseing or w^{ch} may hereafter arise wthin y^e limits bounds & percincts aforesaid to be exercised & executed according to y^e laws of England as near as can be by y^e s^d Cap^t John Mason his heires & assignes or his or their Deputies Lieutenants Judges Stewards or officers thereunto by him or them assigned deputed or appointed from time to time wth all other priviledges franchises liberties imunities escheats & casualtyes thereof arising or w^{ch} shall or may hereafter arise wthin y^e said limitts & percincts wth all y^e interest right title claime & demand w^{soever} w^{ch} y^e s^d Councill & their Successors now of right have or ought to have or claime or may have or aquire hereafter in or to y^e s^d porc'ons of lands Islands or any of y^e premises & in as free large ample & beneficiall man^rer to all intents constructure'ons & purposes w^{soever} as y^e s^d Councill by vertue of his Maj^{ty} s^d letters pattents may or can grant y^e same saveing & allowayes reserving unto y^e s^d Councill & their Successors power to receive heare & determine & singular appeal and appeales of every person & persons w^{soever} dwelling or inhabiting wthin y^e s^d territories &

Islands or any part thereof soe granted as afores^d of & from all Judgem^{ts} & sentences w^hsoever given w^hin y^e s^d lands & territoryes afores^d To have & to hold all & singular y^e lands & premises above by these p^{nts} granted except before excepted w^hall & all man^rer of proffits comodities and hereditam^{ts} w^hsoever w^hin y^e lands & precincts afores^d or to y^e s^d lands Islands & premises or any part of them in any wise belonging or appertaining unto y^e s^d Cap^t J^o Mason his heires & assignes for ever To y^e only proper use & behoofe of him y^e s^d Cap^t J^o Mason his heires & assignes for ever To be holden of y^e s^d Councill & their successors of Gladium com^{itatus} y^r is to say by finding four able men coveniently armed & arraied for y^e warr to attend upon y^e Govern^r of New England for y^e publike Service w^hin fourteen dayes after warning given yeelding & paying unto y^e s^d Councill & their successors for ever one fifth of all y^e oar of y^e mines of Gold & Silver w^h shalbe had possessed or obtained w^hin y^e limitts or percincts afores^d for all rents services dutys & demands w^hsoever due unto y^e s^d Councill & their Successors from any plantation w^hin the precincts afores^d y^e same to be delivered unto his Ma^{ty} Receiver his deputie or deputies assigned for y^e receipt thereof To y^e use of his Ma^{ty} his heires & Successors from time to time w^hin y^e lands precincts & territoryes of New England afores^d And last y^e s^d Councill have deputed authorized & appointed & in their place & stead have putt Henry Joseline Esq^r & Ambrose Gibbins gent or either of them to be their true & lawfull Attorney & attorneys for them & in their name & stead to enter into y^e s^d lands & other y^e premises w^h their appurtences or into any part thereof in y^e name of y^e whole & to take quiet & peacable possession & seizing thereof and after such possession & seizing soe had & taken as afores^d then to deliver y^e same unto y^e s^d Cap^t J^o Mason his heires or assignes or to his or their certaine attorney or attornies to be by him or them deputed on y^r behalfe according to y^e purport true intent and meaning of these p^{nts} In wittness wherof they y^e s^d Councill have heerunto affixed their com^{on} seale dated y^e two & twentieth day of Aprill in y^e Eleaventh year of his Raigne of Sovereigne Lord Charles by y^e grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland Defender of y^e faith &c Anno Domⁱ 1635.

[*Transfer from Wollaston to Mason, June 11, 1635.*]

[Archives of Eugland, Colonial Entry Book, Vol. 59, p. 137.]

Grant of the Province of New Hampshire from M^r Wollaston to M^r Mason 11th June 1635

This Indenture Made the 11th day of June in the 11th yeare of y^e Raigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of y^e faith &c^a Between John Wolaston Citizen & Goldsmith of London of the one part and Cap^t John Mason Esq^r of the other part Witnesseth that whereas y^e Council of New England by their Indenture under their Com'on Seale bearing date the 18th day of Aprill last past before the Date hereof made between y^e said Council by y^e Name of y^e Council Established at Plymouth in y^e County of Devon for y^e planting ordering ruling & Governing of New England in America of y^e one part & y^e Said John Wollaston by the name of John Wollaston Cittizen & Goldsmith of London of the other part for the Considerac'ons in the same Indenture contained have demised granted and to Farme Letten unto the Said John Wollaston his Executors and Assignes, All that part purport and porc'on of the Maine Land of New England aforesaid begining from the Middle part of Naumkeek River and from thence to proceed Eastwards along the Sea Coast to Cape Anne and round about the Same to Passcattaway Harbour and alsoe from Naumkeek through the River thereof upp into the Land West Sixty Miles from w^{ch} period to Cross over Land to the Sixty Miles end accounted from Passcattaway through Newichewanock river to the Land Northwestwards aforesaid and alsoe all that the South half of the Isles of Shoalds together with all other Islands & Isletts as well imbaied as within five Leagues distance from the p'mises and abutting upon the Same or any part or parcell thereof not otherwise granted to any by Speciall Name, And together also with all woods underwoods and trees now Standing, growing & being, or w^{ch} hereafter Shall or may stand grow or bee in and upon the Said Porc'ons of Lands & other the Premises All w^{ch} part & porc'ons of Lands Islands and premises are from thence forth to be called by the name of Newhampshire. And whereas alsoe the Said Council for the considerac'ons aforesaid have demised granted & to farme Letten unto the said John Wollaston his Exec^{rs} and Assignes all that other parcell or porc'on of Lands woods & wood grounds lying on the Southeast part of the River of Sagadahock in New England aforesaid at the mouth or entrance thereof containing & to containe there Ten Thousand Acres together alsoe with all the woods underwoods & trees of the same w^{ch} said other parcell of Lands from thenceforth is to be called by the Name of Masonia. And Whereas moreover the Said Council for the Considerac'ons aforesaid have demised granted & to Farme letten unto the Said John Wollaston his Executors and Assignes together with the Said Lands Islands and premises all the Soyles, grounds, havens, Ports, Rivers waters, fishings, Mines, & Min-

eralls as well Royall Mines of Gold and Silver as other Mines & Mineralls pretious Stones Quarries and all and Singular other Comodities, Jurisdiccions Royalties priviledges franchises and preheminnences both within the said Tracts of Land upon the maine, & also within the Said Islands or any the Said demised premises. And also all rents reserved upon the premises or any part or Parcell thereof perquisitts & profitts of Courts Deodands waives & strayes goods of ffelons & ffugitives escheats & all other casuall proffitts whatsoever arising or which may hereafter arise out of the Said Demised premises or out of any part or parcell thereof under Such reservac'ons as in the Said Lease are excepted & reserved To have & to hold & enjoy all & Singular the Said Lands Islands and all other the Said Demised premises with their & every of their appurten'ces unto the Said John Wollaston his Execut^{rs} and assignes from the Day of the Date of the Said Indenture of Demise unto the full end & demise of three thousand yeares from thenceforth next & imediately ensuing & fully to bee compleated & ended without impeachment of any manner of wast for and under the yearly Rent of one pepper Corne payable if it be Lawfully Demanded as in & by the said Indenture of Demise more at large it doth & may appeare which said Indenture of Demise was made unto the said John Wollaston by & with the consent of the Said Cap^t John Mason in trust only for the benefit & behoofe of him the said Cap^t John Mason his Executors & Assignes, Now therefore this Indenture further wittnesseth That the Said John Wollaston in p^rformance of the Trust in him reposed & also for divers other good causes & considerac'ons him hereunto especially moving hath granted assigned lett over & confirmed & by these p^rsents doth grant assigne lett over & confirme unto y^e s^d Cap^t John Mason his Executors & Assignes All that the Said part purport & porc'on of Lands called New Hampshire & all & Singular other the said Demised premises with their & every of their appurtenances in y^e said Indenture contained Together with the said recited Indenture of Demise and all y^e right title Interest terme of yeares Claime & demand of him the Said John Wollaston of in & to y^e Same or any part or parcell thereof & all the benefitt proffitt advantage & Com'odity whatsoever which shall or may bee had by the same, To have hold & Enjoye the Said part purpart & porc'on of Lands called New Hampshire & all & Singular other the Said premises with their & every of their appurten'ces and also all the right title and interest of the Said John Wollaston of in & to the same or any part or parcell thereof unto the said Cap^t John Mason his Execut^{rs} and Assignes from the day of the Date of these p^rsents for and During all y^e residue of the Terme of Three thousand yeares yet to come an unexpired in y^e

same for and under the reservac'ons of Rents in the said recited Indenture contained as fully freely & in as large ample & beneficiall Manner and forme to all intents & purposes whatsoever as he the said John Wollaston his Execut^{rs} and assignes or any of them may might or ought to have hold or enjoye the same by vertue of the recited Indenture of Demise or otherwise In witnes whereof the said partyes to these p'sent Indentures interchangeably have sett their hands & Seales the Day & yeare first above written./

[*Royal Charter to Mason, Aug. 19, 1635.*]

[From manuscript volume in possession of the Maine Historical Society, pp. 37-45.]

Charles by the Grace of God King of England Scotland ^{19 Aug. 11 Car.} france & Ireland Defender of the faith &c. To all to ^{I, 1635} whome these presents shall come Greeting Whereas our trusty and welbeloved Servant Captain John Mason Esq^r Treasurer and Paymaster of Our Armies hath been an humble Suitor unto Us to grant and confirme unto him and his heyres a part and portion of the Country of America now commonly called or known by the name of New England in America hereafter in these presents described and to be described by the Meetes and bounds thereof with diverse and Sundry privileges and Jurisdictions for the welfare of the State of those Colonies that are and shalbe drawne thither and for the better Government of the people that shall live and inhabit within the Limits and precinets thereof Which part or portion Wee have heretofore amongst other things for Us our heyres and Successors taken into Our actual and real possession and in default of Such actuall & reall possession formerly taken doe by these presents for Us our heyres and Successors take the same into Our actuall and reall possession Knowe yee that of Our speciall grace certain knowledge ^{The King's Grant} and mere motion Wee have given granted and confirmed and by this Our present Charter for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe give grant and confirme unto the said Captain John Mason his heyres and Assignes All that part purport and portion of the Mainland of New England aforesaid begining from the midle part of Naumkeck River and from thence to proceed Eastward along the

Seacost to Cape Anne and round about the same to Pascataway harbour and soe forwards up within the River of Nowichewanock and to the furthest head of the said river and from thence Northwestwards till Sixty miles be finished from the first Entrance of Pascataway harbour And also from Naumkeck through the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty miles from which period to cross over land to the Sixty Miles End appointed from pascataway through Nowichowanock river to the Land Northwestwards aforesaid And also all that the South half of the Isles of Shoulds Together with all Islands and Islets as well imbayed as adjoining lying or abutting upon or near the premises or any part or parcell thereof within five Leagues distance not otherwise lawfully granted to any by Speciall name All which part purport and portion of Lands Islands and premises now are and from henceforth shalbe called by the name of *Newhampshire* And also of Our especial grace certaine knowledge and mere motion Wee have given granted and confirmed and by this Our present Charter for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe give grant and confirme unto the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes All that other parcell or portion of Lands woods and Woodgrounds lying on the Southeast part of the River of Sagadahock in New England aforesaid at the mouth or entrance thereof containing there Tenn Thousand Acres which said other parcell of land now is and from henceforth shalbe called by the name of *Masonia* And also the Reversion and Reversions remainder and remainders of all and Singular the said lands Islands and premises dependant or expectant upon any estate or estates whatsoever upon record or not upon record be it for lease life or lives yeare or years ffee taile or ffee tailles or otherwise Together also with all the firme lands Soyles and grounds aswell under water as above water and dry all the Shoares Creeks havons harbours bayes ports rivers waters lakes Mines minerals and veynes of metall aswell Royall of Gold and Silver as other be they Such mines minerals or veynes of metall as are close and hidden in the earth or openly seen in or upon the Earth (Saving only the fifth part of all the oare of Gold and Silver to remain to Us Our heyres and Successors) All Quarries precious Stones pearls ambergris and all fishings of whatkind or kinds of ffish soever aswell pearle

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ffishing as others whether Royall ffishes as Sturgeons Whales or any other ffish by whatsoever name or names they or any of them are or shalbe called or knowne And all Such ffish whatsoever by him them or any of them to be taken And all and Singular profits benefits & commodities whatsoever happening growing or arising or to be happen grow or arise within or on the Said tracts of land upon the Mainland also within or on the said Islands or any of them and the Seas Islands waters lakes and rivers within the said tracts of land on the main or the Islands and coasts of the same or any of them. / And also all the advorrions and patronages of Churches whatsoever to be erected within the said tracts of the mainland or Islands or any of them with licence and hability there to build and found Churches Chappels and Oratories in places fitting and convenient and to dedicate or consecrate the same or cause the same to be dedicated or consecrated according to the Ecclesiasticall lawes of this our Realme of England together also with all such and as ample *Jurisdictions prerogatives Royall rights* royalties privileges ffrachises preheminenes liberties powers Exemptions and immunities temporalities and hereditaments aswell by Sea as land and aswell within the said tracts of land upon the main aswell within the said Islands or any of them and the coasts of or on the same or any part or parcell there of as now are or at any time heretofore have been had used or enjoyed or of right ought to be or to have been had used or enjoyed by the now or any former Bishop of Duresine within the Bishopwick of Duresine or the County Palatine of Duresine within Our Realme of England or that Wee or any of Our Progenitors have heretofore granted or mentioned to be granted unto the now or late Company of Virginia or to the Governor & Company of Adventurers of the City of Westminster for plantation of the Isle of Providence Henrietta and the adjacent Islands lying on the coast of America or to any other Company body politicque or corporate or to our right trusty and welbeloved Cecil Calvert Baron of Baltimore within our Realme of Ireland or any other Adventurer or Adventurers planter or planters of the Somer Islands Amazones or of any discoveries plantations or traficques of in or into any forreigne parts whatsoever and in as large and ample manner as if the same had

Licence to
found Churches

All regall
rights granted
with the
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herein been particularly mentioned and expressed although the same require otherwise more especial words clauses & expressions And Wee doe for Us our Heyres and Successors by these presents make create and constitute him the said Captain John Mason and his Heyres The true and absolute Lords and proprietors of the said portions or Tracts of Lands Islands and premises (except before excepted) Saving allwayes the ffaith and Allegiance and the Dominion directly due to Us our Heyres and Successors.

The King makes the patentee absolute Lord of the province

The Habendum

To have hold possess and enjoy the aforesaid parts purports and portions of Lands Islands and Islets and all and Singular other the premises and also the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof and of every part and parcell thereof dependant or expectant as aforesaid unto the said Captain John Mason his *heyres and assignes* for ever To the onely and proper use and behoof of him the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes for ever To be holden of Us our Heyres and Successors Kings of England as of Our Castle of Windsor in our County of Berks in free and Common Soccage by fealty only for all manner of Services and not in Capite nor by Knights Service And also paying to Us our Heyres and Successors one Quarter of wheate after the measure in England called Winchester measure yearly upon the fast day of Sainct Michaell the Archangell to the hands of the officer or officers there in the parts of New England appointed for the receipt thereof And also the fifth part of all the Oare of Gold and Silver which shall happen yearly to be found gotten or obtained within the limits of the premises And that the severall parts and portions of lands & Islands soe described as aforesaid may be graced and dignified with Titles fitting Know yee that of our more ample Grace certain knowledge and mere motion Wee have caused the said Severall portions and tracts of lands and also the said Islands to be reduced into a Province And that out of the fullness of our power and prerogative for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe erect create and incorporate the same into a Province and doe hereby name both the said tracts of Land upon the Main and the said Islands by the Generall name of the Province of New Hampshire and doe also hereby name the said parcell of Land containing Tenn Thousand Acres by the particular name of Masonia within the province of New hampshire

The Name of the Province

and soe to be called reputed and taken for ever hereafter And that all the said Severall parcels of Lands Islands and Islets shalbe reputed and taken as parts parcels or member of the said province of Newhampshire aforesaid furthermore know yee therefore That for US our Heyres and Successors Wee doe give and grant full power by the honor of those presents unto the said Captain John Mason (of whose ffaith wisdome justice and provident circumspection Wee are very confident) and to his heyres for the good and happy government of the said province of Newhampshire to make what Lawes soever either pertaining to the publick state of the said province or to the private profit of all the Inhabitants thereof according to his or their sound discretions by and with the consent and approbation of the freeholders of the same province or the major part of them or of their Legats or Deputies who Our will and pleasure is shalbe called together by the said Captain John Mason and his Heyres or his or their Deputy or Deputies for the making of the said lawes when and as often as need shall require and in the forme which to him and them shall seem best And to publish or proclaim the same under the Seal of the said Captain John Mason and his Heyres And Wee doe also give to him and them all manner of full power and authority duly to Execute the same upon all men within the said province and the limits of the same for the time being or under his or their Regiment and power either sailing towards it from England or from it towards England or to or from any other our Dominions or the Dominions of any Strangers whatsoever by imposition of mullets imprisonment or any other coercion And if need be and that the quality of the offence require it by deprivation of life or member by him the aforesaid Captain John Mason and his Heyres or by his or their Deputies Lieutenants and Judges Justices Magistrates Officers and Ministers according to the true intent and meaning of these presents to be appointed and made And also power and authority to constitute appoint and ordain by Sea and Land any Judges Justices Magistrates and officers whatsoever and for what cause soever and with whatsoever power and in the forme which to the aforesaid Captain John Mason or his Heyres shall Seem best and to remitt release pardon and abolish any crimes or offences whatsoever committed within the limits of the

The Lord of the prov. hath power to make Lawes with consent of the freeholders.

The Lawes to be proclaimed under the Seal of the Lord of the province.

power to appoint Judges, &c.

said province either before Judgement given or after Judgement received, and to doe all other things pertaining to or which shall or may concerne the accomplishment or execution of Justice. And also power to make and appoint Courts of pretorian and tribunal and the formes of Judgements and manner of proceedings thereunto belonging although of them in these presents there be no express mention And also power to proceed upon hold and determine pleas in those Courts pretorian and tribunal in any actions Suites causes and matters whatsoever aswell criminall as civill personal real and miscet and pretorian by the Judges by them to be chosen Which lawes soe as aforesaid to be published or proclaimed. Our will and pleasure is and Wee doe enjoinne charge and command that in the most absolute fforme of Law that may be indeavoured the same may be kept and inviolably observed in these parts of all men Our Subjects and leige people and Subjects and Leige people of Our heyres and Successors as farre forth as they shall concerne them. And that also under the paines in the same expressed and to be expressed Soe as that the foresaid Lawes be consonant to reason and not repugnant or contrary (but as farr forth as conveniently may) be agreable to the Lawes Statuts Customes and Ordinances of this Our Realme of England And because in the Government of soe great a province Suddain chances and occasions may happen unto which there willbe a necessity of applying remedy before the freeholders of the said province or their legates or Deputies can be called together to the making of Lawes Neither will it be fitting continually in like cases arising to call together soe much people Therefore for the better Government of the said province Wee will and ordain by these presents for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe grant unto the aforesaid Captain John Mason and his heyres that he the said Now Captain John Mason and his Heyres by himself or by his or their Magistrates and officers in that behalf duly as aforesaid to be appointed shall and may make ordain and constitute ordinances fitting and wholsome from time to time within the said province to be kept and observed aswell for the preservation of the peace as for the better Government of the people there abiding and shall publickly notify the same unto all persons whom it doth or may anywayes concerne Which ordi-

The Lawes must be agreable to the Lawes of England.

nances within the said province Our will is shalbe inviolably observed under the pains therein expressed Soe as the same ordinances be agreable unto reason and not repugnant or contrary but (as far forth as conveniently they may) be agreable to the Lawes Statuts and Ordinances of our Realme of England and soe as the same ordinances extend not themselves unto the right and interest of any person or persons for or in his life member or freehold goods or chattels to be distrained constrained restrained bound charged or taken away in any manner And Wee are graciously pleased and for Us our Heyres and Successors Wee doe publish and declare grant and agree to and with the said Captain John Mason and his Heyres for all times hereafter and for all causes That Wee our heyres and Successors will not make ordain nor appoint or otherwise (then as aforesaid) suffer or assent unto any Lawes or ordinances to be made ordained or appointed within or for the said province of Newhampshire nor suffer any Generall Governor by Us to be constituted to doe any Act by colour of any Commission to him granted or to have any power or authority thereby to doe any thing which shall extend unto the right or interest of any person or persons within the said province for or in his or their life or lifes member or members lands or tenements goods or chattels whatsoever to be distrained constrained restrained bound charged or taken away And also that the said Governor from time to time to be constituted shall not have any power to extend his authority in any wise to hinder the due Execution of any the Lawes which shalbe made from time to time within the said Province of Newhampshire according to the true intent and meaning of this Our present Charter And that all lawes or ordinances to be made contrary to the effect intent and true meaning of these presents shalbe void and shalbe holden for none Nevertheless our will and pleasure is that it shalbe lawful by the tenor of these presents to and for all the people there abiding and inhabiting from time to time to apply themselves unto Such a Generall Governor as from time to time shalbe constituted and sent over into the parts of New England aforesaid for the government of the whole Country and Territory of New England aforesaid and the people there Who shall from time to time be chosen and appointed by Commission from Us Our heyres and Successors for that

The power of the Generall Governor over the province.

Liberty to all men to appeal to the Gen'll Governor.

purpose And to appeale unto him in manner according unto or as neer as conveniently can be done to the order of proceedings in like cases within Our Realme of England for remedy (if there be cause) within ffourty Dayes after any Judgement decree or sentence in any cause or causes given against them or any of them touching the matter of any such ordinance or ordinances as by Us our heyres and Successors under our Great Seal of England from time to time hereafter shalbe appointed for the better preservation and conservation of the peace better safety defence and Government of the said Country and Territories of New England and the people there If before such Judgement Decree or Sentence the same ordinances shall not be received made and become the Law or Lawes of or within the said province of Newhampshire aswell as other the lawes of the said province and according to the manner of and for making of lawes thereby Us herein appointed as aforesaid And that the said Governor shall have power by the tenor of these presents in manner according unto or as neer as conveniently may be done to the order of the proceedings in like cases within Our Realme of England by his final Judgement Decree or Sentence to determine the matter (upon any such appeal) according to Justice and the true intent and meaning of such ordinances Moreover that the said province and the people that shall increase and have recourse to the same may be made more happy and prouesperous and may be the more secure and free from the invasion of the barbarous people and of other Enemies pirates robbers and such as may threaten to make a prey of them hereafter Therefore for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe give and grant by these presents licence and liberty unto all persons both Our Subjects and leige people for the present and the Subjects and leige people of our heyres and Successors in future time (except Such as shalbe specially interdicted) to transport Themselves and their families to the said province with convenient ships and company fitting And to plant inhabitt settle and continue there without any restraint or command to the contrary And also that no Ship nor marriner victuals ordnance artillery or habiliments of warr sett forth or employed for any such voyage or belonging to the said province of Newhampshire or to any the inhabitants thereof shall not at any time hereafter

Licence for all
Persons to
transport
themselves
into the
Province.

be stayed either at Sea or in harbor unless it be for the necessary defence of Our Dominions only And Wee doe also grant unto them licence to erect and build fforts Castles and ffortifications at the good liking of the said Captain John Mason and his heyres and to furnish them at all points compleat for the publick defence and their owne The Statuts concerning fugitives or any other Statuts to the contrary Thereof in any wise notwithstanding And also Our will and pleasure is and of our more free grace for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe firmly give in charge ordain and command That the said province be in allegiance to Us and that all and Singular the leige people of Us our heyres and Successors drawne or to be drawne into the said province and the Children coming by descent from them or from others whether now borne or hereafter to be borne maybe and shalbe free Denizens and the leige people of Us our heyres and Successors of Our Kingdoms of England and Ireland and in all things shalbe holden reputed and had as the faithfull leige people of Us our heyres and Successors originally springing up within our Realme of England And also may enjoy by discent purchase receive and take have hold buy and possess lands tenements revenues services and other hereditaments whatsoever within our Realme of England and other Our Dominions of inheritance or otherwise and may use and enjoy the same And may give sell alien and bequeath the same And also shall have and possess all the liberties franchises and privileges of this Our Realme of England quietly and peaceably and may use and enjoy the same as well as Our leige people born within Our Kingdome of England or taking their originall there without any impediment molestation vexation impeachment or greivance of Us our heyres or Successors whatsoever Any Statute act ordinance or provision to the contrary thereof Notwithstanding furthermore that our Subjects may be invited to this expedition with alacrity of mind Know yee that of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion Wee doe give and grant aswell to the said Captain John Mason and his heyres as unto all others from time to time inhabiting or having Commerce with the Inhabitants of the said province for the advancement of the profit of the said province licence to carry all and singular goods aswell moveable as immoveable horses Mares goates swine

To build fforts
&c.

The province
to be in alle-
giance to
the King.
All children
born therein
are free
Denizens of
England &
Ireland

asses and all other kinds of beasts and cattle and all wares merchandise and commodities of what kind soever and all other things whatsoever necessary for food or rayment or for manuring or tilling the Earth (By the Lawes and Statuts of Kingdoms and Dominions not prohibited) unto any our ports or the ports of our heyres and Successors and to putt aboard and load them into any Ships and to exporte and transport the same into the said province of Newhampshire by himself or his or their Servants and assigns And also licence to export and transport any Armor ordnance powder shott artillery or any other habiliments of warr defensive or offensive for the publick benefitt defence and safety of the said province and themselves without any impediment of Us our heyres and Successors or of any officer of ours or of our heyres and Successors Saving unto Us our heyres and Successors the impositions customes and other duties for the same things goods and Marchandise due and payable any Statute Act ordnance or other thing whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding And because in such a remote Country seated amongst soe many barbarous Nations invasions maybe feared aswell of these barbarous people as of other Enemies pirates and robbers Wee have likewise given and by these presents for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe give power and authority unto the said Captain John Mason and unto his heyres and assigns by him or them or his or their Captains and other officers over all men of what condition soever or from whencesoever derived being within the Limits of the said province for the time being To call them to their Ensignes to Musters and to take armes and encounter the Enemies or robbers infesting these parts and if God give victory to putt to flight expell and chase them out of the said province and to pursue them by Sea and Land beyond the Limits of the said province and to take them or any of them And the Captives by the Justice of Warr to putt to death or at their pleasure or for their service to preserve and keep And also by force of Armes to recover from any person or persons All such Lands Territories places Ships barques boates goods and chattels as shalbe taken from them or any of them Or in defect of such recovery to releive themselves upon the parties doing injury or any other of the same Nation or Nations by way of reprisals and taking their

To transport
all sorts of
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To pursue en-
emies by Sea
and land.

To make Re-
prisals.

ships and goods and men or otherwise as they shalbe able for recompense and Satisfaction of any such loss and damage as they or any of them shall sustaine in any such case and to doe and performe all things which to the duty and office of Captain Generall of an Army doe belong or have been accustomed to appertain as fully and freely as any Captain General of an Army hath had Our will and pleasure is also and by this our present Charter Wee doe give power liberty and authority unto the said Captain John Mason and his heyres as in case of Rebellion sud-dain tumult or sedition if any (which God forbid) should happen to arise either upon the Land within the said province or upon the main Sea in the Voyage Sailing towards the said province or from the said province by him or them or his or their Captains Deputies or other officers under his or their Seals thereunto deputed unto whom also by the tenor of these presents Wee doe for Us our heyres and Successors give and grant most ample power and authority against all such insurrections and the seditious Authors thereof and against such as shall withdraw themselves from his or their Government raising warr Traytors fugitives vagabonds or any of them being Delinquents contrary to the order custome and disciplin of warr That they may be handled and dealt with according to the Law of Armes as freely and in as ample manner and forme as any Captain General of an Army by virtue of his office may use the same or hath been accustomed to doe furthermore least unto men honestly born and applying themselves to the present expedition and well deserving at our hands and of our Kingdoms both in peace and warr The way to honor and renowne might seem difficult and hard to find in soe remote and farr distant a Country Therefore for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe give liberall and full power unto the aforesaid Captain John Mason and his heyres to conferre favours and honours upon well deserving Cittizens and persons inhabiting within the said province And to dignify them with any titles and Dignities whatsoever (soe they be such as in England now are in use) according to his or their pleasure And also liberall and full power to create villages into Burroughs and Burroughs into Citties and to constitute and appoint such and soe many ffares and Markets in them or any of them for the more conveniency of the Inhabitants and their

To use Mar-
tial Law in
case of Re-
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To conferre
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To create Cit-
ties and Bur-
roughs.

continuance in these places and for the better setting and incorporating them with meet privileges and immunities and to doe all and Singular such other things whatsoever concerning the premises as to him or them shall seem to be most meet and conveinent although they shalbe be such as of their owne nature doe require a more especial Commission or Warrant then in these presents is expressed Our will and pleasure is also and by these presents for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe give and grant unto the foresaid Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes and unto all the Dwellers and Inhabitants of the said province of Newhampshire whatsoever both for the present and future times Licence by this Our Royall Charter to export and bring all manner of wares and merchandise whatsoever of the fruites and Commodities out of the said province either Land Commodities or Sea Commodities by him or them his or their servants factors or assignes unto any the ports of Us our heyres or Successors both of England and Ireland and freely to import and bring in and to unloade or otherwise dispose of the same and if need be to take and loade againe in the same ships or in any other the same wares within one years continuance after the unloading thereof and shall be able to export and deporte them into what Countries they please either ours or fforreigne in amity with Us our heyres and Successors freed and discharged by the Tenor of these presents of and from the payment of any Customes Subsidies taxes or duties other then the payment of five pounds ꝑ Centum only according to the ancient trade of Marchandise heretofore used for wares marchandise and commodities due & payable unto Us our heyres and Successors And our will and pleasure is and for Us our heyres & Successors by the tenor of these presents Wee doe publish and declare that for and upon the paymt of the said five pounds ꝑ Centum Wee doe freely exonerate acquitt and discharge the same wares goods and Marchandise soe to be imported transported or exported as aforesaid And Wee doe hereby straightly charge and command our Lord Treasurer under Treasurer or any Commissioners for our Treasury the Barons of our Exchecquer and all other our officers Customers and Ministers for ever hereafter upon the view of this Our Royall Charter or the Inrolment thereof to exonerate and acquitt the same according to the

Tenor of this our Royall Grant beyond which Wee will not greive the inhabitants of the said province of New-hampshire nor any of them And furthermore of our more especial Grace certain knowledge and mere motion for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe grant unto the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes full and absolute power and authority to make erect and constitute within the province aforesaid such and soe many Sea ports To erect ports & bayes for shipping goods beys for shipping creeks and other places of lading or unlading and laying downe or landing of goods and Merchandise out of Ships boates and other vessels and to loade in the same and in such and soe many places and with such rights Jurisdications liberties and privileges to the same ports belonging as unto him or them shall seem most expedient and that all and singular Ships boates and other vessels whatsoever by reason of traffick or marchandising going and coming to and from the said province shalbe laden and unladen at those ports soe by the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes to be erected and appointed as aforesaid and not elsewhere any use custome or any other thing to the contrary thereof Notwithstanding Moreover our will is and Wee doe appoint and ordaine and by these presents for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe grant unto the aforesaid Captain John Mason his heyres & assignes from time to time forever To have and enjoy all such Tolls and Subsidies Tolls and subsidies granted to the Lord of the province. in the ports and beys for Shiping and all other Creeks and places aforesaid within the province aforesaid payable and arising for the marchandise and goods there to be loaden and unloaden as by the said Captain John Mason and his heyres within the said province from time to time as cause or occasion shall require shalbe reasonably assessed in that behalf unto whome by these presents for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe give power for any just cause by due proportionate assess and tax Tolls and Subsidies there To assess Taxes and Subsidies. as aforesaid And furthermore of our Special grace certain knowledge and mere motion Wee have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe give grant and confirme unto the foresaid Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes full and absolute licence power and authority That the aforesaid Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes from time to time forever hereafter at his and their free will and pleasure

shall or may assigne alien grant dimise or Enfeoffe soe many such and so great parts or parcels of the premises to any person or persons willing to purchase the same as be they or any of them shall find conveinent To have and to hold to such person and persons as shalbe willing to take or purchase the same to them and their heyres and assignes in ffee simple ffee tayle or for terme of life or lifes or for yeares To be holden of the said Captain John Mason his heyres and Assignes by such and soe many and soe great services customes and Rents as unto him or the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes shall seem good and pleasing and immediately of Us our heyres and Successors And unto the same person or persons and to every of them Wee doe give and for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe grant Licence and authority and power That such person and persons the premises or any part or parcell thereof of the aforesaid Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes may receive and take and may hold to him and his assignes or to his heyres of any

To grant estates & a confirmation

To erect Courts Baron

the aforesaid Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes That if he or they shall at any time hereafter upon any doubt which he or they shall conceive concerning the Strength of this Our present Grant be disirous to renew the same from Us our heyres and Successors with amendment of such imperfections and Defects as shall appear fitt and necessary to be performed and amended by Us our heyres & successors That thereupon the humble petition of the said Captain John Mason and his heyres such further and better assurance of all and Singular the said tracts and portions of Lands Islands and premises and of all and singular other the privileges hereir mentioned to be granted shall from time to time by Us our heyres and Successors according to the true intent of these Our Letters patents be granted unto the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes as by Our Attorney Generall or Sollicitor Generall of Us our heyres and Successors for the time being and the learned Counsell of the said Captain John Mason his heyres & assignes shalbe reasonably devised or advised And furthermore our will and pleasure is and by these presents for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe covenant and grant to and with the foresaid Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes That wee our heyres and Successors will not impose at any time hereafter any impositions or customs or other taxations how small soever or any other contributions what soever nor doe nor cause to be imposed in or upon the dwellers or inhabitants of the foresaid province of Newhampshire for their goods lands or Tenements within the same province or upon any Lands Tenements goods or chattles within the said province or in or upon any the goods or marchandise within the said province or within any of the ports or Ships Keys of the said province to be laden or unladen And that this our Declaration in all Courts Judgement Seats and before any the Judges of Us our heyres and Successors shalbe sufficient for the exemption freedome and acquitting thereof from time to time to be received or allowed And Our pleasure is and for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe will and command giving in charge unto all and Singular officers and Ministers of Us our heyres and Successors injoining them on pain of our high displeasure That they doe not presume to attempt any thing to the contrary of the premises at any

The King Covenants to make better assurance if desired.

time or goe against the same by any means but shalbe aiding and assisting unto the said Captain John Mason and his heyres and to the aforesaid inhabitants of the said province called the province of Newhampshire or of any part or parcell thereof and the Marchants aforesaid their Servants ministers ffactors and assignes in the fullest use and fruition of this our Charter and the benefitt thereof att all times as it becometh them And our will is also and for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe declare and ordaine That the said province of Newhampshire shalbe immediately Subject to our Crowne of England and dependant upon the Same for ever And if it shall happen that any doubt or questions shall hereafter arise about the true sense and meaning of any word clause or sentence in this our present Charter contained Our will is and Wee doe charge and command that in all interpretations to be made thereof in all Our Courts & Judgement Seales the same shalbe taken and adjudged most beneficiall and favourable unto and for the same Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes provided alwayes that noe interpretation be made whereby the Sacred word of God and true Christian Religion or the Allegiance due to Us our heyres and Successors may receive or suffer any prejudice diminution or disgrace And lastly Our will and pleasure is and by these presents Wee doe publish and declare and for Us our heyres and Successors Wee doe grant and agree to and with the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes That these our Letters patents and all and singular grants Clauses and things therein contained shalbe and continue firme strong and effectual in Law and shalbe construed reputed and taken aswell to the intent and meaning as to the words of the same most gracious and favourable and to the benefitt of the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes any omission misinformation or defects in these presents or any Lawes Statuts or other clauses or matters to the contrary notwithstanding and although express mention be not made of any gifts or Grants by Us or any of our progenitors or predecessors to the foresaid Captaine John Mason his heyres and assignes heretofore made And notwithstanding the misreciting or not rightly and truly reciting of any Letters patents Grant or Grants heretofore made of the premises or of any part thereof or of any particular thing therein con-

None to attempt any thing against the tenor of this Chart.

The province is ordained to be in subjection to the Crowne of England.

tained or Not withstanding any misnaming or not naming of any the said Lands Island or Islands or any of them or the places degrees or coasts wherein or whereupon they be or any Statute act ordinance provision proclamation or restraint to the contrary thereof heretofore had made ordained or provided or any matter clause or thing whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding In Wittness &c Wittness Our Self at Westminster the Nineteenth Day of August 1635 and in the Eleaventh year of Our Reign.

This is a true Copie examin'd
attested by
Ric. Chamberlain
Secretary of y^e Province of
New=Hampshire Clerk of
His Ma:^{ties} Councill there.

[*Deed, Gorges to Mason, Sept. 17, 1635.*]

[From manuscript volume in possession of the Maine Historical Society, p. 46.]

THIS INDENTURE made the seaventeenth day of September Anno Dom. 1635 and in the eleaventh yeare of the Reigne of Our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland france and Ireland Defender of the faith &c. Between Sir ferdinando Gorges of London knight on the One part and Captain John Mason of London Esquire on the other part Wittnesseth That whereas our late Sovereign Lord King James of Blessed memory by his highness Letters patents under the Great Seal of England bearing date at Westminster the Third day of November in the Eighteenth yeare of his highness reigne over the Realme of England for the considerations in the same Letters patents expressed hath absolutely given granted and confirmed unto the Councill established at Plimouth in the County of Devon for the planting ruling ordering and governing of New England in America and to their Successors and assignes forever All the Land of New England aforesaid lying and being in breadth from ffourty Degrees to ffourty Eight Degrees Northerly Latitude inclusively Together with all firm lands Soyles grounds havons ports rivers waters ffishings hunting hawking ffowling and all mines and minerals aswell Royall mines of Gold and Silver as other mines & min-

erals and all and Singular other commodities Jurisdictions Royalties privileges and prehemines as by the said Letters patents amongst diverse other things therein contained more at large it doth and may appeare And Whereas the said Council by their Indenture under their Common Seal bearing date the Two and Twentieth day of Aprill last past before the date hereof made between the said Council by the name of the Council established at plimouth in the County of Devon ffor the planting ruling ordering and governing of New England in America of the One part and the said Sir fferdinando Gorges of London knight on the other part ffor the considerations in the same Indenture contained have given granted aliened bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed unto the said Sir fferdinando Gorges his heyres and assignes for ever All that part purpart or portion of the mainland of New England aforesaid beginning at the Entrance of pascataway harbour and soe to pass up the same into the river of Newichewanock and through the same unto the ffurthest head thereof and from thence Northwestwards till Sixty miles be finished And from pascataway harbour aforesaid Northeastwards along the Sea coast to Sagadahock and up the river thereof to the river of Kenebeck and through the Same unto the head thereof and soe up into the land Northwestwards untill Sixty miles be finished from the mouth or entrance of Sagadahock ffrom which period to cross over land to the Sixty miles end formerly accompted up into the Land ffrom pascataway harbour through Nowichewanock River (which amongst other Lands are granted unto the said Sir fferdinando Gorges) Together with all mines and minerals aswell royall mines of Gold and Silver as other mines and minerals precious Stones Woods marishes rivers waters ffishings hawking hunting and fflowing and all other Royalties Jurisdictions privileges prehemines profits and commodities whatsoever with all and Singular their appurtenances with all other privileges liberties and immunities which shall or may arise within the said Limits and precincts aforesaid as by the said Indenture more at large it doth appeare Now therefore this Indenture ffor further Wittneseth That the said Sir fferdinando Gorges for diverse good causes and considerations him hereunto especially moving hath granted aliened bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant alien bargain Sell enfeoffed and confirme unto the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes All that part or portion of land beginning at the Entrance of Newichewanock river and soe upwards amongst the said river and to the ffurthest head thereof and to containe in breadth through all the length aforesaid Three miles within the land from every part of the said River and half way over the said river To-

gether with all and Singular harbours creeks marishes woods rivers waters lakes mines and minerals aswell royal mines of Gold & Silver as other mines and minerals precious stones fishings hawking hunting and fflowing and all other royalties Jurisdictions privileges pre-eminences profits commodities and hereditaments whatsoever with all and Singular their and every of their appurtenences with all other privileges liberties immunities escheats and casualties thereof which shall or may arise within the Limits and precincts aforesaid To be holden of his Majesty his heyres and Successors as of his highness Mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in ffree and Common Soccage and not in Capite or by knights service yeelding and paying to his Majesty his heyres and Successors the fifth part of the oare of Gold and Silver that from time to time and at all times hereafter shalbe there gotten had and obtained ffor all services duties and demands as in and by the said recited Letters patents are reserved To have and to hold all the said part or portion of Land and all other the said bargained premises with their and every of their appurtenences unto the said Captain John Mason his heyres and Assignes To the onely and proper use and behoof of him the said Captain John Mason his heyres and assignes for ever And to be enjoyed as fully ffreely and in as large ample and beneficiall manner and forme to all intents and purposes whatsoever as he the said Sir fferdinando Gorges by virtue of the said recited Indenture might or ought to have hold and enjoy the same or any part thereof In Wittness whereof the said parties to these present Indentures interchangeably have sett their hands and Seals the Day and yeare first above written.

Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
Matthew Bradley
Roger Beal
John Moor Sen.

fferd. Gorges

This is a true copie
Edw Cranfield/
B Sargeant
Rich. Povey

[*John Mason's Will, Nov. 26, 1635.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 5.]

In the Name of God Amen I Cap^t John Mason of London Esq^r being Sick in Body but of a perfect mind & memory Laud & praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make & Declare this my present Last will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say First & principally I Commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God & my maker hoping & assuredly believing that by and thro' the merrits of the most pretious Death and Passion of My Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ I shall be Saved & have full & free pardon & remission of all my Sins & Enjoy Everlasting Life in the Kingdom of heaven amongst the Ellect Children of God my body I committ to the Earth from whence it Came to be buried in the Collegiate Church of S^t Peter in Westminster without any Funeral pomp or Ceremony & as Concerning all & Singuler the Goods Chattels Depts & personal Estate w^{ch} it hath pleased god of his goodness to bless me withall in this life after my Depts shall be paid & my Funeral Charges Discharged I give Devise & bequeath the Same unto Such person or persons in such manner & form & under such Provisoos Conditions & Limitations as are hereafter Expressed that is to Say Imprimis I give & bequeath unto five poor people of the Town or parish of Portsm^o in the County of South hampton the sum of five pounds to be Distributed according to the Discretion of the Church Wardens of y^e s^d Town or parish for the time being & to be paid by my Executrix unto the Said Church Wardens of the Said Town or Parish within one year next after my Decease The said Church Wardens within one year next after The Receipt of the Said Legacy Giving unto My Executrix an Honest & Just Account of the Distribution of the Said Legacy to the use of the Said poor people—

Item I give unto my Sister Dorothy Moor in Case she shall be in want for and During the term of her Natural life the yearly Sum of Ten pounds of Lawfull money of England to be paid to her or Assigns at the Two usual Feasts or half yearly paym^{ts} in the year by Even and Equal portions & I give unto Every of the Children of my Said Sister Dorothy Moor Six pounds apeice of Lawfull money of England. Item I give unto Beatrice Baldwin the Sum of five pounds Item I give & bequeath unto My Brother in Law M^r Joshua Green & his wife M^r Edward Lambert & his wife M^r Henry Burton & his wife M^r John Wallaston & his wife & to my Loveing Cosin Doctor mason of Greenwich & his wife & mother To my Cozens

m^r Thomas Geer & his wife to my Cozen Thomas Mason Gentleman & to my Cozens M^r Thomas Assips & his wife to Every of them fifty shillings apeice to make them rings to wear in remembrance of me all the rest and residue of all & Singuler my Goods Chattels ready money Debts & personal Estate whatsoever & wheresoever after my Depts & shall be paid & my Legacies & Funeral Charges shall be Discharg'd I will that my wife shall have the use thereof & of Every part thereof & Shall receive have & Injoy to her own proper use all y^e Encrease profit & benefitt y^t Shall be made thereof by for & Dureing y^e term of her Natural life & from & Imediately after y^e Decease of my s^d wife then I give Devise & bequeath y^e s^d rest & residue of all & Singular My Goods Chattels ready money Depts & personal Estate whatsoever unto My four Grand Children John Tufton Ann Tufton Robert Tufton & Mary Tufton to be Equally Divided amongst them part & part alike & to be paid to the men Children att the several ages of one & Twenty years and to the women Children at the ages of one & Twenty or Days of Marriage which shall first happen & if any of them Dye in their Minority the then part or portion of him or them So Dying Shall be paid & Devided unto & amongst the Survivor or Survivors of my S^d four Grand Children respectively & my will & mind is & I do hereby Devise and appoint y^t in Case my S^d wife Ann Mason Shall Dye & Depart this mortal Life befor all my s^d four Grand Children Shall be Capable to receive have hold & Enjoy the several Legacies & bequests before in this my will given & bequeathed unto them & to hold & Enjoy the Lands & Tenements hereafter in this my will by me given & bequeathed unto them or to them or their heirs respectively y^t then & in such Case my Loving Brother in Law John Wollaston Shall receive the parts & portions of Such of my Said four Grand Children as shall be then in their Minority & take possession of such Lands as I Shall in this my will give Devise & bequeath unto them & shall Imploy y^e Same for the benefit & maintainance of my S^d Grand Children & Shall pay the same to them respectively as they shall attain to their ages of one & Twenty years or Days of Marriage as aforesaid and I do hereby make and ordain y^e said John Wollaston after the Decease of My s^d wife Sole Guardian of and for my s^d Grand Children or such of them as shall be in their Minoritys att the time of the Decease of my Said wife And in Case my said wife & my said Brother in Law John Wollaston shall both dye & Depart this mortal life before my Said Grand Children shall be capable to have & receive their portions as aforesaid & to Enjoy such Lands as hereafter in this my will is by me given & bequeathed unto them respectively Then I leave the Education &

bringing up of Such my Said Grand Children as shall be in their minority and the receiving having & possessing of such Lands Tenem^{ts} Legacies & bequests as I have & shall give them by this my will unto such person or persons as my s^d Brother in Law John Wollaston shall in his life time Nominate & appoint for that Purpose & to no other person or persons whatsoever & I do hereby Charge my s^d Grand Children & Every of them to make Choice of & accept of my s^d Brother in Law & such person or persons as he shall appoint & none other whatsoever to be Executrix Guardian or Guardians for them after the Decease of my S^d wife. And I do hereby make name & ordain my s^d Loveing wife Ann Mason the full & Sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament desireing her to perform the same in all things according to my true Intent & meaning & I do hereby Constitute & Appoint my said Loveing Brother in Law Jn^o Wollaston the overseer of this my will & Testament Entreating him to be aiding and assisting unto my s^d Executrix in the Execution thereof & in token of thankfulness for his Love to me I do hereby give & bequeath unto him my Coach & Two Coach horses with the furniture thereto belonging Now as Concerning the Disposition of all & singuler my Mannors Messuages Lands Tenements & heriditaments with their & Every of their rights members & appurtenances as well within the Realm of England as Else where I give Devise & bequeath the Same & Every of them to such person and persons upon such trusts & Confidence to such uses & Intents and purposes & under such provisoes & Conditions & Limitations as are here after Expressed that is to Say first I give devise & bequeath unto the Mayor & Commonality and Corporation of the Town of Kinglyn in the County of Norfolk where I was born by what Name Title or addition Soever the S^d town or Corporation is have been or shall be called known or Incorporated & to their successors forever under the provisoe or Conditions never the less here after Expressed Two thousand acres of Laud in my County of Newhamp^r or Mason Hall in New England w^{ch} by my Executrix & Overseers aforesaid shall be thought most fit & the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders of the Same two thousand acres of Land & Every part thereof to have & to hold y^e same & Every portion thereof unto the s^d Mayor & Commonality & Corporation of the s^d Town of Kingslyn & their successors forever for & under the yearly rent of one penny of Lawfull money of England to be paid to my heirs if it shall be Demanded and also allowing to my heirs forever Two fifth parts of all such of mines royall as Shall be at any time after my Decease found in or upon the Same Land or any part thereof provided Always & my will & mind

is & I do hereby devise & appoint y^t the s^d mayor & Commonality their Successors or assigns shall within five years next after my Decease plant & set upon the S^d Thousand acres of Land five families of people at least to plant upon the Same & y^t the Clear yearly profit y^t shall be made of & upon y^e S^d Two thousand acres of Land shall be yearly forever Distributed & Disposed of towards y^e maintainance & relief of y^e poor people of the s^d Town at the Discretion of the mayor & aldermen or the Chiefest Governor of the S^d Town for the time being: and I will y^t my S^d wife Ann Mason shall at y^e request Cost & Charges in the Law of the s^d mayor & Commonality their successors or assigns Lawfully & Sufficiently Convey release & assure unto the s^d mayor & Commonality & their successors forever all her right Estate Dowry Title of Dower & Intrest of and in the s^d Two thousand acres of Land y^t by Such Lawfull wayes & means as by y^e s^d mayor & Commonality or their successors or by their Council Learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised or advised & required. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Loveing Brother in Law John Wollaston and to his heirs and assigns forever to be holden of my heirs in fee farm Three thousand acres of Land with the appurtenances in my County of New Hampshire or Mannor of Mason Hall afores^d Where my s^d Brother & Executrix shall think fit and the reversion or reversions remainder & remainders rents & yearly profits whatsoever of the same three thousand acres of Land & Every or any part thereof to have & to hold the Same unto the S^d John Wollaston his heirs & Assigns forever to be holden of My heirs forever in fee farm paying only twelve pence of Lawfull Money of England ꝥ annum to My heirs when the same shall be Demanded of the s^d John Wollaston his heirs or assigns & also allowing to my heirs Two fifth parts of all my mines royall as Shall be at any time after my Decease found in or upon my S^d Land or any part thereof: And I will y^t My s^d wife Ann Mason shall at the request Cost & Charge in the Law of y^e S^d John Wollaston his heirs or assigns in due form of Law Convey release & assure unto the S^d John Wollaston his heirs & assigns all her right Title Dower Intrest Claime & Demand of in or unto the said three Thousand Acres of Land with the Appurtenances and of in and unto every or any Part thereof by such Conveyance ways & means as by the Said John Wollaston & his heirs or assigns or his or their Council Learn'd in the Law shall be reasonably Devis'd or advis'd and required. I Give devise and Bequeath unto My Grand Child Ann Tufton and to her Heirs & Assigns for ever under The Proviso'e's and Conditions nevertheless hereafter express'd all those my Lands Tenements and heriditaments wth the Appurtenances

lying and being at Capham of Wagam upon the South East side of Sagadahock in New England afores^d Called Masonia & Containing by Estimation Ten thousand Acres or there abouts be the same more or less & the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders rents & yearly & other profits whatsoever of the same Land & premises to have & to hold the s^d Land and premises & Every part thereof with the appurtenances unto the s^d Ann Tufton my Grand Child & to her heirs & assigns for ever: Provided always & my will, mind & meaning is & I do hereby Devise & appoint y^e my wife shall hold & Enjoy the s^d Ten Thousand Acres of Land & Every part thereof & receive take & Enjoy to her own proper use & behoof of all the rents Issues & profits of the same & Every part thereof untill my Grand Child Ann Tufton shall attain to the age of one & Twenty years or Day of Marriage w^{ch} shall first happen if my s^d wife Shall So long live Item I give & Devise & Bequeath unto my Grand Child Robert Tufton & to his heirs & assigns forever under the provisoes & Conditions nevertheless hereafter Expressed all that my Mannor of Mason Hall in New England aforesaid with all the Land Tenements & hereditaments rights members & appurtenances thereto belonging Except Such part of the Land thereunto belonging as is before Bequeathed by this my will & the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders rents & other yearly profits whatsoever of the same premises to have & to hold the same & Every part thereof Except before Excepted unto my said Grand Child Robert Tufton & to his heirs and assigns forever provided always & upon Condition nevertheless and my true Intent & meaning is that the said ann my wife shall have & Enjoy the said mannor & premises given unto my s^d Grand child Robert Tufton as aforesaid & receive take & Enjoy to her own proper use the rents Issues & profits thereof untill My said Grand son Robert Tufton shall attain & accomplish his full age of one & Twenty years if my said wife shall live so long provided also & my further will mind & meaning is & I do hereby devise & appoint y^e my s^d Grand Child Robert Tufton shall alter his surname & surname himself Mason before he shall be capable to Enjoy the Said Mannor & premises according to this my will for that my true Intent and meaning is y^e the s^d Mannor and premises Shall Continue in my name as now it doth & no other wise —Item I give devise & bequeath unto my said Brother in Law John Wollaston his heirs & assigns forever upon the trusts & Confidence & to the uses Intents & purposes nevertheless hereafter Expressed two thousand Acres of [land] in my County of New Hampshire in New England afores^d where my s^d Brother & Executrix afores^d shall think fit upon trust & Confidence & to the use Intents

& purposes that my s^d Brother John Wollaston or his heirs & my said wife Ann Mason shall with all Speed Convenient after my Decease att the Charge of my Estate in Due form of Law Settle & convey one thousand acres of y^e s^d Land to some feoffees in Trust & to their heirs forever for & towards the maintainance of an honest godly & religious preacher of god's word in some church or chappel or other publick place appointed for Divine worship & service within the Said County of Newhampshire where my s^d wife & Brother Shall think fit the s^d feoffees & their heirs paying & allowing unto my heirs forever the yearly rent of one penny if it be demanded & two fifth parts of all such mines royall as shall be found in & upon the s^d one thousand acres of Land or any part thereof & one Thousand acres more residue of the s^d Two thousand acres of Land I will shall be Setteled or Conveyed as afores^d to some feoffes in trust & to their heirs forever for & towards the maintainance of a free Grammer school for the Education of youth in some convenient place within the s^d County of Newhampshire where my s^d wife & Brother in Law shall think fitt they also paying & allowing unto my heirs forever the yearly rent of one penny if it be Demanded and two fifth parts of all such mines royall as shall be found in & upon the s^d one thousand acres of Land or any part thereof all the rest & residue of all & singuler my mannors messuages Lands & Tenements & Heriditaments with their & Every of their appurtenances lying & being within the s^d County of Newhampshire or else where in New England aforesaid not before bequeathed by this my will I give devise & bequeath the same and Every part thereof & the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders thereof & of Every part thereof under the provisoes & Conditions nevertheless hereafter Expressed unto my Grand Child John Tufton & to the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten and for want of such Issue to the S^d Robert Tuffton or my Grand Child & to the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten & for want of such Issue to my Cozen Doct^r Robert Mason Chancellor of the Diocess of winchester & to the heirs male of his body Lawfully begotten or to be begotten & for want of such Issue to my right heirs & assigns forever provided always nevertheless & my will mind & meaning is that my wife Ann Mason shall have hold & Enjoy the s^d mannors messuages Lands & premises by me given unto my Grand Child John Tuftton as aforesaid & receive the rents Issues & profits thereof & of every part thereof to her own profit use & behoof untill my s^d Grand Child John Tuftton shall attain to and accomplish his full age of one & Twenty years if y^e s^d Ann my wife shall so long live provided also & my further will mind & meaning is & I do hereby devise and appoint y^t my s^d Grand child John Tuftton

shall alter his Sirname and shall Name himself Mason before he shall be Capable to Enjoy the said manners Lands & premises or any part thereof according to my bequest for that my true Intent & meaning is that the Said Lands shall not descend from the Name of Mason but that my said Grand Child & his heirs shall Enjoy y^e same Lands & premises in my own Sirname & not otherwise Provided also & my will & mind is & I do hereby devise & appoint y^e my S^d Grand Child John Tufton or his heirs shall well or truly pay or Cause to be paid unto my Grand Child mary Tuftton his sister out of the manners messuages Lands & Tenements by me bequeathed unto him as afores^d the Sum of five hundred pounds of Lawfull Money of England for her better preferm^t and advancem^t in marriage, the same to be paid to her or her assigns within one year next after the Day of her marriage of the s^d mary Tuftton without fraud or Coven: provided also & my further will mind & Meaning is & I do hereby devise & appoint y^e in Case My s^d Grand Children John Tuftton Ann Tuftton Robert Tufton & Mary Tufton or any of them Shall refuse or be unwilling to take & accept of my s^d Brother in Law John Wollaston or such person or persons as he shall appoint to be in his or their Guardian or Guardians after y^e Decease of my wife dureing their or any of their Minorities or in case my s^d four Grand Children or any of them their or any of their heirs Exec^{tes} administ^{es} or assigns or any of them shall at any time or times after my Decease by any ways or means whatsoever Sue Vex or mollest trouble or prosecute my Executor or administ^{es} for the Sum of one thousand pounds of Lawfull Money of England which was heretofore deposited in my hand by Joseph Tufton their father, or for any part thereof y^e then to from thenceforth in either of these cases the Legacies & bequests by me given & bequeathed to such of my s^d four Grand Children & to his or their heirs as shall offend Contrary to the true meaning herein before declared shall be Voide & of none Effect as if the same had never been Expressed in this my will & y^e y^e also & in such Case I give devise & bequeath all & every y^e Messuages Lands tenements & heriditaments Money Goods & Chattles whatsoever before or hereafter in this my will given devised or bequeathed unto such of my Grand Children & their heirs which shall so Disobey my true meaning herein before declared unto my Loving Cozen Doct^r Robert Mason Chancellor of the Diocess of Winchester & his heirs & assigns from henceforth forever Item I give devise & bequeath all & singuler my messuages Lands Tenements & heriditam^{ts} with their & every of their appurtenances lying & being within the Realm of England or else where not bequeath'd by this my will unto my Loving wife Ann Mason & her assigns for

& During the term of her natural life & after her Decease to my above s^d Brother in Law Jn^o Wollaston & his assigns for & dureing the Joynt lives of my s^d Daughter Ann Tufton & her now husband upon trust & Confidence nevertheless y^t the s^d Jn^o Wollaston & his assigns shall pay & Disburse the rents & profits of y^e s^d premises & every part thereof for & toward y^e proper maintainance stay of Living of & for the S^d Ann My Daughter & no other wise & in Case my s^d Daughter's now husband shall dye & Depart in this life in the life time of my s^d Daughter Ann Tufton then & from thence forth I give devise & bequeathed my S^d lastmentioned messuages Lands Tenements & heriditam^s every part thereof unto my said Daughter Ann Tufton for & dureing the term of her natural life & from & immediately after y^e decease of my s^d wife & Daughter & of the longest liver of them then to my s^d Grand Children John Tufton Ann Tufton Robert Tufton & mary Tufton & to their heirs & assigns forever & to none other use Intent or purpose whatsoever und^r y^e provisoes & Conditions nevertheless herein before declared: finally I do hereby revoke Countermand & make Voide all former wills Testaments Codocils Execut^s Legacies & bequests what soever by me at any time made named given willed or appoint'd before the making of this my will willing & minding y^t these presents only shall stand & be taken for my last will & testament & none other Saveing & reserving unto my self nevertheless full power & authority to make add or annex hereunto one or more Codocil or Codocils at my free will & pleasure, any thing whatsoever before in this my last will & testament Expressed to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: In Witness whereof I y^e s^d Cap^t John Mason the testator to this my present will & testament being written in fourteen sheets of paper with my name subscribed to every sheet have sett my seal y^e twenty sixth day of November Annoq: Domini one thousand six hundred thirty five & in the Eleaventh year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by y^e Grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland defend^r of y^e Faith &ct: & in Case my s^d Grand Children Jn^o Tufton Robert Tufton should both die in y^e life time of my wife without Issue of their or either of their bodys Lawfully begotten then I give & bequeath all my manors messuages Lands & tenem^s By me given to my s^d two Grand Children or either of them unto my wife during the term of her natural life & after her decease to my Daughter Ann Tufton dureing the term of her natural life and after both their deceases then to such person or persons as y^e same is mentioned to be given & bequeathed unto by this my will

John Mason

signed sealed published & declared by y^e s^d Cap^t Jn^o Mason y^e Testator as his Just will & Testament on the day & year above written In the presence of us whose names are hereund^r written Tho^o Noell Mathew Mason J^rfferret Notary; probatum fuit Testamentum Supra scriptum apud. London Coram veni^{ble} viro magistro Willo Clark Legum d^re surr venirabli viri d^rmi Henri Martin militi Legum Etiam Doctoris Curia prerogative Comit Magistri Custodis Sive Commisarii Legitime Constit vicisimo sedo die mensis Decemb^{ris} Anno Domini millisimo Sexceptesimo Tricesimo Quinto Juramento Annæ Mason relictis dicti defunti et Exeectrices in hujusmodi Testimento nominat Cui Commisa fuit administratio oum & singulorum bonorum Jurium et Creditorum dis defunti de bene fid. bl administrando eadem adsto dei Evangelica. Jurat—

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Tho : Williams Reg^{is} Deputy

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[*Vaughan to Gibbons, April 10, 1636.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 33.]

London 10th April 1636—

Loving friend Gibbens

Wee put in to Ireland goinge home, and there was Taken Sike, and Lefte behind and Laye So Longe before I got well; that it was the Latter End of December Laste before I got to London, and m^r Mason was Ded But I Spoke With S^r fferdenando Gorges and the other owners, but they gave mee no Incoradgm^t for New-England, I Acquainted y^m fully of what you and I Discoursed but they ware quite Could in that matter m^r Masson being Ded, and S^r fferdenando, Minding only his one Divityon, he teles me he is a getting a Pattente

for it from the King, from Piscatequa to Sagadehocke, & that betwene Meremake and Piscatequa, He Left ffor m^r Mason, who, If hee had Lived Would a Tooke a Patten^t for that allso, and so I Suppose the Affairs of Laconia is Ded also I Intend to goe for the Este Inidges, A ffriend of mine have made me a Very good proffer and I Thinke to take Up wth it, which is what offers at present Thus with my kind Love to you and your Wife and Daughter I am
Your Loving ffriend
George Vaughan

[*Lease to Francis Matthews, Oct. 1, 1637.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 34.]

This Indentur made the first day of october Ann: Do: 1.6.3.7. and in the thirteenth year of the rayne of our soveraigne Lord knge Charlls whereas S^r fferdinando Georgis knight: Cap^t John Mason Esquier and thear asotiats by vertue of a pattinte is Rightlly Interested and seased on a persill of land in Niw England in America Called pascataway and for the executinge of thear affaiers in thos parts hath asigned Richard vines Henry Joslin and Thomas wannerton Gentel: theare Agents: wee thearfor Richard vines, Henry Joslin and Thomas wannerton, do demise grante, lette, unto ffrancis mathews, all that parsell or portion of lande In pascataway River lyinge upon the north west Side of the great Illand Commonly Called muskito hall, beinge a necke of land by estimation on hundred acers or thear abouts more or lesse to have and to hould all the demised premisis the appertenancis to the sayd ffrances matheus his heirs exec^ters administrators and asignes from the date hearof untell the terme of on thousand years be ffully Compleat and ended yealding and payinge thearfore the annuall Rente of two shillings unto the sayd Sir fardinando gorgis Captin John masson thear hiers executers administrators and asignis if it bee lawfully demanded upon every first day of october duringe the sayd terme of one thousand years, in witnes of the trenth wee have hearunto sete over hands and sealls the day and year above wrighten

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Vera: Copia

Rich: vines
Henry Jocelyn
Tho: wannerton

[*Anne Mason to Ambrose Gibbons, May 22, 1638.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 35.]

Loving freind M^r Gibbins

I understand that you have some swine in yo^r hands belonging to my late husband Captaine John Mason & now to mee i pray good s^r deleiver them speedily to y^e bearer hereof franceis Norton whome I have made my generall attournie for my whole estate in yo^r parte to whome I pray you afford your loving assistance in what is Convenient & your equitie & love heerein shall oblige mee to remaine
Yo^r lovinge freind

Anne Mason

East Greenwich May 22th
1638

[*Richard Rogers to Ambrose Gibbons, March 2, 1647.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 36.]

lovinge and kinde

Contryman Gibbins my love with my wives and my sonnes love and Respeckte to you and to your wiffe hopinge that you are all in good health as wee are at this time I have Reseavd my sonne saffe and well the which I give you manye thankes and your wiffe for your greate Care and paynes that you have bestowed with him I have Given M^r Trevisse ffor his pasage ffortye shillings beinge as much as I gave for my daughters pasage in monye but it is as I tollide him beter paye then Clabords or pipestaves but if his under taker should have Reseaved it of mee I would have had a discharge from him for it but you gave him a bill that if I did not pay you would when you see the bill you gave him at the botome of the bill you shall see a discharge from mee write with my owne haude and sinned with M^r Trevisse owne hand for a discharg of that bill which you gave him / now my desire to you will be to know wheather you have Reseaved those debts of mine which I lefte but of Tom Jonson & old nicklis Espesially for my sonne telles mee that Tom Jonson lives with you and I would intreate you to give me an Acounte wheather I have that theare which will give you satisfayon I shall desire you to make salle of the house and ground and of the Cheste of linen and all other detes and that I may understand wheather theare will be anythinge lefte and If theare be let it be sente in bever or Corne or any thinge Ellse deare skins or bare

skines and I will Returne it to you Againe in Tradinge Cloath or any thinge Ellse that you shall write for and so will Eavery yeare after as you shall sende but if you please to sende me those thinges in that Cheste I shall be willinge to Repaye what you shall thinke fitt for your use heare so desiringe to heare ffrom you as soune as may be I Reste

Your lovinge ffrend and Contryman
to his power

March y^o 2 1647

Richard Rogers

I pray you tell Tom Jonson that my sonne John hath bin at his Cosen Jonsons the shumaker in sainte martins and he hath asked him much of him wheare he lives and how

[Then follows Mr. Rogers's account in the handwriting of Ambrose Gibbons. Ed.]

[Endorsed] a letter to m^r Gibbines from his frend aboute Accompl^{is} 1648

To His Respeckted ffrend and Contryman M^r Ambrous Gibins at his Howse in oyster River upon the River of Passcataway in new ingland this

Joseph Mason's protest against Richard Leader, July 4, 1651, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 502.

[*Deposition of Biles and Mason, May, 1652.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 37.]

The Dosition of Stephen Biles and Joseph Mason

The said Biles aged about thirty five years and the said Mason about fifty eight yeares both Testifieth and sayth that in March 1650 we were both at the house of mistriss Ann Mason in London the relict of Cap^t John Mason Deceased and saw a branch of his will wherein he made his Said wife Ann Sole executrix and after that died it being his Last will and further these Deponants Saith not

Testified upon Oath before mee

Jo Endecott Gov^r

That what is above written is a true Copie Compared wth its original so signed & produced in the Gennerall Court of the Massachusetts in new England by m^r Joseph Mason may 1652

Attest^r

Edward Rawson secret

Joseph Mason's petition, May 6, 1653, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 504.

[*Petition of Robert Mason.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 7.]

To y^e Kings most Excell^t Matie

The humble Petic'on of Rob^t Mason Proprietor of the Province of New Hampshire in New England. Sheweth.

That yo^r Ma^t'ies Royall Grandfather King James of ever blessed memory did by his Highness Pres Pattents under the Great Seale of England, beareing date at Westminster the third day of November in the 18th yeare of his Reigne, Give Grant & Confirme unto severall of the Principall Nobillity and Gentry of this Kingdome by the Name of the Councell of New England their Successors and assignes for Ever, all the Land in America lyeing between the Degrees of 40 & 48 North Latitude, By the Name of New England to be held in fee, with many Royall Priviledges and Immunities, only Paying to his Ma^t'ie his heires and Successors one fifth Part of all the Oare of Gold and Silver that should at any time be found upon the said Lands. As by the said Letters Pattents doth at Large appeare.

That John Mason Esq^r yo^r Pet^r's Grandfather by Virtue of Severall Grants from the said Councell of New England, under their Common seale beareing date the 9th day of March 1621, the 10th day of Aug^t 1622, the 7th of Novem^r 1629 and the 22th day of Aprill 1635, was instated in ffee in a Great Tract of Land in New England by the name of New Hampshire, lyeing upon the Sea Coast between the Rivers of Naumkeek and Passcattaway, and runing up into the Land Westward three score miles, with all y^e Islands lyeing within five Leagues distance of any p^t thereof, and also the South halfe of the Isles of Shoales. And also the said John Mason together with S^r fferdinand Gorges Kn^t was Enffeeofed by the aforesd Councell of Newengl^d in other Lands by the Name of the Province of Laconia By their Deed beareing date the 27 day of Novem^r 1629. the said Lands Lyeing and Bordering upon the Great Lakes & Rivers of the Irroquois and other Nations adjoyning. All which said Lands to be held as fully ffreely in as large Ample and Beneficiall manner and form to all intents & Purposes whatsoever as the said Councell of New Eng^d by Virtue of his Ma^t'ies said Letters Pattents might or Ought to hold and Enjoy the same as by the said severall Grants appeare Whereupon you Pet^r's said Grand-

father did expend upward of 22000^l in transporting People Building houses fforts and Magazines furnishing them with Great store of Armes of all sorts with Artillery great & small for defence and Protection of his Servants and Tennants, with all other necessarie Comodities and materials for Establishing a settled Plantation.

That in the yeare 1628. in the fourth yeare of the Reigne of yo^r Ma'ties Royall ffather, some Persons did surruptitiously and unknowne to the said Councell, gett the seale of the said Councell affixed to a Grant of Certaine Lands, whereof the greatest Part, were sollemnely past, unto yo^r Pet^rs Grandfather and others long before, and soone after did the same Persons by their subtile Practices gett a Confirmation of the said Grant under y^e Great seale of England, as a Corporation, By the name of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, yo^r Ma'ties Royall ffather being also Unwitting thereof, and haveing thus by fraud obteyned a Grant and Confirmation, they Compelled the Rightfull Inhabitants to desert their Plantations, and by many Outragious actions, they became Possessed of that Part of the Countrey, declareing themselves to be a free People, frameing to themselves new Lawes with new methods in Religion absolutely Contrary to the Lawes and Customes of this Yo^r Ma'ties Realme of England Punishing diverse that would not approve thereof, some by Whipping others by burning their Houses, and some by Banishing and the like.

At last the Complaints of the Oppressed Subjects Reacheing the Eares of yo^r Royall ffather, his Ma'tie caused the Whole matter to be Examined before his most honourable Privy Councell and all being fully Proved, his Ma'tie did Comand the Councell of New England to give an acco^t by What authority, or by whose Procurement those People of the Massachusetts Bay were sent Over, his Ma'tie Conceiving the said Councell to be guilty thereof.

But the said Councell of New England made it Plainely to appeare to his Ma'tie that they were ignorant of the whole matter, and that they had noe share in the Evills Comitted and wholly disclaimed the same, and the said Councell finding they had not sufficient Meanes to give Redress And Rectifie what was brought to Ruine, they humbly referred it to his Matie to doe therein as hee Pleas'd, and thereupon said Councell of New England Resolved to Resigne and did Actually Resigne the Great Charter of New England into his Ma'ties Royall Hands, seeing there was an absolute necessity for his Ma'tie to take the managem^t of that Countrey to himself It being become a business of high Consequence and only to be Remedied by his sovereign Power, all which appeares by the Declaration of the Councell of New England Dated the 25th of Aprill 1635. together

with the Act of Surrender of the Great Charter of New England dated the 7th day of June the same Yeare.

That imediately thereupon his Ma'tie in Trinity terme 1635. Caused a Quo Warranto to be br^t by S^r John Banks his Ma'ties then Attorney Generall against the Governour Deputy Govern^r and Every of the Assistants of the said Corporation of Massachusetts in New England, severally according to their names mention^d in the said Pattents of Incorporation, being twenty six P^{er}sons Whereof two being dead, of the Remayning twenty four P^{er}sons there did fourteen at severall times appeare at the Kings Bench Barr and disclaimed the Charter, the Remayning tenn P^{er}sons were Out Lawed, and thereupon Judgement given for the King, That the Liberties and franchises of the said Corporation of Massachusetts Bay should be seized into the Kings hands, and the Body of the Governour to be taken into Custody for Usurpeing the said Liberties, all which appeares by the Roles in the Crowne Office, and Office of Custos Brevium for the Kings Bench of the Proceedings in the severall Termes from the Yeare 1635 to 1637.

That thereupon his said Royall Ma'tie on the third day of May 1637. did Order in Councill y^t the Attorney Generall be Required to Call for the said Pattent and Present the same to the Board, and his Ma'tie by his Declaration of the three & twentieth day of July 1637. in the thirteenth yeare of his Reigne declared His Royall Pleasure for the Establishing a Generall Governm^t in his Territory of New England for Prevention of the Evills that otherwise might ensue for default thereof thereby declaring S^r Ferdinand George to be Govern^r Generall of the Whole Countrey, and requireing all P^{er}sons to give their Obedience accordingly.

That the Warrs and Trobles imediately Ensueing in Scotland and Presently after here in England, did hinder his said Ma'tie from settling that Countrey or Prosecuteing the Right which hee intended his Subjects however the Proceedings of his Ma'tie Caused some Respite to the further Violences and Oppressions of the said Massachusetts, and they Conteyned themselves for the time within their Pretended Bounds, but noe sooner was that King of Blessed memory yo^r Royal ffather become a Sacrifise but they renewed their former Violencies, by Oppressing all the Other Collonies and designeing by encouragem^t from some in England to Erect themselves into a Com'on wealth, and in Order to lay a foundation for this Power and Dominion which they now aspired unto, they thought it necessary to Extend their Bounds and spread into a Larger Territory, then as yet they had usurped, and that this Great Work might not be done without a Mask or Couler of Right they doe in an assembly held in Bos-

ton the 19 of October 1652 seriously ~~use~~ use the Grant (w^{ch} had been Procured as aforesaid) and therein weighing the Words and tryeing what new sence they might beare more suteable to their encrease of Power, they thought fitt at Length to declare themselves mistaken in what they had done in the Yeare 1631. when they erected Bound houses, and had for soe many yeares Confined themselves thereunto, whereas now by the Help of an Imaginary Line, or Rather by a New Reason of State, there is a sence imposed by themselves upon their Owne Words, and they stretch their Rights, to neer two hundred miles of Land Northward, and as much Southward more then they were satisfied withall before swallowing up yo^r Ma^ties Pet^rs as Well as Others whose Properties were Established long before the said People had any being. And that they might give Execution to this Righteous Sentence, they Presently invade and by force of Armes Seize upon the Province of New Hampshire, and other lands of Right belonging to yo^r Pet^r besides what they did to Others Compelling the Inhabitants to Swear to be true to them and to Cast Off their Lawfull Lords, and such as Refused were either Ruined Bannished or Imprisoned, and any Appeales to Engl^d utterly denyed unto them, then they Proceed to the Coyning of Money with their Owne Impress, Raising the Coine of England and acting in all matters in a most absolute and arbitrary Way. And although yo^r Pet^r by his Agent Joseph Mason, did demand Redress of the Generall Court of Massachusetts sitting at Boston in 1652. Offering to make Out the Right and title of yo^r Pet^r to the Province of New Hampshire and other lands ag^t all ~~Persons~~ Persons whatsoever yet noe Restitution Could be Obteyned without a Submission to their authority, and to hold the lands from them which the Pet^r then did Refuse, and hath allwaies Refused, Chusing Rather to Waite for more happy times wherein to Expect releif then by a Legall Resignation of his Rights to those who had none at all, divest himselfe of what his Ancestors had Purchased at soe Deare a Rate: yo^r Pet^r haveing as Equall a Right to the Governm^t in the said Province as he hath to the Land it selfe, all which appears by a Report made to yo^r Ma^tie the 15th of februr^y 1661, when yo^r Pet^r first Expos'd to yo^r Matie the Opressions under which hee had soe long Groaned in the Evill times, and which greives him now much more to beare while hee has the Protection of soe Just and Gracious a Sovereigne to resort unto.

Wherefore yo^r Pet^r most humbly implores Your Ma^tie to take notice that by a Plaine discovery of What fraud in the Beginning and the length of Trobled times has helped to Conceal The Bostoners have noe Patten of Incorporation at all, that yet they have

Under Couller of Right and authority from The Crowne devoured yo^r Pet^r and other Proprietors whose titles are by yo^r Ma^ties learned Councill allowed as Strong as the Law Cann make them.

That all Waies have been tryed and Methods Used to Obtaine Justice from the Bostoners, but all have Proved ineffectuall, that yo^r Pet^rs losses have been soe many and Great, and his Sufferings soe Continued, that hee Cannot any longer support the Burthen of them, And when yo^r Ma^tie will but Consider how small the Respect has been wherewith those People have treated yo^r Ma^tie since yo^r Happy Restauration, and what dayly Breaches are by them Made upon yo^r Ma^ties Acts of Navigation, which turnes soe greatly to the Detriment of this Kingdome in Generall, These Losses & sufferings of a Particular Subject cannot much be question'd soe that Yo^r Pet^r humbly hopes that yo^r Ma^tie will think it high time to stretch forth yo^r Royall hand of Justice to assist yo^r Pet^r that hee may have the quiet Possession of his Province and Reparation made him for the losses susteyned in such wayes and methods as the importance of the Case requir^s and yo^r Ma^tie in yo^r Royall Wisdome shall think most fitt.

And yo^r Pet^r shall Ever pray

Rob^t Mason.

Answer of Massachusetts to Mason and Gorges's complaints, etc., State Papers, Vol. 1, pp. 326-338.

Abstract of Robert Mason's title, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 533.

[*Report on Mason's Petition.*]

[Council Book, Vol. 1, p. 39.]

To the Kinges most Excellent Ma^{ty}— According to yo^r Ma^ties Reference uppon the Petition of Robert Masoⁿ— hereunto Annexed, bearing date, at Whitehall, the Seaventeenth of Novem^r— heard the Claimes, and Complaints, of the Peticoners and also Summoned by — Executed, att the Exchange, on the 21th day, of January Laste, against all — in that Businesse, butt none appeared, butt Cap^t Jn^o Leverett, who acknowledged — hee was Commissionated, as an Agent of the Corporac^on of Boston, in New — that now, hee had noe Authority, to appeare, or Act on their

behalf, — Upon producing of divers Letters Patents, and Examinao'on of Witnesses, wee — That Cap' Jn^o Mason, Grand father to Robert Mason, one of the Petic'oners, and — Godfrey, one other of the Petic'oners by Vertue, of Severell, Letters Patents, under the great Seale of England, Graunted unto them, and others, by y^r Ma^{ties} Late Royall F^r — themselves, and their assignes, have bene, in Actually, and quiet possession, of Sev^{erall} Tracts, parsells, and Divissions, of Land, in New England, as in and by the Said letter — is particylarly, Expressed, and that the Said Cap' Jn^o Mason, and the said Edward Godfrey did Expend and lay out Considerable sum'es of money, in Settling Plantac'ons, and Collonyes here That the Said, Edward Godfrey, hath lived there, for five, and Twenty yeares, haveing under gone and discharged the Office of the Governour, of the Province, of Mayne with much Reputac'on, of Integrity, and Justice, Indeavouring, the Regulac'on, and Govern^{ment} — of those parts, where hee dweels, according to the Knowne and Setled lawes, of this — That Notwithstanding, the said Edward Godfrey, hath not onely bene turned out of his Said — of Governour, butt hath bene Utterly ousted and dispossessed, of his lands, and Estate, in that — w^{ch} the inhabitants of the Massachusetts have forcibly Seized, and still doe deteyn & — That itt appears, as well by Testimony of Witnesses as by a Coppie — that they were not to act anything Repugnant to the Lawes of England, Nor — their bounds and Limmits of the Said Reservac'on farther then three miles Northwards — Merrymacke River, And as a Memorial, and Evidence thereof, the Governour, of the — did Set up, an house, about Thirty yeares Since, which is Called, the bound house, — by that name, to this day, and with this Division, and assignement, or lott of land — Inhabitants, and Pattentees, of the Said Corporac'on of the Massachusetts, — for the Space, of Sixteene yeares, together Untill about the yeare: 1652 — Enlarge, and Stretch their Line, above three score Miles beyond their — bounds aforesaid; And have thereby, not onely, Invaded, and Inroach — Plantac'ons, and Inheritances, of the Petition^{rs}, and other, yo^r Ma^{ties} Sub — Menaces, and Armed forces, Compelled them, to Submitt, to their usurped — Government, which they have declared, to bee Independent, of this yo^r Ma^{ties} — England, and not Subordinate thereunto.

Itt appears further, by the Witnesses, that the Collony of the massachusetts — many yeares past Endeavoured to Moddell, and Contrive themselves — State or Common wealth, without any Relac'on, to the Crowne of Eng^{land} — themselves, the name, and Stile, of a Common Wealth, Issuing — names, Imposing of

Taxes, to bee Lawe unto themselves, Contrary — Coyneing of money, with their owne Stampe, and Signatures, Ex — Power, over the Estates, and persons, of all such as Submit — ment, allowing them noe Appeales, to England, and Some hath — Publiquely, to affirme, that iff his Ma^{tie} should Send them, a — and Churches, throughout the whole Country, under their Government, — pose him, and others have saide that before they of New England, would — submitt, to any Appeale to England, they would sell, that Country, or — antac'on, to the King of Spaine.

That by reason of the premisses, the Said Rob. Mason, and Edward Godfrey, have beene damnified, in their Plantac'ons, and Estates, to the Vallew of five Thousand pounds, according to the Judgm', and Estimac'on, of Severall witnesses, Examined, in that behalfe, Butt by what pretense, of Right, or authority, the Massachusetts have taken uppon them, to proceede, and Act in such manner, doth not appeare, to us.

All which, wee most humbly represent, to yo^r Ma^{tie} in duty, and Obedience, to yo^r Com'ands, not presumeing, to offer any opinion, in a buisnesse, of Soe high Importance, wherein the Publicque Interest, and Government, of yo^r Ma^{tie} appeares, Soe much Inter-mixt, and Concerned, with the private Interest, of the Petic'oners.

Rob^t Mason

G: sweit

Ja: Bunce

Richard foxe

Jh: Ecton

Jo: Myles

Tho: Povey

[The dashes indicate places in the original that have been eaten off by mice. Ed.]

[*Opinion of Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Nov. 8, 1660.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 6.]

May it Please your most Excellent Majesty

In Obedience to your Royal Command's according to your Majesty's Reference upon the Petition of Robert Mason hereunto annexed dated at Whitehall the 25th of October last I have Considered thereof and Examined the Title & Claim of the Petitioner to the Province of New Hampshire in New England, and do find that your Majesty's Royal Grandfather King James of ever blessed Memory did by his Highness Letters Patents, under the Great Seal of England bearing date at Westminster the third day of November

1620 in the Eighteenth Year of his Highnesses Reign for Sundry Reasons and Considerations therein Expressed, give, grant and confirm unto several Persons of Honour, by the name of the Council of New England, their Successors and Assigns forever, all that part of the main Land in America lying between the Degrees of Forty & Forty Eight North Latitude to be held in fee as of the Mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent with many great Priviledges Royalties & Immunities under certain Conditions and Limitations in the said Letters Pattents expressed and that John Mason Esq^r Grandfather to the Petitioner by Vertue of several Grants from the said Council of New England under their Common Seal bearing date the 9th day of March 1621. the 7th day of November 1629. and the 22^d April 1635. was Instated in fee of sundry great Tracts of Land in New England by the name of New Hampshire, to be Enjoyed as fully & freely to all Intents & Purposes whatsoever as the said Council of New England by Vertue of his Majesties said Letters Pattents may might or ought to have hold & enjoy the same, as by the said Several Grants it doth fully appear upon which said Several Grants I am of opinion that the Petitioner Robert Mason who is Grand son & Heir to the said John Mason hath a good & legal Right & Title to the Lands above Conveyed by the name of New Hampshire

All which I do most humbly Certifie

8th November 1660.—

G Palmer.

The Original was delivered unto S^r W^m Morrice, pincipal Secretary of State—

Vera Copia

Rich: Partridge Cler.

Pro: of N. Hamp^r

Vera Copia from the Superiour Court Records the 8th June 1704—

⚡ Theod^r Atkinson Cler.

Copy of that on file in a Case Allen vs Lawrence tried 1704/5.

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⚡ Geo: Jaffrey Cl

Summary of the title of Robert Mason to New Hampshire, March 5, 1674-5, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 516.

[*Report of Attorney and Solicitor General, May 17, 1675.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 7.]

May it please your Lord^{sh}

In Obedience to yo^r Lord^{sh} order of reference to us upon the Petition of Robert Mason we have Considered thereof and Exam^d the title and Claim of the Petitioners to the Province of New Hampshire in New England and do find that his Maj^{ties} Royall Grandfather King James of Ever Blessed memory by his highnesses letters pattents under the great Seale of England bearing Date at westmin^r the third day of November 1620 in the Eighteenth year of his highnesses reign for Sundry reasons & Considerations therein Expressed did Grant and Confirme unto Severall persons of Honour by the Name of the Councell of New England their Successors and assigns forever all that part of the maine land in America lying between the Degrees of forty & forty Eight North latitude to be held as of the Mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent with many great Privileges Royalties & Immunities under certain Conditions and limitations in the Said letters pattents Expressed and that John Mason Esq^r Graudfather to the Petitinor by virtue of Severall grants from the Said Councell of New England under their Com'on Seal bearing date the ninth day of March one thousand Six hundred & twenty the Seventh day of November 1629 & the 22^d day of Aprill 1635 was Instated in fee in Sundry Great Tracts of land in New England by the name of New Hampshire to be enjoyed as fully & freely to all intents & purposes whatsoever as the Said Councell of New England by virtue of his maj^{ties} Said letters Pattents may might or Ought to have hold or enjoy the Samé as by the Said Severall grants doth fully appear upon which Said Several conveyances we are humbly of opinion that the now Petitioners Robert Mason who is Grandson and Heir to the said John mason hath a good and legal Title to the lands above conveyed by the Name of the province of new Hampshire

all which we humbly certify

17th may

1675

a true Copy

The original was Deliv^d }
to S^r Rob^t Southwell }

Vera Copia

True Copy Exam^d

W^m Jones

Fra: Winnington

William Blathwaite

☞ Richard Partridge Cler—

☞ B Gambling Clerk

[Endorsed] S^r W^m Jones att: Gen^l S^r Fra: winnington Sol^r Gen^l y^r report concerning Rob^t Mason his Title to the prov: of new Hampsh^r in new England 17th may 1675

[*Judges' Report.*]

[From manuscript volume in possession of Maine Historical Society, p. 65.]

The Judges Report concerning the Tittle of Mason and George

In obedience to your Lordships order wee appointed a day for the hearing of all p^ties and considering the matters referred haveing received from them Such papers of their cases as they were pleased to deliver. Att which time all parties as appearing the Respondents did disclaime Title to the Lands claimed by the Peticon^r and it appeared to us that the said Lands are now in the possession of seaverall other p^sons not before us whereupon wee thought not fitt to examin any claimes to y^e said Lands it beeing in Our Opinion improper to Judge of any titles of Land wth out hearing the Pertentants or some other persons on their Behalf and if there bee any Courte of Justice upon the place haveing Jurisdiction wee esteemed it most proper to drect the parties to have a Recourse thither for the decision of any question of property untill it shall appear that there is just cause of complaining against y^r cours of Justice there for Injustice or Greivance—

Wee did in the presence of the said parties examine their seaverall claimes to y^e Governm^t and the petic'on^r haveing weighed the pretence of a grant of governm^t from y^e Counsell att plimouth wherein they where Convinced by there Own Counsell y^t no such power or Jurisdiction could bee transferred or assigned by any Colour of Law—

The question was Reduced to the province of Maine whereto y^e Peti^r Gorges made his Title by a grant from King Charles the first in y^e 15^e of his Raigne made to S^r ferdinando Gorges and his heirs of the province of Maine and the Government thereof In answer to this the Respondents alleadged that Long time Before viz in quarto Caroly prim the Governm^t was granted to them and produced coppies of Lett^rs pattents wherein it is recited that y^e Councell of Plimouth, haveing granted to Certaine persons a Territory thus described viz:

All that part of New England in America which lyes and extends between a great River there Commonly called Monomack and a cer-

taine other River there called Charles River beeing in a Bottom of a certain Bay there called Massachus Bay and also all and singuler the Lands and hereditaments whatsoever Lying and beeing within the space of three Engl: miles on the south part of the said Charles River or any or every Part thereof, and also all and singular the Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever lying and beeing within the space of three English miles to the Southwards of the southermost part of the said Bay called Massachusetts Bay and all those Lands and Heriditaments whatsoever which lyes and bee within the space of three English miles to the norward of the said River called Monomack als Merrimack or to the norward of any and every Part thereof and all lands and Heridatements what soever lying within the Limmits aforesaid North and south in Latitude and Breadth & in length and Longitude of and withall the Breadth aforesaid throw-out y^e Maine Lands there from the Atlantick and western Sea and Ocean on y^e East pt to y^e South sea on y^e west—

By the said Letters patents the king Confirmed that grant made them a Corperation and gave them power to make Laws for Governing of the Lands and people—

The Grant of the Government can extend no further then y^e ownership of y^e soyle the Boundereys of which is recited in the patent wholly excluded the province of Main which lyes norward more then 3 miles beyond the River Marmack.

Wee have Considered the Matters and Doe humbly Conceave as to the first Matter that the patent before Caroli p^{mo} is good not withstanding they are not made in 18 Jacoby for it appeared to us in the Recitall in y^e Patent 4 Caroli p^{mo} that the Councill of Plim^o had granted away all their Intrest in the Lands the year before and it must bee presumed they deserted y^e Governmt. whereupon it was Lawfull and necessary for the King to establish a sutable forme of Governmt. according to his Royall wisdome which was don by that Patent of 4 Caroli p^{mo} extend no further then the Boundereys Expressed in the Patent and those Boundereys cannot bee continued to extend further norward then the Marmack River then 3 English miles—

ffor the North and South Bounds of the Lands granted so far as the River extends are to follow the Course of the River which makes the Breath of y^e Grant and the wordes discribing the Length to Comprehend all the Lands from the Atlantick Oacian so to the South Sea and is in all the Breadth aforesaid doe not containe

[*Letter from King to Massachusetts Government, March 10, 1675-6.*]

[From manuscript volume in possession of Maine Historical Society, p. 49.]

Charles R.

10 March
75-6

Trusty and Welbeloved Wee greet you well. Wee have been for a long time sollicitid by the Complaints of Our Trusty and Welbeloved Subjects Robert Mason and fferdinando Gorges Esq^m to interpose Our Royall authority for their releif in the matter of their Claimes and Right pretended by them to the *Two provinces of Newhampshire and Main*, in Our Territory of New England, out of the possession whereof they are kept as they alleadge by the violence and strong hand of Our Subjects the people of Boston and others of the Massachusetts Colony. The said petitioners have presented unto Us a very long deduction of all proceedings from the begining, as well in proof of their demands, as of the hardshipp they have undergone and upon debate of these matters before Us in Council, Wee think it high time to afford a Solemne hearing to the Complaints of Our Subjects, and to see that Justice be Equally administred to all. But for asmuch as no man hath appeared before Us to make answer in behalf of the said people Our Subjects who are now under your Command, and that it is not agreable to Our Royall Justice to conclude any thing on the hearing of one side without the other be called, Wee have therfore directed that Coppies of the Two petitions presented unto Us be transmitted herewith unto you. That you may see and know the matters they contain, and show cause why Wee should not afford the Petitioners that Releif which is prayed for by them Therefore Wee doe by the Advice of Our said Council hereby Command that you send over Agents to appeare before Us in Six Moneths after yo^r Receipt of these Our Letters, Who being fully instructed and Sufficiently impowred to answer for you may receive Our Royall Determination in this matter depending for Judgement before Us. And to the end these Our Gracious intentions for doing Equall Justice to all parties may be the better effected without any delay or frustration Wee have thought fitt and doe hereby require and

Command That this Our Letter together with the fore-mentioned petitions herewith transmitted to you be read in publick and full Councill And that *Edward Randolph* by whom Wee send Our said Letter with the petitions be admitted into the Councill to heare the same read there, he being by Us appointed to bring Us back yo^r Answer, or render Us an Account of yo^r proceedings in this matter. And soe Wee bid you farewell Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 10th day of March 1674 in the Eight and Twentieth year of Our Reign/.

By his Maj^{ties} Command

H. Coventry

To Our Trusty and welbelov'd
the Governour and Magistrates
of Our Towne of Boston
in New England.

Depositions of Edward Johnson and William Seavey, Aug. 25 and Sept. 3, 1676, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 521.

Extract of letter from Gov. Leverett to the Lord Chancellor of England, Oct 22, 1677, State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 349.

Petition of Mason and Gorges for a separate government for Maine and New Hampshire, Jan. 9, 1677-8, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 529.

[*Letter from King to Massachusetts Government, July 24, 1679.*]

[From manuscript volume in possession of Maine Historical Society, p. 50.]

Charles R.

24 July
79.

Trusty and Welbelov'd Wee Greet you well These Our Letters are to accompany Our Trusty and Welbelov'd William *Stoughton* and Peter *Bulkley*, Esq^{rs} yo. Agents, who having manifested to Us great necessity in their Domestick concerns to returne back into New England, Wee have graciously consented thereunto, and the rather, because for many moneths past Our Councill hath been

taken up in the discovery and prosecution of a popish Plott, and yet there appears little prospect of any Speedy leisure for entring upon such Regulation in yo^r affaires as is certainly necessary, not only in respect of Our dignity, but of your owne perfect settlement. But it is very probable, that if either yo^r said Agents had brought Commission to intermeddle in such Regulation (which they have disowned) or that you had sent such Commission after them, when from time to time intimations were given them of what Wee did expect, and what Wee were thereupon willing to Grant neither their stay had been thus long, nor had the matter been now undetermined, Wee must therefore attend a further opportunity for this work. And in order thereunto Our will and pleasure is That you choose out such other fitt person or persons duly instructed by you, and send them over in Six moneths after the receipt of these Our Letters that they may here attend Us in the prosecution of the Same, for since the Charter by its frame and constitution was originally to be Executed in this Kingdome, and not in New England, otherwise then by Deputation (as is accordingly practised in all other Charters of like nature) it is not possible to establish that perfect Settlement Wee soe much desire, untill these things are better understood.

In the meantime Wee doubt not but the Bearers hereof, who have demeaned themselves during their attendance here with good care and discretion, will from their own observations acquaint you, with many important things which may be of Such use and advertisement to you, that Wee might well hope to be prevented by yo^r applications in what is expected or desired by Us, so much it is yo^r interest to propose and intercede for the same, ffor Wee are graciously inclined to have all past errors and mistakes forgotten, and that yo^r condition might be soe amended as that neither yo^r Settlement, or the minds of Our good Subjects there, should be liable to be shaken and disquieted upon every Complaint. Wee have heard with satisfaction of the great readiness wherewith Our good Subjects there have lately offered themselves to the taking of the oath of Allegiance, which is a cleer manifestation to Us, That the unanswerable defect in that particular was but the fault of a very few in power, who for soe long a time obstructed what the

Charter and Our Express Commands obliged them unto, as will appear in Our Gracious Letters of the 28th June in the fourteenth year of Our Reign, And Wee shall henceforth expect, that there wilbe a sutable obedience in other particulars of the said Letter, as namely in respect of freedome and liberty of Conscience, soe as these who desire to serve God in the way of the Church of England, be not thereby made obnoxious or discountenanced from their sharing in the Government, much less that either they or any other of Our good Subjects (not being papists) who doe not agree in the Congregational way, be by Law Subjected to fines or forfeitures or other incapacities for the same, which is a Severity the more to be wondred at, when as Liberty of Conscience was made one principall motive for yo^r first transportation into those parts.

Nor doe Wee think it fitt, that any other distinction be observed in the making of freemen, then that they be men of competent estates rateable at Tenn shillings according to the Rules of the place, and that such in their Turns be also capable of the Magistracy, and all Laws made void that obstruct the same, And because Wee have not observed any fruits or advantage by the dispensation granted by Us in Our said Lett^{rs} of June in the fourteenth year of Our Reign, whereby the Number of Assistants settled by the Charter to be Eighteen might be reduced unto the Number of Tenn Our will and pleasure is that the ancient number of Eighteen be henceforth observed according to the Letter of the Charter And Our further will and pleasure is that all persons coming to any privilege Trust or Office in that Colony be first enjoined to take the Oath of Allegiance, And that all the Military Commissions as well as the proceedings of Justice may run in Our Royall Name/.

Wee are informed that you have lately made some good provision for observing the Acts of Trade and Navigation, which is well pleasing unto Us, and as Wee doubt not and doe expect that you will abolish all Laws that are repugnant to, and inconsistent with the Laws of Trade with Us, Wee have appointed Our Trusty and wellbeloved Subject Edward Randolph Esq^r to be Our Collector Surveyor and Searcher, not only for that Colony, but for all other Our Colonies in New England, constituting him by the Broad Seal of this Our Kingdome to

the said Employments, and therefore recommending him to yo^r help and assistance in all things that may be requisite in the discharge of his Trust./

There is one thing which Wee cannot omitt to lett you know Wee are Surprised att, which is That during the time Wee had the Complaints of M^r Gorges under Our consideration, you should presume without asking Our Royall permission to purchase his Interest in the *province of Maine*, the Truth whereof is but lately owned by yo^r said Agents, when allmost at the same time Wee come to heare of some Effects of a Severe hand laid by you on Our Subjects there, in consequence therof, And whereas yo^r Agents declare you have paid to M^r Gorges the Summ of *Twelve hundred pounds* for the said province, Wee doe Expect upon Our Reimbursement of what it shall appear you have paid for the Same That there be a Surrender of all Deeds and Writings therof made into Our hands, and that your future Agents doe bring them over, for as much as Wee were sometime in treaty for the said province, and doe disapprove what you have done therin. And as for that part of the province of Newhampshire lying Three miles Northward of Merrimack River, which was granted unto M^r Mason, and wherof the Government remains still vested in Us, *you are not to expect* (according to the desire of yo^r Agents) *that the same should be annexed to yo^r Government*, ffor Wee have it under Our consideration, how to establish such method there as may be of most benefitt and satisfaction to Our good Subjects of that place, And therefore Our will and pleasure is that you doe recall all Commissions granted by you for Governing within that province, which Wee doe hereby declare to be void, and doe require that you doe in all things for the future conforme yo^r selves unto the Resolution which Wee have taken in this behalf. And soe not doubting of yo^r Duty and Obedience herein Wee bid you farewell Given at Our Court at Whitehall the ffour and Twentieth day of July 1679 in the One and Thirtieth year of Our Reigne/.

By his Maj^{ty} Command
Sunderland

To Our Trusty and well-
beloved the Governour
and Company of the
Massachusetts Bay
in New England/.

"Mr Gorges Selling the Province of Maine to y^e Massachusetts & overtures to Mr Mason from y^e Colony for New Hampshire," March, 1679-80, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 538.

Petition of Robert Mason, received Aug. 6, 1680, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 540.

[*Letter from the King to the Massachusetts Government, Sept. 30, 1680.*]

[From manuscript volume in possession of the Maine Historical Society, p. 53.]

Charles R.

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Trusty and Wellbeloved Wee greet you well. When by Our Royall Letters bearing date the 24th day of July in the One and Thirtieth year of Our Reign. Wee signified unto you Our gracious inclination to have all past errors forgotten, setting before you the means whereby you might deserve Our pardon, and commanding yo^r ready obedience to Severall particulars therein contained, requiring with all a speedy compliance with the intimations of your duty given to yo^r late Agents during their attendance here, all which Wee esteem essentiall to yo^r quiett settlement and naturall obedience due unto Us, Wee then little thought those marks of Our Grace and favour should have found no better acceptance among you, but that before all other things you should have given preference to the Execution of all Our Commands, when after soe many moneths Wee come to understand by a Letter from you to One of Our principal Secretaries of State dated the 21th of May last, that very few of Our directions had been pursued by yo^r Generall Court, the further consideration of the remaining particulars having been putt off upon insufficient pretences, and even wholly neglecting your appointment of other Agents, which were required to be sent over unto Us within Six moneths after the receipt of Our said Letters with full Instructions to attend Our Royall pleasure here in relation to that Our Government. Wee have also received the petition of Our Trusty and Welbeloved Robert Mason Esq^r, whose Ancestors obtained diverse Grants and made

large purchases of Land in New England, humbly laying before Us the State of his further pretensions to the propriety of *Soyle in a Tract of Land lying between Merrimack and Naumkeek Rivers* by virtue of a Grant bearing date in the Nineteenth year of the Reign of Our Royall Grandfather. In the Examination whereof the Lords of Our Committee of fforreign plantations had made such a progress, that the right of Our Subjects had allready been therupon settled, without the humble intreaty of yo^r said Agents, and consent of the said Robert Mason, That in regard of their suddain departure, and want of powers in that behalf, the determination thereof might be suspended untill the arrivall of other Agents to be appointed, according to the limitation of Our said Letters, as yo^r Agents were able to informe you. And although the vindication of Our Authority and the demand of Justice from one of Our Subjects might have well induced Us to the most Speedy means of redress by doing Us and Our Subjects right, Wee have nevertheless continued Our Royall Clemency towards you and thought fitt to give you further opportunity of bearing evidence of yo^r duty towards Us, soe as no further occasion of complaint may be offered in respect of yo^r behaviour. Wee doe therefore by these Our Letters strictly command and require you, as you tender yo^r allegiance unto Us, and will deserve, the effects of Our Grace and favour (which Wee are inclined to afford you) seriously to reflect upon Our Commands contained in Our said Letters and other directions at severall times intimated unto yo^r late Agents, while they were yett attending Our Councill, and particularly Wee doe hereby command you to send over, within Three moneths after the receipt thereof, such other person or persons as you shall think fitt to choose, and that you give them sufficient Instructions to attend the regulation and Settlement of that Our Government, and to answer yo^r proceedings therein. And that the matter of Complaint of the said Robert Mason may be then determined, Wee expect that yo^r Agent or Agents be not onely prepared to *lay before Us such Evidences of Right*, as you may *have to the propriety of Soyle* in that Tract of Land claimed by him, but Wee direct you also to make a publick signification of Our pleasure unto all the Inhabitants and Tertenants thereof, that they

doe furnish at the same time yo^r said Agents, or such others, as they may depute with the proofs of their respective titles to the Land possessed by them, to the end they may be fully satisfied in Our Royall Justice, that they have not been prevented in the full improvement of their lawfull defense, which Wee hereby direct them to make before Us in Councill, such is the care and tenderness, that Wee will always continue towards you, and other Our Subjects, by removing those difficulties and mistakes, that have arisen by the Execution of the powers of yo^r Charter, at such a distance from Us, which by the first intendment and present constitution thereof (as by the Charter appears) has its natural seat and immediate direction within Our Kingdome of England. And that the due observance of all Our Commands above mentioned may not be any longer protracted, Wee require you upon Receipt hereof forthwith to call a General Court, and therein to read these Our Letters, and provide for Our speedy satisfaction, in default whereof, Wee shall take the most effectual means to procure the same. And soe Wee bid you ffarewell. Given at Our Court at Newmarkett the 30th day of September 1680, in the Two and Thirtieth year of Our Reign/.

By his Maj^{ty}s command

Sunderland.

To Our Trusty and
Welbeloved the
Governor and Magistrates of
the Massachusets Colony in
New England now and for
the time being/.

[*King's Instructions, Oct. 1, 1680.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 8.*]

Charles R not being in the Province Book

Trusty & welbeloved wee greet you well whereas we have thought fit to take into our Especial care & Protection our Province of New Hampsh^r and Provide for its Prosperity and good Government and the Settlement of the Estate, and Possessions of our good Subjects there and that for the Avoiding any Suits or Contentions in matter

of title and the determining Any demands which Might be made by our well beloved Subject Rob^t Mason Esq^r as Proprietor under us of that Province by virtue of a Grant derived from Our Royal Grandfather King James under the great Seal of England we have So Composed all Matters with him that for the time passed untill the 24th day of June 1679 he Shall not Claim or Demand any rent dues or arrears whatsoever and for the future he his Heirs or Assigns Shall receive only Six pence in the Pound yearly of Every Tennant by way of Quit Rent according to the true & just yearly value of what is improved by Any of the Inhabitants as is more fully Expressed in Our Commission under Our great Seal bearing Date the 18th day of September in the One and thirtieth year of our reign.

And Whereas the Said Rob^t Mason hath humbly Signified to us that he is preparing to transport himself for the taking care of his affairs and intrests in the Said Province & for the giving a secure and legal Confirmation of the estates of such persons as are now in possession but without any right or legal Title to the same and he being a Person whom we have esteemed useful to our Service as he is chiefly concerned in the welfare of that our Province we have further thought fit to constitute and appoint him to be one of our Council therein and we do hereby order and require you our President and Council that immediately after his arrival you do admit him one of our Council of our Province of new Hampshire he first taking the oaths enjoyned in our said Commission—

And we do further require you & him that you do betake your selves to such discreet and equitable ways and methods in your Proceedings agreements and Settlements for the future that there may be no occasion of Complaints to our Royal person and authority here, We being resolved to discountenance all such as shall wilfully or unnecessarily avoid or delay the submitting to those determinations which may be reasonably decreed according to Justice and good Conscience which you are to signify to all our good Subjects within our s^d Province that they may govern themselves accordingly — and so we bid you heartily farewell

Given at our Court at newmarket the first day of october 1680 in the two & thirtieth year of our Reign

By his majesty's Com'and

Sunderland

To our Trusty & well beloved the President & Council of our Province of new Hamp^r in new England

The above is a true Copy as it stands recorded in the Council Book of the Province of new Hampsh^r Examined this 12th day of august 1707

Charles Rex above not being in the Council Book

True Copy Exam^d _____
 Ⓕ me W^m Vaughan Record^r
 Ⓕ B Gambling Clerk

Appointment of Richard Otis as steward, March 22, 1680-1, State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 429.

Richard Chamberlain's report to the Lords of Trade and Plantations describing the organization of the provincial government, etc., May 16, 1681, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 546.

Letter from the council of New Hampshire to the king, May 31, 1681, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 552.

Petition of Robert Mason against the council of New Hampshire, read Nov. 10, 1681, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 559.

[*Extract from Gov. Cranfield's Commission, May 9, 1682.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 10.]

L^t Gov^r Cranfields Com[']ission from King Charles the 2^d in the 34th year of his Reign

And whereas Severall of the Inhabitants of the Said Province of New Hampshire have been Som time & now are in the Possession of Severall Quantitys of Land & are Said to have made Considerable Improvements therein having no Title for the Same or Such Pretended title only as hath been Derived from the Government of the Massachusets Bay in vartue of their Imaginary Line which Title as it hath by the opinion of our Judges in England been all Together Sett aside soe y^e Agents Duly impowred by our said Collony of y^e Massachusetts Bay have Consequently Disowned Any Right Either in the Soile or Government there of from the three Milles line afore said and itt Appearing unto us that y^e Ancestor of Rob^t Mason Esq^r obtained Grants from Our Great Council Established att Plymouth for the Tract of Land Aforesaid & were att very Great

Expence upon the Same Untill Molested & finally Driven out Such hath Occasioned a Lasting Complaint for Justice by the said Rob^t Mason Ever since our Restoration however to Prevent in this Case Any unreasonable Demands which Might be Made by the Said Rob^t Mason for the Right he Claims in the said Soile wee have obliged the said Rob^t Mason under his hand & Seale to Declare that he will Demand Nothing for y^e time past which was in the year of our Lord God untill the 24th Day of June 1679 Nor Molest any in their Possession for y^e time To com but will Make out titles to them & their heirs for Ever Provided that they will Pay unto him upon a fair Agreement in Lieu of all other rents Six pence in the Pound According to the Just and true yearly value of all Houses built by them & of all Lands whether Gardens Orchards Arable or Pastire which hath been Improved by them which he will Agree shall be bounded unto Every the persons Concerned & that the Residue may Remaine unto Himself To be Disposed for his Best Advantage but If not withstanding y^e said overture from the Said Rob^t Mason which Semes to be fair unto us Any of y^e Inhabitants of the s^a Province of New Hampshire shall refuse to Agree with the said Rob^t Mason or his Agents upon y^e tearmes aforesaid our will & Pleasure Is that you shall have Power & you are hereby impowred to interpose & Reconcile all differences If you Can that shall or may arise between y^e S^a Rob^t Mason & the inhabitants But If you Cannot Then we doe hereby Command & requier you to Send unto England Such Cases farly & Impartially stated together with your opinion & Reasons upon the same that soe wee our Heirs & Successors by & with advise of our & their Privy Councill May Determine therein According to right—

Part of L^t Gov^r Cranfields Com[']ission as on file In Allen & Waldrons Case formerly Tryed

Copia Vera y^e 5th Novem^r 1707

Test Theodore Atkinson Cle^r

The above is a Copy of that on file in a Case Allen v^t Waldron
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Geo: Jaffrey j^r Cle:

[*King's Proclamation, June 23, 1682.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 47.]

Charles R.

Trusty & Welbeloved We greet you wel. There having been long depending before Us the Petic[']on & Complaint of Our Trusty &

Welbeloved Subject Robert Mason Esq^r representing y^e great hardships & injuries he has for many years suffered by being opposed in y^e prosecution of his right by Our Corporation of y^e Massachusetts Bay, and by them wrongfully kept out of possession of a Tract of land lying between y^e Rivers of Naumkeck and Merrimack, & three miles Northward thereof, granted unto him by vertue of Letters Patents from Our Royal Grandfather of Blessed memory: And whereas We have received the Opinion of Our Attorney & Solicitor general, that y^e said Rob^t Mason, who is Grandson & heir of John Mason, has a good and legal Title to y^e Lands convey'd to him by y^e name of the Province of New Hampshire, whereupon We were pleased to refer y^e matters in difference between Our said Corporac'on and the Complainant unto y^e Lords Chief Justices of Our Courts of Kings Bench & Com'on pleas, who have presented Us with their Report, setting forth, that all Parties appearing before them, William Stoughton & Peter Buckley Esq^rs your Messengers & Agents had disclaimed Title to y^e Lands claimed by y^e Petic'on^r; And that it appearing to them that y^e said Lands were yⁿ in y^e possession of several other persons not before them, so they esteemed it most proper to direct y^e Parties to have recourse to the Judicature settled upon the place for y^e decision of any Question of proprietie, until it should appear that there is just cause of complaint against Our Courts of Justice there for injustice or greivance. To y^e end therefore that Justice may be administred with y^e most ease; and y^e least expence to all y^e sd Parties who shal see cause to defend their respective Titles, We have thought fit hereby to signify Our Pleasure unto you, that y^e s^d Robert Mason be forthwith admitted to prosecute his Right before y^e Courts of Judicature established — limits of that Our Corporac'on; & that in all cases — Mason shall claim any improved Lands, & that y^e — shal dispute his Right, a Trial at Law may b — wherein no P^{er}son, who has any Lands in y^e — servants or tenants under him depend — which such person shall be so impl — And that if it shal so happen, that y^e dispensation of Justice hereby directed shal be delayd by you; or such Judgment given, wherein y^e s^d Robert Mason shal not acquiesce, he may yⁿ appeal unto Us in Our Privy Council; & that all P^{er}sons concerned be obliged to answer such appeal within y^e term of Six months after y^e same shal be so made And for as much as Yo^r sd Messengers have in yo^r name disclaimed before y^e Lords Chief Justices as aforesd, all title to y^e Lands claimed by the sd Rob^t Mason, Our further Wil & Pleasure is, That in case y^e said Rob^t Mason shal lay claim to any P^{ar}cel of Lands situate within the bounds aforesd, which are not improved or actually possessed by any partic-

ular Person or tenant in his own right, you do thereupon proceed to put y^e sd Rob^t Mason into y^e possession of those Lands, & cause his Title to be recorded, so y^t he may not receiv any further disturbance thereupon. And in case you shal refuse so to do, & shal not show good cause to y^e contrary within y^e space of Six months after demand of possession so to be made by y^e sd Rob^t Mason, We shal then without further delay take y^e whole Cause of y^e sd Rob^t Mason into Our considerac'on in Our Privy Councel, with the damages sustained by him by reason thereof, & shal give Judgm^t upon y^e whole matter as in a cause where Justice has bin denied. And to y^e end y^e sd Rob^t Mason may not be any ways hindred in y^e prosecu- c'on of his right, We do strictly charge & com'and you to secure him, his servants & agents from any arrests & molestations w^hsoever during his or their aboad within y^e limits of yo^r Jurisdiction, We having granted him Our Royal Protection until y^e matters complain'd of by him shal be fully determined And so expecting yo^r ready obedience to Our Com'ands hereby signified unto you, We bid you farewell. Given at Our Court at Whitehall y^e 23th day of June 1682 in y^e ffour & thirtieth Year of Our Raign.

By His Maj^{ty} Command

L: Jenkins

Superscr. To Our Trusty & Welbeloved y^e Govern^r & Company of Our Colony of y^e Massachusetts Bay in New England.

Vera Copia from y^e Original——mined by it being left in
——ds by Rob^t Mason Esq^r

——Chamberlain Secr
——Prov^{co} of New Hampsh^r

[The dashes indicate places in the original that have been eaten off by mice. Ed.]

Answer of Elias Stileman and others to Mason's claim, Nov. 15, 1682, State Papers, Vol. 1, pp. 509-514

Nathaniel Weare's first complaint against Gov. Cranfield, State Papers, Vol. 1, pp. 515-519.

[*Statement of Richard Chamberlain, 1683.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 77.]

New Hampsh } I Richard Chamberlain Esq^r Just P. for His
 in } Ma^{ty} said Province, do humbly certify, That
 New England. } William Vaughan of Portsmth in the sd
 Province Esq^r, & Rich^d Waldron of Portsmth aforesd Merch^t on the
 first day of November instant, came to me to make oath in relation
 to M^r Masons conveyance (to the Govern^r) of this Province Which
 I was ready to take, having bin appointed thereto by the Governor
 according to the Letter of the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Com-
 ittee for Trade & Plantations. And the Copy is the
 matter & substance of what they sd they would depose; save only
 the last words (but for what term they do not remember;) Which,
 because I told them, was necessary to be inserted in their Deposition,
 I having asked them (for y^e clearing of Truth) for what term y^e
 Conveyance was, and whether absolute, or condic^onal, and they or
 one of them answering he had forgot; They both left the room
 imediately, refusing to be sworn. And notwithstanding I was
 ready & made it my sole business, both to give the Complai^{ts}
 Copies of any Records or Papers in my custody w^hsoever they should
 desire, (& had so done to several of them,) as also to take the Depo-
 sitions of many of y^m, sum^oned & near at hand; yet not one of
 them offered to be deposed as Witnesses, but went away presently
 with the sd Vaughan & Waldron. Besides, They have not since made
 any Compl^t to the Govern^r nor proceeded to make any other proof.
 And the Governor Ordered me to tell them when they should come to
 me again, y^t they should have Copies of the abovesd Conveyance to y^e
 Govern^r from M^r Mason, for payment of 150^l ^s an for 7 years toward
 his allowance, y^e sd Deed bearing date y^e 20th June 1682. And the
 Govern^r doth remember, he told some of them the Term for which
 the sd Mason conveyed the sd Province, was for One & twenty
 years.

Letters from Gov. Cranfield to Commissioners of Trade and
 Plantations, Dec. 1, 1682, State Papers, Vol. 17, pp. 570, 575, 578,
 580, 591, 592.

[*Deed, Mason to George Broughton and others, April 12, 1683.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 38.]

THIS INDENTURE made the Twelfth day of April in the five &

thirtieth year of the Raygn of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by y^e grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the faith, &c A'oq D'ni 1683 BETWEEN Robert Tufton=Mason Esq^r Proprietor of y^e Province of New Hampshire in New England of one part And George Broughton of Berwick in the Province of Main Gent Richard Otes of Cacheecha within the p^rsent reputed precincts of Dover in the sd Province of New Hampshire Blacksmith And James Chadborn of Barwick aforesd Carpenter of the other part WITNESSETH that WHEREAS the sd Robert Tufton=Mason by vertue of a Grant from King James of famous memory in the Eighteenth year of His Raig Is instated in fee of All those Lands Islands & Rivers lying between y^e Rivers of Naumkege & Pascataqua called New Hampshire And of all Rights Royalties & Preheminences within the same NOW this Indenture further WITNESSETH, That the sd Robert Tufton=Mason for divers good causes & considerac^ons him thereto especially moving HATH granted bargained sold infeoffed & confirmed And hereby doth grant bargain sell infeoff & confirm to the sd George Broughton Richard Otes & James Chadborn their heirs & assigns ALL THAT Tract of land lying & being at the Salmon falls within the Precincts of Dover so reputed on the West side thereof To begin below the sd falls & adjoin'g to Edward Taylours land And to run in length up the River three hundred & sixty Pole to the Northwest And in breadth one hundred & twelv Pole Containing by estimac^on Two hundred & fifty six acres EXCEPTING out of the p^rmisses a convenient Path or high way for com^on use if it shall be found needfull ALSO EXCEPTING & reserving out of this present Grant to y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton=Mason his heirs & assigns All Mines & minerals that shall be found or be within y^e p^rmisses hereafter And all Pine trees fitting for masts of ships of flour & twenty inches through to be measured ten foot from the ground TO HAVE & to hold the said Tract of land (except before excepted) to the said George Broughton Rich^d Otes & James Chadborn their heirs & assigns To the only use and behoof of them their heirs and assigns for ever YIELDING & paying therefore yearly & every year for ever to the sd Robert Tufton=Mason his heirs & assigns the annual Rent of Ten shillings of lawful mony current in New England And One shilling for every Dwelling house (more then flour) that is or shall be built upon the premises On the feast of S^t John Baptist and y^e Nativity of our Lord God by equal porc^ons Without any abatement of defalcac^on whatsoever The first paym^t to be made on the said feast of S^t John Baptist or the Nativity of our Lord God which shall first happen after the determinac^on of the interest or Mill grant granted by the said

ciously pleased, by an Order in Council of the Twenty fifth of January One thousand six hundred eighty and one to the Lords Com'iss^{rs} of His Ma^{ty} Treasury, to make an augmentac'on to my allowance as Govern^r of the said Province; And among other things Ordered S^r Robert Sawyer K^t His Ma^{ty} Attorney Generall, and others His Ma^{ty} Council learned in the Law; to settle as well all the fines and forfeitures, and one fifth part of the Quit rents, was then surrendered to His Ma^{ty} in Council by Robert Mason Esq^r the Proprietor of the said Province, by a grant derived from His Ma^{ty} Royal Grandfather; The surrender was graciously accepted by His Ma^{ty} from the said M^r Mason as lawful Proprietor of the said Province, and the Deed was acknowledged and inrolled in His Ma^{ty} High Court of Chancery. Given under my hand this Twenty fourth day of September One thousand six hundred eighty and three.

Edw: Cranfield.

Vera copia from y^e Original Teste Ric^{do} Chamberlain Secr^o

[*Mason vs. Vaughan, etc., 1683.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 11.*]

Newhampshire

To James Sherlock Gent Provost Marshall or his Deputy

In his Maj^{ty}'s Name you are hereby required to attach y^e Goods or for want thereof the body of W^m Vaughan of Portsm^o in y^e S^d Pro: Esq^r & take bond of him of one Thousand pounds Value with Sufficient Surety or Suretys for his appearance at the Court of Pleas to be held at Great Island in the said Prov: on the First Tuesday in November next Ensueing the date hereof Then & there to ans^r the Complaint of Rob^t Mason Esq^r proprietor of y^e S^d Prov^e in an Action of Trespass for Illegally Keeping him out of possession of Certain Lands & Tenem^{ts} in Portsmouth aforesaid and felling his woods to his Damage one Thousand pounds or what shall Justly appear Fail not & make yo^r return according to Law dated the Eight of Octob^r 1683/

R: Chamberlin Protho

Att a Court of Pleas held at Great Island 6th of Novemb^r 1683: Walter Barfoot Esq^r Judge Nath^l Fryer & Henry Green Esq^{rs} Justices assistance—

Verdict—The Jury find for the Pla^t Rob^t mason Esq^r Propriator of the Prov^e of Newhampshire y^e Lands & Tenem^{ts} Sued for accord-

ing to the Royal Commission with Two shillings Damage and Costs of Court

The Costs are £6-7-2

Entering the Action	£1— 0—0
attachm ^t & Serving	0— 3—0
Swearing witnesses	0— 1—8
five witness attending five Days	1—17—6
attorneys fees	0— 5—0
M ^r Masons Charges & Expences	3— 0—0

The whole is £6—07—2

Nathⁿ Wear of hampton Yeoman attached in £500 as in the writ of Vaughan, The Jury finds as above 5 Shillings Damage & Costs of Court—

Rich^d Waldron of Cochecho Esq^r attached in £3000 as in the writ of Vaughan The Jury finds as above Ten Shilling Damages & Costs of Court

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Test R: Chamberlin Protho

I Rich^d Chamberlin Esq^r Secretary of his Maj^{ties} Province of Newhampshire do humbly Certifie that upwards of Thirty Six persons of the Inhabitants & freeholders in y^e s^d Prov^e have been sworn of the Jury upon the actions brought by Rob^t Mason Esq^r propriet^r & y^t several persons whome m^r mason had Sued & had Judgem^t ag^t them were afterward Summoned to be of the Jury in the like Actions Some whereof ware fined for refuseing to be of y^e Jury others for not appearing & some desired to be Excused from being put on the Jury & y^t in the actions which were tryed in ap^t & may Last being about Thirty The Jury found Damages to m^r mason from five pounds to Twenty pounds according to the value of the lands the Def^t possessed, & that M^r Vaughan nor any other did produce any Evidence or record to make out a title—

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Test R. Chamberlin Secretary

The names of the Jury men & place of abode—

Portsm^o

Sam ⁿ Wentworth	Sam ⁿ Clarke	John Seve
Rich ^d Webbe	Rich ^d Sortridge	James Leach Sen ^r
James Rendell	James Leach Jun ^r	

Great Island

John Lewis	Shadrach Walton	Joseph purmott
Edward Carter	James Robinson	Humphery Spencer
Tho ^s parker	Jeremiah Hodsdon	Henry Russell

Dover

Benj ^a Mathews	John Rand	Rob ^t Wattson
Step ⁿ Otis	Edward Leathers	W ^m Graves

Hampton

Henry Roby	W ^m Marston	Nath ^l Boulter
Thomas Marston	John Redman	Chr: Palmer
John lock		

Exeter

W ^m hilton	Sam ^l hilton	Francis Lyford
Sam ⁿ hall	Edward Sewell	Charles hilton

Such of the Jury as were excepted ag^t were Sworn upon A Voire dire that they shall not have profit or Loss in the Cause Vera Copia Rich^d Partridge D Cler.

Pro: Newhampshire Vera Copia from the Superiour Court Records Compared the 8th of June 1704

☞ Theodore Atkinson Cle^r

Vera Copia Compared the 9th July 1704—

☞ Theodore Atkinson Cler

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☞ Geo: Jaffrey Cl

[Conveyance, Mason to Lyford, Oct. 29, 1683.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 12.]

This Indenture made y^e 29th day of Oct^r In y^e 35th year of y^e Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles y^e 2^d by y^e Grace of God King of Engl^d Scotland France & Ireland Defend^r of y^e faith &c An^oq: Dom: 1683 Between Robert Tufton Mason Esq^r Proprietor of y^e Pro^o of N=^oHamps^r In N=^oEugl^d of one part & Francis Leyford of Exeter In y^e s^d Pro^o Mariner of y^e other part Witnesseth y^t w^r as y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton Mason by virtue of a Grant from King James of famous Memory In y^e 18th year of y^e Reign is Instated In Fee of all those Lands Island^s & Rivers Lying Between y^e Rivers of Naumkege & Piscataqua Call^d N=^oHamps^r & of all Rights Royaltys & Prehemincys wthin y^e Same Now this Indenture further Witnesseth y^t y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton Mason for divers good Causes & Considerations him thereto Especially Moveing hath Grant^d Bargain^d Sold Enfeoff^d

& Confirm^d & hereby doth Grant Bargain Sell Enfeoff & Confirm to y^e s^d Francis Leyford his heirs & Assigns all y^e P^{ar}cell of Pasture Land In Exeter afores^d Com'only Call^d or known by y^e Name of Sam^l Dudley^s great Pasture Containing about Sixty Acres Also fifteen Acres of Marsh land or thereabouts adjoining to y^e s^d Pasture land Bound^d Westerly by y^e highway Notherly by y^e land of Cornelius Lary Easterly by y^e River & Southerly by Staniels Creek Also Seven Acres of land In y^e sheeps Pasture lying on y^e West Side of y^e highway Beginning at y^e Nothermost End or Side of Sam^l Dudley Dec^d his House all w^{ch} P^{ar}ces are now In y^e Possession of y^e s^d Francis Leyford Excepting out of Each P^{ar}cel of y^e s^d P^{ar}ces a Convenient Path or highway for Com'on use if it shal be found needful— Also Excepting & Reserveing to y^e s^d Robert Tufton Mason his heirs & Assigns out of this P^{ar}sent Grant all Mines & Minerals y^e shall be found or be hereafter w^{ch} in y^e P^{ar}ces & at Pine Trees fit for Masts of Ships of four & twenty Inches throu to be measured ten foot from y^e Ground TO HAVE & TO HOLD y^e s^d land w^{ch} y^e Houses thereto Belonging w^{ch} y^e Appurten^t (Except Before Except^d) to y^e s^d Francis Leyford his heirs & Assigns to the Only use & Behoof of him y^e s^d Francis Leyford his heirs & Assigns forever—Yielding & paying therefore yearly & Every year forever to y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton Mason his heirs & Assigns y^e An^{nu}al Rent of thirteen Shill^s of lawful Money of N=Engl^d & one Shill^s for Every Dwelling House (more then one) y^e is or shal be Built upon the P^{ar}ces on y^e feast of s^t John Baptist & y^e Nativity of our Lord God by Equal portions w^{ch}out any abatem^t or Defalcation w^{ch}soever & if it shal happen y^e s^d An^{nu}al Rent of thirteen Shill^s & one Shill^s or any part thereof to be Behinde & un^p^d by y^e Space of twenty days next after Either day of paym^t afores^d Being Lawfully Demand^d then y^e s^d Francis Leyford his heirs & Assigns shal forfeit & pay to y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton Mason his heirs & Assigns double y^e Money so Behind & un^p^d & y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton Mason for himself his heirs & Assigns doth hereby Covenant w^{ch} y^e s^d Francis Leyford his heirs & Assigns y^e he y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton Mason his heirs & Assigns the hereby Grant^d P^{ar}ces to y^e s^d Francis Leyford his heirs & Assigns ag^t all P^{ar}sons shall & will Warrant & forever hereby Defend & y^e s^d Francis Leyford for himself his heirs & Assigns doth hereby Covenant w^{ch} y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton Mason his heirs & Assigns y^e he y^e s^d Fran^s Leyford his heirs & Assigns shal & wil from time to time preserve & keep y^e Buttalls & Boundals of & upon any y^e hereby Grant^d P^{ar}ces & at y^e End of Every ten years deliver to y^e s^d Rob^t Tufton Mason his heirs & Assigns a Terror fairly Ingross^d of y^e s^d P^{ar}ces w^{ch} y^e most known Buttalls & Boundals of y^e Same In Witness w^{of} y^e parties hereto

have Interchangably Set their hands & Seals y^e day & year first
above written

Seal ^d & D ^d In	}	Robert Tufton Mason [seal]
presence of		
Rich ^d Chamberlain Henry Crowne		

Enter^d & Record^d According to y^e Original y^e 10th day of May
1693—

Tho^s Davis Secry

Pro^o New { the foregoing is a True Copy from Lib^r N^o 4: fol^o
Hamps^r { 36 & 37—

Exam^d this 9th day of Dec^r 1737

☞ Josh: Peirce Record^r

[*Robert Mason's Waiver, Dec. 5, 1683.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 62.]

Whereas Robert Mason Esq^r hath obtained Judgement against &c
&c & all persons Inhabitants of y^e s^d Prov^e for Lands and Tenements
therein And for as much as Some of the Said persons seem dissatis-
fied with the Said Judgements. The Said Robert Mason did openly
in Court Declare that with every person with whom he had a Tryal,
he woud wave the benefit of the Judgement obtained against them &
Suspend Execution with a New Tryall with Each person in any of
his Maj^{ty} Courts in Westm^r Hall, Either in Easter or Trinity Terms
Next ensuing provided the Defend^t doth give in Security to this
Court to pay Such damages as shalbe awarded to him the Said
Mason by any his Maj^{ty} Courts aforesaid And he doth allow One
Moneths time from this Day being the 5th Decem^r 1683 for giving in
Such Security

[*Proclamation about Deeds, Feb. 17, 1683-4.*]

[Council Book 1, p. 85.]

New Hampshire

By the Govern^r

Whereas Robert Mason Esq^r hath made complaint unto me, that
very few of the Inhabitants have come to him to take Deeds of their
lands in this Province from him according to y^e condic^ons laid down

in His Ma^{ty} Royal Com^{iss} of the 9th of May 1682, notwithstanding he hath bin upon the place for almost five months time ready to grant the same upon y^e terms aforesd: But now in regard severall persons may still expect the same benefit after y^e prosecuc^on of His Claim, he hath desired me to signify to all persons concerned that they have one months time after the date hereof to make an agreement with himself (if they think fit) otherwise I am desired to certify to His Ma^{ty} such their refusall, that the sd Mason may be discharged from such Obligac^on: Given under my hand & y^e Seal of the Province y^e 17th of febr 1683.

Edw: Cranfield

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 Teste Ric^{do} Chamberlain Secr^{to} }

Statement of Walter Barefoot, Nov. 6, 1684, State Papers, Vol. 1, p. 503.

Petition of inhabitants against Mason, 1685, State Papers, Vol. 1, pp. 575-578.

Papers in Mason *vs.* Wiggin and Nutter, for assault, 1685, State Papers, Vol. 1, pp. 578-582.

[*Deed, Wonalancet to Jonathan Tyng, Oct. 10, 1685.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 13.]

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting Know Ye That Wanalansit Indian, the only Son Surviving of Passaconoway, who was the Great and Chief Sachem upon Merimack River to whom the Rest of the Indians Annually Paid Tribute in his Days; The said Wanalansit Sachem for and in Consideration of the full and just Sum of Three Score and Ten Pounds to him well and truly Paid in hand, Together with Several other Charges Expended upon and Gifts and Kindnesses Shewd to him, by M^r Jonathan Tyng of Dunstable on Merimack River, in the Massachusetts Colony in New England, all which is to the full Satisfaction and Content of the said Wanalansit; and thereof and of every Part of said Payment the said Wanalansit Do Acquit and Discharge the said Jonathan Tyng his Heirs and administrators forever by these Presents, Have

Granted Bargained and Sold and by these Presents Do fully freely and Absolutely Grant Bargain and Sell Alien Enfeoff and Confirm to said Jonathan Tyng and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, One Tract of Land Situate Lying and being on the said Merimack River and to Lye full Six English Miles on each Side of said River, the said River Lying in the Center of it, to begin at a Place Commonly Called by the Indians Pen'icook, and Commonly known by the English by that Name, to begin upon said River Three Miles up the River, beyond that Place in Pennicook, where the Old Indian Fort now Standeth, and so to Assend up said River until you Come to the Great Pond, which Pond is full of Small Islands, which Pond is the Utmost Northward to which the Honrd Major Simon Willard Esq^r went with his Company, when sent by the Honrd General Court up said River upon Discovery, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the abovesaid Tract of Land, with all the Islands in said River, with all the Rivulets on each Side said River, Ponds Fishing Places, Hunting Grounds, Swamps Meadows Contained within the Six Miles Wide on each Side said River, from End to End as aforesaid to him the said Jonathan Tyng and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, to his and their only Proper Use and Behoof And he said Wanalansit for himself his Heirs and Administrators Do Covenant with the said M^r Jonathan Tyng his Heirs and Assigns by these Presents that he said Wanalansit, is the Proper owner of the whole Tract of Land aforesaid, and will Warrant and Defend the same, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances as aforesaid, to the said Jonathan Tyng for a good and Indefeasable Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple for him and his Heirs and Assigns Quietly and Peaceably to Enjoy forever to their own Proper Use and Behoof; Defending the same, to him and them from all Lawful Claims from any Person or Persons whatsoever, IN WITNESS whereof the said Wanalansit Sachem hath Affixed his Hand and Seal hereunto, this Tenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and five, And in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King James the Second—

His Mark and Seal

Signed Sealed and
Delivered in the Presence
of Us.

Jonathan Danforth Sen^r
Samuel Beale
The Mark of
Capt C Tom—

Wanalansit (Seal)
Signed

This Writing freely Acknowledged by Wanalansit the 27th of October 1685. Before me

Daniel Gookin Assistant

Entred and Recorded According to the Original this 10th of November 1686

A true Copy as of Record
Examined

Ⓜ J Willard Sec'y

[*Depositions about Mason Property, 1685.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 15.]

George Walton of Great Island in the Province of New Hampshire Yeoman aged Seventy years or therabouts testifieth That he hath been an Inhabitant in the said Province about fifty years that most part of the Lands he now possesses were granted by Cap^t Henry Jocelyne Steward to Cap^t Mason the Proprietor That this Deponent doth very well know that Cap^t Mason had many Servants & a great Stock of Cattle upon his lands, That the said Servants and others after the Decease of the s^d Cap^t Mason did imbezill and ruine the Estate & particularly Cap^t Francis Norton Agent or Steward to Cap^t Mason or his heirs about forty years Since did Drive from off Cap^t Masons Plantation at Pascattaway Called the Great House about one hundred head of Great Cattle w^{ch} were then usually valued at ffive & twenty pounds the head And as this Deponant was credibly informed the aforesaid Cattle were Sold in or about Boston by the Said Norton who also Settled himself therabouts & Deserted Cap^t Masons Plantation that there upon the rest of the Stock goods & implements belonging to Cap^t Masons Plantation were made away by the Said Servants and others And this Deponant doth very well remember y^e ffort built by Cap^t Mason upon the Great Island in the Same place where the ffort now Stands & that it was Strong & Substantially made & furnished with Great Guns of which Some were Brass & were Afterwards taken away by Major Waldron & his Brother William Waldron & others but by what Authority this Deponant never heard & some of the Guns this Deponant did see put into a Ship belonging to one Lane & this Deponant Knows that the Great house at Pascattaway afores^d there were adjoyning about one Thousand Acres of improved Lands Marsh Meadow & Planting grounds which were Divided and parcelled out by the Servants of Cap^t Mason and others the Select or prudential men (of the Town of Portsm^e) As they were so Called

who Still enjoy the Same or their Heirs and Assigns whereof William Vaughan and his Brother in Law have a Large share given them by their ffather in Law Richard Cutt And the Said Great House by the means aforesaid came to Decay and fell Down the ruins being yet to be seen out of which Several good farms are now made And this Deponent doth very well remember that the said Cap^t Mason had made a great Plantation at a place Called Newichewanock about Sixteen Miles from that of Pascattaway which by the means Aforesaid was ruined and Shared among Several of the Said Cap^t Masons Servants and others And this Deponent doth further Say that to his particular knowledge the Servants Sent over by Cap^t Mason of which Some are Living and those Descended from them which are many have been and are the Most violent opposers of the now Proprietor Robert Mason Esq^r And this Deponent further Saith that those Lands in Portsmouth Called both now & formerly Strawberry Bank were the planting grounds & pasture Belonging to the Great house at Strawberry Bank wherein Thomas Wannerton did Inhabit that was Some time Agent for Cap^t Mason & after the Death of Wannerton who was Slain about fforty years Since the said house and Lands were possessed by Sampson Lane but by what right this Deponent doth not know—

George Walton

Taken before me the 18th December 1685

Walter Barefoot Dep^t Gover^r

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Teste R Chamberlain Sec^r

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℞ Geo: Jaffrey j^r Cl

Nathaniel Boulter Aged Sixty years and John Redman Aged Seventy years of the Towne of Hampton in y^e Province of New Hampshire Yeomen Make Oath that they were two of the first Planters that did Set Down at Hampton aforesaid about fforty three years Since by Authority of the Massachusetts General Court which gave power to Some few persons (Called Select men) who came like wise to inhabit in the said town to grant or Sell lands to others as they thought fit That upon these Deponants first Setling at Hampton Several of the Servants of Cap^t Mason or his Heirs Came from Pascattaway to Hampton and did forbid these Deponants and others from Setling in the Said Town without license from the Proprietor or his Agents & paying a Quit Rent But these Deponents & Others

the Inhabitants being backed by Authority of the Massachusetts Government which had declared those Lands to be in their Jurisdiction no Regard was had to the Prohibition by Cap^t Masons Servants & these Deponents doe very well remember that Cap^t Mason had made a great Plantation at Pascattaway & Newichewanock where there were a great Stock of Cattle and much land improved And these Deponants about forty years Since did see a Drove of one hundred head of Great Cattle or therabouts that Came from off Cap^t Masons Plantation at Pascattaway and Drove throug the Town of Hampton towards Boston by Cap^t Norton & others y^e Servants of Cap^t Mason or his heirs & there Sold & Disposed of (as these Deponants were informed) by the Said Cap^t Norton who did then Settle himself in or near Boston & Deserted the Plantation at Pascattaway & these Deponants doe further testifie that Such Cattle were Com'only valued at five & twenty pounds the head being very Large Beasts of a Yellowish Colour & Said to be brought by Cap^t Mason from Denmark & these Deponents Say that Soon after Cap^t Nortons going to Boston to inhabit the Massachusetts Government did Lay Claim to the whole Province of New Hampshire as pretending it to be within their Patent & did Accordingly Exercise a Jurisdiction therein & required those Inhabitants to take an oath of fidelity to them/

Nathaniel Boulter
John Redman

Sworn before me y^e 6th of November 1685:

R Chamberlain Jus^t P.

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Francis Small of Pascattaway in New England Planter Aged Sixty five years Maketh Oath that he hath lived in New England upward of fifty years that he very well Knew y^e Plantations Cap^t Mason had Caused to be made at Pascattaway Strawberry Bank and Newichewanock and was well Acquainted with all the Servants employed by Cap^t Mason upon the said Plantations Some whereof are yet Living & that there was a great Stock at Each of those Plantations And this Deponant doth very well remember that Cap^t Mason Sent into this Country Eight Danes to build Mills to Saw Timber and tend them & to make Pot ashes And that the first Saw Mill & Corn Mill in New England was Erected at Cap^t Masons

Plantation at Newichewanock upward of fifty years where was Also a large house with all Conveinences of out houses And Store houses And well fortified with Store of Arms That about ffourty years Since the said house & buildings were burned to the ground but by what means this Deponent doth not know That about the Same time this Deponent with others was imployed by Cap^t Francis Norton (who then Lived at Cap^t Masons house at Pascattaway called the Great house) to Drive about One hundred head of great Cattle towards Boston & y^e Said Cap^t Norton did goe with the Cattle, that Such Cattle were then usually Sold at five & Twenty pound the head Money of England and the Said Norton did Settle himself at Charles Town near Boston & wholly left Cap^t Masons Plantation upon which the other Servants Shared the residue of the goods & stock among them which were left in that & the other Plantations and possessed themselves of the houses and Lands And this Deponent doth verily beleive that from The Cattle Sent hither by Cap^t Mason Most of the Cattle in the Province of New Hampshire and Main have been raised for this Deponent doth not remember or heard that any one person else did bring over any That Thomas Wannerton A Servant to Cap^t Mason & Lived in a fair house at Strawberry Bank about the year 1644 did Carry quantities of Goods & Arms belonging unto Cap^t Masons Plantations & Sold them to the french who Did inhabit about Port Royal where y^e Said Wannerton was Slain that Sometime after one Sampson Lane Came over from England with Power as he pretended to look after & take Care of the Aforesaid Plantations and did Settle himself in the Great house at Strawberry Bank and made additions thereunto where he Continued about three years and then returned for England upon whose Departure John & Richard Cutts got into Possession of y^e afores^d house & Lands at Strawberry Bank but by what right this Deponent never heard, And have Sold Several Small Tracts upon which Many houses are now built and possessed by the Relations of the said Cutts—

Francis Small

Sworn before me y^e 8th Septem^r 1685—

R Chamberlain Just P

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Geo: Jaffrey j^r Cl:

[*Deed, Mason to Usher, Lidgett, and McCarty, April 15, 1686.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 17.]

THIS INDENTURE made the fifteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Six hundred & Eighty six Between Robert Tufton Mason Esq^r under His Royal Majesty King James the second, Proprietor of the Province of New Hampshire of the One part, And John Usher Charles Lidgett & Thaddeus M^cCarty of Boston in N England Merch^{ts} of the Other part—WHEREAS the s^d R. T. Mason by Virtue of a Grant from His Majesty of famous Memory King James the First bearing date at Westminster the third of November in the Eighteenth Year of His s^d Majesty's Reign is Enstated in fee of all those Lands Islands & Rivers Lying between the Rivers of Namkeage and Piscataqua together with y^e said Rivers & of all Islands Lying within five Leagues of y^e same with all Rights Royalties & preheminences thereto belonging NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH That the said Robert Tufton Mason for & in Consideration of y^e sum of Thirty Pounds of the Current Money of & in y^e Massachusetts Colony in N Eng^d to him in hand paid by y^e s^d J Usher C Lidgett & Thad. Maccarty the Receipt whereof he doth by these Presents acknowledge & of the Rents Reservations & Covenants herein after reserv'd covenanted & agreed upon, And for the Encouragement of Planting the said Province & specially in its extreame & inland parts Hath given granted bargained & sold & by these presents for him his heirs & Assigns Doth give grant bargain & sell unto the s^d J Usher C. Lidgett & T. Maccarty their heirs and assigns, All that & those Tract & Tracts of Land situate Lying & being on y^e Westerly side of the River of Merrimack beginning at the East End of Souhegonnock River where the same issues into Merrimack afores^d & thence running up Westward along the s^d Souhegonnock River Six English Miles & an half and at y^e End of y^e s^d Six English Miles & an half to turn off by a Line of Twenty deg. Westerly of the N. Ten English Miles and thence that is to say to the Northwesterly Angle of y^e s^d Tract running in a direct Line Northwards in Length on y^e S^d West side of y^e s^d River of Merrimack unto & as far as the most Southerly End of the great Pond or Lake comonly called or known by y^e Name of Wenepesiocho Lake which issues into y^e said Merrimack River so always as that y^e s^d Outmost Line Westward shall not come nearer the said River in any Place than Six English Miles on that side the said River And also all that & those Tract & Tracts of Land on the Easterly side of the said River of Merrimack beginning as Low Southerly as the North

End of the Land commonly called or known by the Name of M^r Brenton's Land Six English Miles in Breadth from y^e s^d River of Merrimack, & thence running in a direct Line Northward in Length on the said East side of the s^d River of Merrimack unto & as far as y^e most Southerly End or part of the said Wenepesiocho Lake so always as that the s^d Outmost Line Eastward shall not come nearer in any place to the said River than Six English Miles in all the Length aforesaid— And also all that part of the said River of Merrimack lying within the Limits of all & singular y^e aforementioned Tract & Tracts of Land And all y^e Islands lying within y^e same Together with all other Rivers & Rivolets issuing into y^e said River of Merrimack And all ponds Waters fishings fowlings Huntings Swamps Meadows Woods Underwoods & Ways contained or lying within y^e s^d East & West Lines on each of y^e S^d River from End to End as afores^d And y^e sole Right & privilege of Salmon fishing from y^e s^d Wenepesiocho Lake to y^e Mouth of y^e said Rivers on y^e Sea Coasts & also of Erecting Kedges & Wracks in said River of such Mesh or distance as Alewives & other small Fish may pass freely for y^e Comon Benefit of all y^e Plantations that are or may be on the s^d River AND ALL Rights Priviledges Royalties Powers Jurisdiccions & Hereditaments of him the s^d R. T. Mason to the s^d several Tracts & premises belonging & every part and parcel thereof TO HAVE & TO HOLD all & singular the Premises with their & every of their Rights Members Hereditaments & Appur^{ces} And y^e Reverc'on & Reverc'ons Remainder & Remainders thereof & of every part & parcel thereof Or such of them as upon survey shall appear to lye & fall within y^e Limits & Bounds of the s^d Province of N Hampsh^r by Virtue of the Letters Patents afores^d Unto the s^d J Usher Ch. Lidgett & Th. Maccarty their Heirs & Assigns To the only proper Use Benefit & Behoofe of them the s^d J Usher C. Lidgett & T Maccarty their Heirs & Assigns for Ever YEILDING & paying unto the s^d Robert Tufton Mason his Heirs & Assigns or unto such other Person or Persons unto whom the next immediate Remainder or Reverc'on of the Premises for y^e time being shall of Right belong or appertaine for Ever the YEARLY RENT Charge or Sum of Ten Shillings at or upon the four & Twentieth day of June in every Year the first Paym^t to Com'ence on y^e s^d 24 June which shall be in 1687 or within 28 days after if demanded for such part of y^e Premises as upon survey shall to lye & fall within y^e s^d Province of New Hampshire by Virtue of the Letters Patents afores^d And Also rendering one fourth part of all Gold & Silver Ore that shall be found dug out & taken off from & within such part of y^e said Premises or any of them for & in Lieu of

such part of such Ore as by y^e Letters Patents aforesaid^d are reserved unto His Majesty His Heirs & Successors AND if it shall happen that the s^d Yearly Rent Charge of Ten Shillings or any part thereof to be behind or unpaid for y^e space of 20. days next over or after the Expiration of y^e s^d 28 days being Lawfully demanded on the Premises That then y^e s^d Rent Charge so in Arrears shall be doubled, And that it shall & may thenceforth be Lawful to & for y^e s^d R. T. Mason his heirs or assigns or such other Person or Persons who shall or may have the then Lawful Right & Title to the Reverc'on or Remaind^r thereof as afores^d into y^e s^d Premises or any part thereof to Enter & distrein for y^e same And the distresse found & taken to lead drive carry away sell & dispose for satisfying the s^d Yearly Rent Charge & Arrearages thereof together with all Charges & disburse^m^{ts} thereby occasion'd Rendering y^e Overplus And the s^d R. T. Mason for himself his heirs & assigns Doth Covenant promise & grant to & with the s^d J Usher Cha. Lidgett their Heirs & Assigns That for or notwithstanding any Act or Thing whatsoever by him y^e s^d R. T. Mason done to the Contrary, he the said R. T. Mason hath good Right & Lawful Power to grant & convey the Premises in Manner & form afores^d by Virtue of y^e Letters Patents aforesaid^d And that they the s^d J Usher C Lidgett & Th. Maccarty their Heirs & Assigns for ever All and singular y^e Lands & premises herein before mention'd to be bargained & sold shall & may Lawfully & quietly have hold & enjoy y^e same free of & from all manner of Incumbrances had made or done by him the s^d R. T. Mason his heirs or Assigns or Captaine John Mason or any other Person or Persons Lawfully claiming or deriving by from or under the s^d Captain John Mason or any other claiming any Right Title or Estate therein by Virtue of the said Letters Patents. In Witness whereof the Parties first above-named, to these present Indentures have interchangeably set their hands & Seals the day & Year first abovewritten.—

Memorandum/.

That before sealing & delivering it was assented to & agreed to by all Parties to these Presents That if the above named Robert Tufton Mason or John Tufton his Eldest son shall at any time within 24 Months after datepay to any of the Parties to these Presents for use of themselves & Company, One full Share & part (according to the Number already admitted or within y^e s^d time to be admitted Partners in the Premises) of all Paym^{ts} Charges & disburse^m^{ts} that have been or may in y^e Interim be expended or accrue by any Adventures or Improvem^{ts} thereon, that then he shall be

admitted a Partner in y^e Premises & all Improvem^{ts} that shall be made thereon

Robert Tufton Mason [Seal]

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of
 Humphrey Luscombe Robert Tufton
 W^m Harrison Michael Perry

Humphrey Luscombe & Michael Perry sworne Before us the 9. Nov. 1686—did Testify that they saw the Sealing & Delivery of the above written Deed by the said Robert Tufton Mason, Before us Members of His Majesty's Council

Barth. Gedney
 Edw^d Tyng

Entred in the Registry at Boston Nov. 10. 1686 Lib. 1. pa. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.—

Edw^d Randolph Reg^r

N B. Livery of Leisin & possession was Given in Form 8 Sept. 1686 which is also recorded.—

Memorand^m feb. 23. 1748—The Abbreviations of Names & Words, & instead of Figures—are the Words at Length in y^e Original—

[Verdict against William Vaughan Confirmed Nov. 19, 1686.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 19.]

At the Court at Whitehall the 19th November 1687—

{ Loco }
 { Sigilli }

Present

The Kings most Excellent Majesty

Lord Chancellor	Earle of Plymouth
Lord Treasurer	Earle of Morray
Lord President	Earle of Middleton
Duke of Ormond	Earle of Melford
Duke of Albermarle	Earle of Tyrconnell
Duke of Beauford	Viscount Fauconberg
Lord Chamberlain	Viscount Preston
Earle of Oxford	Lord B ^{pp} of Durham
Earle of Huntington	Lord Arundell of Wardon
Earle of Petersborough	Lord Dartmouth
Earle of Craven	Lord Dover
Earle of Powis	M ^r Chancellor of y ^e Excheq ^r
Earle of Nottingham	M ^r Chancellor of y ^e Dutchy

Upon reading this Day at the Board a Report from the Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee of Council for trade and Foreign Plantations bearing date the 6th Day of November instant Setting forth that in obedience to his Majesties orders in Council of the 25th of Aprill 1685 and the 3^d of July last they have Examined the Appeale of W^m Vaughan from a Verdict and Judgm^t given ag^t him on the 6th Day of November 1683 in his Maj^{ties} Courts in New Hampshire in New England at the suit of Robert Mason Esq^r as Proprietor of that Province for Certain Lands & Tenem^{ts} in Portsm^o in the said Province and that they ha^{ve} heard the Said Robert Mason and Nath^l Wear Attorney for the Appellant and his Council learned in the Law are Humbly of opinion that his Majesty be pleased to Ratify and Affirme the Verdict & Judgment aforesaid—

His Majesty in Council was pleased to approve of their Lordships said opinion and Report and to order the said Verdict & Judgment given against the said William Vaughan on the sixth Day of Nov^r 1683 in his Majesties Courts in New Hampshire in New England at the Suit of Rob^t Mason Esq^r as Proprietor of that Province for Certaine lands & Tenements in Portsm^o in the said Province be Ratified and Affirmed and they are hereby Ratified and Affirmed Accordingly

W^m Bridgeman

Vera Copia

☞ Richard Partridge Clerk

Copy as file in the Case Allen v^s Waldron

Examin^d

☞ Geo: Jaffrey j^r Cl:

[*Judgment for Costs against Vaughan, Dec. 10, 1686.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 20.]

At the Court at Whitehall the 10th December 1686—
(Loco Sigilli)

Present

The Kings most Excellent Maj^{ty} in Council

Whereas on the 19th day of November last upon the Report of the Right Hon^{ble} the Com^{it}tee for Trade and Plantations his Majesty was pleased to Ratify and Affirme the Verdict and Judgement given against W^m Vaughan on the 6th of November 1683. in his majesty's Courts in New Hampshire in New England in favour of Robert Mason

Esqu^r upon a further Report of their Lordships this day read at the board; his Majesty hath thought fitt to order and it is hereby ordered that the Said W^m Vaughan doe pay twenty pounds to the Said Robert Mason for his Costs in attending the Issue of the Appeal of the Said W^m Vaughan /

Vera Copia

Phillipp Musgrave

Rich^d Partridge Cler

The above is a Copy as on file in a Case between Samⁿ Allen Esqu^r & David Lawrance Examin'd

Ⓜ Geo: Jaffrey j^r Cl:

[*Samuel Allen's Agreement, Oct. 14, 1690.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 21.]

THIS INDENTURE made the fourteenth day of October in the Second Year of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary King and Queene of England Scotland France and Ireland Defenders of the faith &c Annoq Dⁿⁱ 1690 BETWEEN Samuel Allen of London Merchant of the one P^{te}, and John Tufton Mason and Robt Tufton Mason sons of Robert Tufton Mason some time of the P^{ish} of s^t Martins in the feilds in the County of Midd^x Esq^r dec'd of the other P^{te}, WHEREAS by Ind^{re} of even date with these p^sents the said John Tufton Mason and Robert Tufton Mason in consideracon of the sume of Two Thousand Seaven hundred and fifty pounds to them in hand paid by the said Samuel Allen and for other good and valuable consideracons have Conveyed the Province or Tract of Land in New England in America called New Hampshire & divers other Provinces Tracts of Land and Hereditaments unto the said Samuel Allen and his Heires as by the same Indre more at large may appeare Now this Ind^{re} Witnesseth That in consid^{acon} of the s^d Conveyance and the Covenants therein contained Hee the Said Samuel Allen doth by these p^sents Release unto and acquitt and discharge the said John Tufton Mason and Robert Tufton Mason their Execut^{rs} Adm^{rs} and Assignes and unto the heires and Execut^{rs} of the said Robert Tufton Mason Dec'd All debts sumes of Money Bonds & Accounts whatsoever which hee the said Samuel Allen can may or ought to have or claime from them or any of them And further the said Samuel Allen for himselfe his Heires Exec^{rs} & Adm^{rs} doth Covenant and agree to and with the said John Tufton Mason and Robert Tufton Mason their Exec^{rs} &

Adm^{rs} that hee the said Samuel Allen his Exec^{rs} and Adm^{rs} shall and will within the space of three Yeares next ensueing the date of these p^{rs}ents pay or cause to bee paid unto Edward Cranfeild Esq^r late Govourn^r of the said Province the sum^e of three hundred and ffifty pounds of good and Lawfull mony of New England And further allsoe that when and soe soone as the Ten^{ts} Landholders and Inhabitants of the Townes of Portsmouth Dover Exeter and Hampton p^{te} of the said Provinces Hereditaments and p^{rs}misses from whome any quitt Rents or other Rents are due & payable or the Greater number of such Ten^{ts} Inhabitants and Landholders shall Attorne Ten^{ts} unto the said Samuel Allen his heires or Assignes or sufficiently acknowledge him or them to bee the Proprietor of such their quitt Rents or other Rents and allsoe shall pay any Yearely or halfe yearely paym^{ts} of such their quitt Rents or other Rents unto the said Samuel Allen his Heires or Assignes, That then the s^d Samuel Allen his Heires Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} or Assignes shall & will well & truely pay or cause to bee pd the further Sum^{es} of Lawfull mony of England following, That is to say the sum^e of ffour hundred pounds unto the said John Tufton Mason his Exec^{rs} Adm^{rs} or Assignes, the sume of three hundred pounds unto the said Rob^t Tufton Mason his Exec^{rs} Adm^{rs} or Assignes and the sum^e of Two hundred pounds unto Elizabeth Tufton Mason her Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} or Assignes, And the said John Tufton mason and Rob^t Tufton Mason doe by these p^{rs}ents declare that the said sum^{es} of mony debts & accounts hereby Released and the said sum^{es} of money allready pd to them and the sd sev^{all} sum^{es} of money hereby Covenanted & agreed to be paid are the full and whole price and p^{ch}ase mony w^{ch} the said Samuel Allen ought to pay for the p^{ch}ase of the p^{rs}misses and that hee is an absolute p^{ch}asor thereof without any p^{rs}mise Agreem^t right or equity for or concerneing the redeemeing the same And lastly the sd Samuel Allen for himselfe his Ex^{rs} & Adm^{rs} doth Coven^t & agree to & with the sd John Tufton mason & Robert Tufton Mason their Exec^{rs} & Adm^{rs} that hee the sd samuel Allen his Ex^{rs} & Adm^{rs} shall & will well & truely pay unto every of them the sd John Tufton Mason Rob^t Tufton Mason & Elizabeth Tufton Mason their respective Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} or Assignes interest at the rate of six pounds p^{er} Cent p^{er} ann for one hundred pounds apeice p^{te} of the same sum^{es} to them payable from the date of these p^{rs}ents untill they shall respectively receive the same Sum^{es} the same Interest to bee paid at the same time with the sd principle Sum^{es} of money to them payable as aforesd IN WITNESS whereof the p^{rs}ties above named to these p^{rs}ents have

hereunto set their hands & Seales the day and Yeare first above written

Sealed and delivered
in the p'sence of

Samuel Allen [seal]

W^m Linsey
Joh. Lodge
James Budd
Sam: Wilson

[“*Fine &c Agt John & Robt Tufton Masons.*”]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 22.]

WILLIAM AND MARY by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen Defenders of the Faith &^{ca} TO ALL to whom these our Present Letters shall Come GREETING KNOW YE that it was inrold amongst the Pleas of Land at Westminster before Henry Pollexfen and his Companions our Justices of our Bench of the Term of S^t Michall In the Second Year of our Reign in the Roll 280. 'tis so Contained KENT SS. John Browning Gentleman in his proper Person Requires against Samuel Allen Gentleman the Mannor of Mason Hall with the appurtenances and Seven Thousand Messuages fifty Mills Six thousand Gardens A hundred Thousand Acres of Land a hundred thousand Acres of Meadow a hundred Thousand Acres of Pasture one Million and a hundred Thousand Acres of Wood Two hundred Thousand of acres of Marsh & Moss Ground a hundred thousand Acres of fresh Marsh a hundred thousand acres of Salt Marsh a hundred thousand acres of Ozirs a hundred thousand Acres of * * * Two hundred thousand acres of Land Covered with Water a hundred Pound Rents Common of Pasture for all manner of Cattle free fishery & free Warrin with the appurtenances in New Hamp^r Main Masonia Laconia Mason Hall Mariana In New England in America in the Parish of Greenwich As his Right and Inheritance, and into which the said Samuel hath No Ingress unless after Disseizin which Hue Hunt hath thereupon unjustly and without Judgement made to the before Named John within thirty years &^{ca} and Whereof he saith that he himself was Seized of the manner Tennements Rents Common of Pasture free fishery free Warrin aforesaid with the appurtenances in his Demesne as a fee & by Wright in the time of Peace in the time of the Reign of our Lord and Lady King & Queen that now are by taking therefrom to the Value & so forth & into which &^{ca} and

thereupon he brings his Suite &^{ca} and the aforesaid Samuel Allen in his proper person Comes & Defends his Wright when & so forth & thereupon Calls to Warrant John Tufton Mason Gentleman who is Present here at Court in his own proper person & who Warrants gratis to him the said Manner Tennements rent Common of Pasture free fishery free Warrin with the appurtenances &^{ca} and upon this the said John Browning prays against the said John Tufton Mason houlding by his Warrant the Manner Tennements Rent Com'on of Pasture free fishery free Warrin aforesaid with the Appurtenances aforesaid in form afores^d &^{ca} & whereof he saith he himself was Seized of the Manner Tennements rents Common of Pasture free fishery free Warrin aforesaid with the Appurtenances in his Dominion as a fee and by Right in the time of Peace in the time of our Lord & Lady King and Queen that now is by taking &^{ca} & into which &^{ca} and thereupon he brings his suit &^{ca} & the aforesaid John Mason houlding By his Warrant Defends his Right when &^{ca} & farther Vouches thereupon to Warrant Rob' Tufton Mason Gentleman who is present here in Court in his proper person & Warrants to him Gratis the Manner Tennements Rents Common of Pasture free fishery free Warrin afores^d with the Appurtenances aforesaid &^{ca} and upon this the afores^d John Browning prays against him the aforesaid Rob' Tufton Mason houlding by his Warrant the Manner Tennements Rent Common of Pasture free fishery free Warrin with the appurtenances In form aforesaid whereupon he Saith he himself was Seized of the Mannor Tennements rent Common of Pasture free fishery free Warrin as aforesaid with the appurtenances in his Demesne as a fee by Right in the time of Peace in the time of our Lord & Lady the King & Queen that now is by taking from thence the Value &^{ca} & into which &^{ca} and thereupon brings this Suit &^{ca} and the afores^d Robert Tufton Mason houlding by Warrant Defends his Right when &^{ca} and further Vouches thereupon John Wheeler to Warrant who likewise is present here in Court in his own proper person and Warrants to him Gratis the Manner Tennements Rent Common of Pasture free fishery & free Warrin aforesaid with the Appurtenances &^{ca} and upon this the afores^d John Browning prays against the said John Wheeler houlding by his Warrant the manner Tennements rent Common of Pasture free fishery & free Warrin aforesaid in form afores^d with the appurtenances & whereupon he himself saith he was Seized of the mannor Tennements rent Common of Pasture free fishery free Warrin afores^d with y^e Appurtenances In his Dominion as a fee & by Right the time of Peace In the time of our Lord & Lady that now is by taking from thence to the Value &^{ca} and into which &^c & thereupon he brings his Suit &^{ca} and the

aforesaid John Wheeler houlding by his Warrant Defends his Right when &^{ca} & saith that the said Hugh hath not Disseized the before named John Browning of the Mannor Tennements rent Common of Pasture free fishery & free Warrin with the appurtenances as the said John Browning by his Writ & Declaration afores^d Doth above Suppose & of this he puts himself upon the Country &c^e & the afores^d John Browning prayes Liberty of Imparling & hath it &^{ca} And afterwards the said John Browning returns here into Court In his proper person & the aforesaid John Wheeler altho' Sollemly Required Returned not, but Departed in Contempt of the Court and made Default—Tis therefore Considered that the said John Browning may recover his Seizen Against the aforesaid Samuel of the Mannor Tennements rents Com'on of Pasture free fishery & free Warrin aforesaid with the appurtenances and that the same Samuel have of the land of the aforesaid John Tufton Mason to the Value &^{ca} and that the said John Tufton Mason further have of the land of the said Robert Tufton Mason to the Vallue &^{ca} & y^e the said Robert Tufton Mason further have of the land of the aforesaid John Wheeler to the Value &^{ca} & the said John Wheeler be in Mercy &^{ca} & uppon this the said John Browning prayes a Writ of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen to be Directed to the sheriff of the County aforesaid to Cause him to give him the full Seizin of the Mannor Ten'em^{ca} rent Common of Pasture free fishery free Warrin aforesaid with the appurtenances and it is granted to him Returnable here without Delay &^{ca} & afterwards (To Wit) the Twenty Eighth day of November in that very same time the aforesaid John Browning Came here into Court in his proper person & the Sheriff (to Witt) Thomas Adriaue Esq' now answers that he by Virtue of the aforesaid Writ to him Directed the five & twentieth of November last past hath Caused the afore Named John Browning to have his full seizin of the Mannor Tennements rent Common of Pasture free fishery and free Warrin aforesaid with the appurtenances as by the said Writ he was Commanded &^{ca} and all & Singuler which things at the Request of the said John Browning by the ten'or of these Presents we have Caused to be exemplied—In Witness Whereof we have Caused to be affixed to these Presents our Seal for Writs in the Bench aforesaid Witness Henry Pollexfen at Westminster the twenty Eighth Day of November in the second Year of our Reign

Tempest

a Seal appending

Province of New Hamp^r Portsm^o 14th aug^t 1707

The within is a true Translation to the best of our understandings & Judgements—

Ja Meinzies

Cha: Story

Copy as on file in Case Allen v^s Waldron in Clerk's office of Superiour Court of Judicature Examin'd

¶ Geo: Jaffrey Cl.

[*Sale of Mason Possessions to Samuel Allen, April 27, 1691.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 24.*]

This Indenture made the Seven & Twentieth day of April in the third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord & Lady, William & Mary, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen defenders of the faith &c Annoq. Dom: 1691. Between John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason, son of Robert Tufton Mason, sometime of y^e Parish of S^t Martins in the fields, in the County of Middlesex Esq^r deceased of the one part, And Samuel Allen of London Merchant of the other part, Witnesseth that for & in Consideration of the sum of Two thousand Seven hundred & fifty pounds Lawful Money of England to them the Said John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason now in hand paid by the said Samuel Allen, the receipt whereof they doe hereby acknowledge & thereof do acquitt, & discharge The Said Sam^l Allen his Exec^{rs} Adm^{rs} and Assigns And for diverse, other good Causes & Valuable considerations them thereunto Especially moving they the Said John Tufton Mason, & Robert Tufton Mason & each of them Have Granted, Bargained & Sold & by these p^{rs}ents doe & each of them doth Grant, Bargain & Sell unto the Said Sam^l Allen his heirs & Assigns, all that part, purport & portion of the Main Lands of & in New England, in America beginning from the Middle part of Naumkeck River & from thence to proceed Eastwards, along the Sea Coasts to Cape Ann, & round about the Same to Piscataqua Harbour, And so forwards up within the River of Newichawanock And to the furthest head of the Said River, & from thence Northwestward, till Sixty Miles be finish'd from the first entrance of Piscataqua Harbour, And Also from Naumkeck through the River, thereof, up into the Land west, Sixty miles, from which Period to Cross over Land to the Sixty miles end accounted from Piscataqua through Newichawanock River, to the Land Northwestward afore-

said And also all that the South half of the Isle of Shoals together with all Other Islands & Isletts, as well imbaid as adjoining, lying or abutting upon or near the premises or any part or parcell thereof within five Leagues distant, Not otherwise Granted to any by Special name, at any time before, the Eighteenth day of Aprill One thousand Six hundred and Thirty five, all which part & portion of Lands Islands & premises, are called by the name of New Hampshire, or the province of New Hampshire, And also all that other parcell or portion of Land, woods, & Wood Grounds, lying on the Southeast part of the River of Sagadahock in the Northeast part of New England aforesaid at the Mouth or entrance thereof, containing there Ten Thousand Acres which Said other parcell of Lands is called & known by the name of Masonia and also all that part & portion of Land in the province of Maine in New England aforesaid, beginning at the entrance of Newichawanock River, & so upwards, amongst the Said River, And to the farthest head thereof & to contain, in Breadth, through all the Length aforesaid 8 Miles within the Land from every part of the said River, & half way over the said River, And Also all that part of the Sea Coast, of New England aforesaid, being a Great head Land or Cape & Lying in the Northernmost parts of the Massachusetts Country And to the North Eastwards of the Great River of the Massachusetts, Stretching itself out into the Sea, Eastwards Five Leagues or thereabouts, And lying betwixt the Latitude of forty two & forty three Degrees, or thereabouts and Commonly Called or Known by the name of Cape Trabizanda or Cape-Ann, with the North, South & East Shoars, & Coasts thereof, the Back Bounds thereof towards the Main Land beginning at the Head of the next Great River to the Southwards of the Said Cape which runs into the Country of the Main Land upwards westward And supposed to be called Naumkeck or by what other name or names the said River is or may be called, & So forth Eastwards into the Sea, And to the uttermost parts of the Said Head land or Cape and Round about the same to the Northwards & from thence along the Sea Coasts to the next Great River, which runs up into the Main Land westwards & supposed to be called Merrimack or by What other Name or Names the Said River is or may be called, And Lying to the Northwestwards of the Said Cape And to the farthest head of the Said River from which Period to cross over Land to the Head of the other Great River which lyes Southwards of the aforesaid Cape where y^e perambulation began, and half way over (that is to say) to the midst of either of the Said two Rivers which Bounds or Limitts, the aforesaid Lands both on the North & South thereof together, with the Great Isle or Island called Isle Mason, lying near

or before the bay Harbour or River of Aggawom, Together also with all the Seas, Isles, or Islands adjoining to any part of the precincts of the Lands aforesaid, or lying within three miles of any part of the Same, which Said part of the Sea Coasts Great head land or Cape, with all the App^{rs} are commonly called or known by the name of Mariana and also all those Lands & Countries lying adjacent or bordering upon the Great Lake or Lakes, or Rivers commonly called or known by the Name of the River & Lake or Rivers & Lakes of the Irroquois a Nation or Nations of Salvage People inhabiting up into the Landwards betwixt the Lines of west & northwest conceived to pass or Lead upwards from the Rivers of Sagadahock and Merrimack in the said County of New England together also with the Lakes & Rivers of the Irroquois & other Nations adjoining the Middle part of which Lake is Situate and lying near about the Latitude of forty four or forty five Degrees reckoned from the Equinoctiall Line Northwards And also all the Lands Soyls & Grounds within ten Miles of any part of the said Lakes or Rivers on the Southeast part thereof, And from the west end or Sides of the s^d Lakes or Rivers so far forth to the west, as shall extend half way, into the next Great Lake, to the Westwards & from thence Northwards, unto the North side of the Main River which runneth from the Great & Vast Western Lakes and falleth into the River of Canada including all the Islands within the precincts or perambulation described, which said portions of Lands Rivers & Lakes, with the App^{rs} are Commonly called or known by the name of the province of Laconia And also all those Towns, Villages, ports or places called Portsmouth, Hampton, Dover, Exeter, Little Harbour Greenland, Salisbury, Old Salisbury, Concord, Sudbury, Redding, Billerica, Gloucester, Cape Anns Town Ipswich, Wenham, Newbury, Rowley, Haverhill, Andover, Bass-Town, Woburn, and all other Towns Villages & Habitable Places, Situate, Standing or being in the Said province of New-Hampshire, ¶cells of Land wood, & wood Grounds, called Masonia, part of the s^d province of Maine Tract of Land called Mariana, Isle Mason & province of Laconia, or any of them, And also all the firm Lands, Soyls, & Grounds, as well under water as above water, & Dry Shoars, Creeks, Havens Harbours, Bays, ports, Rivers, Lakes, floods Waters Mines & Mineralls, as Well Royal Mines & Mineralls of Gold & Silver, as Other Mines & Minerals be they Such Mines & Minerals or Veines of Metall as are Close & hidden in the Earth, or openly seen in or upon the Earth saving only the fifth part of all the Oar of Gold & Silver to remain in their Maj^{ties} their heirs & Successors, All Quarries, precious Stones, pearls, Amber-Griss, Pine Trees, Firr Trees, Oaks, And all other Timber

Trees, Trees, Woods, Underwoods, & all fishings of what Kind or Kinds of fish Soever Whether Royall fish as Sturgeons, Whales or any other fish by whatsoever other Name or Names, they or any of them are or shall be called, or Known, Hunting, Hawking, fowling and all & Singular other prerogatives, Rights, Commodities, Jurisdiccions, Royalties, Priviledges, franchises, Liberties Preheminences, Marine powers, in and upon the Said Seas, Lakes & Rivers, and also all Escheats, Casualties, flotzam, Jetzam, Lagan, Anchorage, and other such Duty's, also Immunities, Seils Isletts, Pquisites & profitts of Courts, Deodans Waves & Strays, Goods of felons, and fugitives, Escheats, Casuall profitts hereditaments, & App^r whatsoever Situate lying being arising, happening accrewing, or to be had, taken or enjoyed, or any ways belonging, or appertaining into upon within unto or out, of the Said province of New=Hampshire, Pcells of Land wood & Wood Grounds called Masonia part of the said province of Maine, Tract of Land, called Mariana, & Isle Mason, Province of Laconia or any of them, And also all other the provinces Mannors, Tracts, portions, or parcells of Land, Islands, Towns, Villages, Habitable places, Meadows Pastures, Woods, Lands, Tenem^{ts} piscarys, Liberties Royalties, Prerogatives, & Hereditam^{ts} whatsoever, and of what Kind or Nature soever, in New England or America aforesaid, whereof, wherein, or whereunto they the s^d John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason, or either of them, or any in trust for them, are Seized, possessed or have any Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Equity of Redemption, Claim or demand Whatsoever, and also all the, Reversion & Reversions, Remainder & Remainders, of & in all & every the Hereditaments and premises in & by these p'sents Granted or mentioned, to be Granted & all the Rents, at the Rate of Six pence or any other Sum by the Acre, And all other Cheif Rents Quitt Rents or other Rents, Reservations, Services, Issues, and profitts Reserved, due payable Issuing or Arising out of all & every or any of v^e Said hereditaments, & P'mises in and by these P'sents Granted or mentiond to be Granted And also all those Letters Pattents heretofore Granted, by his late Maj^{ty} King Charles the first, unto Cap^t Johu Mason Esq^r Great Grandfather or Ancestor, of them the said John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason bearing Date on or about the Nineteenth day of Aug^t in the Eleventh year of his Said Reign & also all those other Letters, Patents, heretofore, Granted by his late Maj^{ty} king Charles the Second for & concerning the Government of the s^d province of New Hampshire bearing Date on or about the Eighteenth Day of Sept^r in the one & Thirtyeth year of his said Maj^{ties} Reign & all other Letters, Patents, Royall Warrants, Royal Commissions & Royall Letters

Indorr Claur Cancellar infra script Domini Regis et Domine
Regine Tricesimo die Aprilis Anno infra Scripto

¶ Andrew Young Reg^r

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Copy Examin'd

Rich: Partridge Cler.
¶ Geo: Jaffrey Cl

[*Robert Tufton Mason's Will, Oct. 21, 1692.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 25.]

In the name of GOD amen——

I Robert Tufton Mason of the Town of Portsm^o in the Prov: of New Hamp^r in New England being in health of body and sound in mind do make and appoint this my last will and testament in manner & form as follows, revoking all other Wills made hēretofore

IMPRIMS I Com'end my soul into the hands of Almighty GOD my Creator in full hope and assurance of a Pardon for all my sins committed in my life past My body I com'it to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named——

Item—I Give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Katharine Tufton Mason, the one half of all my Estate whatsoever that I have, or hereafter might have dureing her natural life, and after her decease three fourths of her part, to fall unto my son John Tufton, to him & his heirs forever, & the other fourth part to go to my daughter Eliz^a Tufton and to her heirs forever—

Item—I Give and bequeath to my son John Tufton one fourth part of all my estate whatsoever to be paid him when he Shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and that if it Should please GOD, that he should dye before he comes of age, or without lawfull Issue, then his part to fall to my daughter Eliz^a Tufton and to her heirs forever—

Item—I Give and bequeath to my daughter Eliz^a Tufton one fourth part of all my Estate whatsoever to be paid her when She Shall Arrive at the age of eighteen years, or upon the day of her Marriage if she marries with her mother's consent: But If It should please GOD that She should dye before She comes of the age of eighteen or Marry then her part to fall unto my son John Tufton and to his heirs forever.—But if it should please GOD that my son John Tufton, and My daughter Eliz^a Tufton should both dye before they come of age or before they marry, then the one half of both their parts, I Give unto my wife Katharine Tufton and the other half I give unto my

sister Eliz^a Tufton, and if it should so please GOD, that my wife should out-live both my son John Tufton, and my daughter Eliz^a Tufton, or that they dye without lawfull Issue then I Give and bequeath all my wife Katherine Tufton her part unto my sister Eliz^a Tufton.—

Item—I Do appoint my dearly beloved Wife Katharine Tufton to be my sole and only Executrix of this my last will, and to see my will performed, and to take care of both my Children, and to see that they are brōt up as they ought to be, and that when they Shall arrive at the age of receiving their portions To pay them justly.—

And I do strictly charge and Com'and both my Children to carry themselves dutiful and obedient unto their mother, so long as she shall live, and that they live in love and unity one with another, so long as it please GOD they both shall live, and that they carry it respectively to their Grandfather and Grandmother with all their Uncles and Aunts, and behave themselves justly to all persons, fearing GOD, & honouring the King In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty first day of October one thousand six hundred ninety two——

Signed & sealed

Robert Tufton Mason [seal]

In presence of

Henry Sherburn

Sarah Sherburn

Susan Wiggin

Copy——

Henry Sherburn aged 72 y^{rs}, Sarah Sherburn aged 69, and Susanna Johnson (formerly Wiggin) aged 67 y^{rs}, made oath that their names subscribed, as the names of Witnesses to this testament, were of their own hand writing respectively, and that they firmly beleived Rob^t Tufton Mason sign'd & seal'd it in their presence, and that they signed as Witnesses at the same time, and also that he was of a Sound mind at the doing thereof.—

May 27, 1738——

Copy——

This will is not yet approved and allowed; the same (together with the testimony of the Witnesses,) being under the Judge's consideration——

[*Robert Tufton Mason's Commission as Attorney-General, May 28, 1695.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 26.]

JOHN USHER Esq^r Lieu^t Govern^r Comander in Cheife
 [Seal] of our Province of New Hampsh^r in New Engl^d: In
 America, and Vice Admirⁿ of the Same: TO ROBERT
 TUFFTON MASON—Gentleman Greeting; haveing Especial Trust
 and Confidence in your faithfullness; Ability and Learning I doe by
 these Presents Pursuant to the Powers and Authority's granted me
 by His Majesty King William over Engl^d: &c: Constitute, Ordain,
 apoint and Invest you the sd ROB^t TUFFTON MASON Esq^r in the
 Office of Attorney General for his Majesty in this his Province
 afores^d; You are therefore by Vertue of these presents dilligently
 to Inquire into all Sutes in the Law concerning his Majests In-
 terest, and of every thing and things matters device and devices
 belonging unto your Office, and Concerning his Majesty his Crown
 and dignity; and you are hereby Impowred by vertue of these
 Presents to Sue, plead, Imparte, Implead, Indicte, &c any and who-
 soever shall be by any manner or means to be Sued or Arraigned
 Impleaded and Indicted on his Majests Behalfe in w^t cause and
 action w^hsoever: and for the due Execution and pformance of
 your s^d Office and in every thing that thereto apertaines I doe
 herby give and Graunt you all Benefitts, fees and Advantages to the
 sd Office belonging: You Rendring an acco^t of all your proceed-
 ings In the S^d Office to me or Some other Ap^ointed by me: Given
 under my hand & Seale at New Castle this 28th of May 1695:—

John Usher

By the L^t Govern^r Comand
 William Redford: Dp^t Secy^t:

[*"Fine & Recovery in y^e County of Kent."*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 27.]

WILLIAM the third by the grace of God of England Scotland
 France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To all to whom
 these O^r P^rsent Letters shall Come Greeting know ye that Certain
 fine with Proclamations thereon made according to the form of the
 statute in the like Case lately made & provided Lived in our Court
 before our then Justices of the Bench at Westminster in the Term of
 St Hillery in the second year of our Reign the ten^{or} of which

followeth in these words Kent SS: this is the finall Concord made in the Court of our Lord & Lady King & Queen at Westminster on the morrow of St Martains in the second year of the Reigns of W^m & Mary by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Queen Defendor of the Faith & Before Henry Pollexfen John Powell Thomas Rokeby & Peyton Ventriss Justices & afterwards in the Octaves of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the year of the Reigns of the s^d King & Queen as above-said Twas there granted & Recorded before the same Justices & other faithfull of our said Lord & Lady King & Queen then & there being Present Between Samuel Allen Gentleman Pl^t and John Tufton Mason Gentleman & Rob^t Tufton Mason Gentleman Deforces of the Mannor of Mason Hall with the appurtenances & of four Thousand Messages three thousand Cottages three thousand Barns fifty mills Six thousand Gardens a hundred thousand Acres of Land a hundred Thousand Acres of meadow a hundred thousand acres of Pasture one million & a hundred thousand acres of wood Two hundred thousand acres of Marsh & Moss Land a hundred thousand acres of fresh Marsh a hundred thousand acres of salt Marsh a hundred thousand acres of * * * a hundred thousand acres of * * * Two hundred thousand acres of land Covered with water a hundred pound Rent Commons of Pasture for all manner of Cattle free fishery and free Warrin with the appurtenances in New Hamp^t main masonia Laconia Mason Hall an Mariana in New England in America in the Parish of Greenwige whereupon a plea of Covenant was Sum'oned Between them in the same Court (To witt) that the aforesaid John & Rob^t Recognized the afores^d Mannors Tenem^{ts} rents Com'on of Pasture fishery & Warrins with the appurtenances to be the Right of the said Samuel as those which the said Samⁿ hath of the Gifts of the aforesaid John & Robert & those which y^e said John & Robert for themselves and their Heirs have Remised & quited Claim forever to the aforesaid Samuel & his heirs & further the said John hath Granted for himself and his heirs that they will Warrant to the aforesaid Samuel & his heirs the said mannor Tennements rent Com'on of Pasture fishery & Warrin with the Appurtenances against the said John and his heirs forever & further, the said Rob^t hath granted for himself & his heirs that they will Warrant to the aforesaid Samuel & his heirs the aforesaid Mannor Tennement Rent Com'on of Pasture fishery & Warrin with the appurtenances against the afores^d Rob^t & his heirs forever—And for this Recognition Remition Quitt Claime Warrant fine & Concord the Said Samuel Hath given to the aforesaid John & Rob^t.

two thousand Pounds Sterl the tenor of the proclaiming of which fine followeth in these words according to the forme of the Statute the first Proclamation was made the twelfth day of Feb^r in the Term of S^t Hillery in the Second year of the Reign of the King & Queen within Written the Secon^d Proclamation was made the twelfth Day of may in Easter Term in the third Year of the Reign of the King & Queen above written the third Proclamation was made the Nineteenth Day of June in the term of the Holy Trinity in the third year of the Reign of the King & Queen within Written, the fourth proclamation was made the 26th of October in the Term of S^t Michall in the third Year of the Reign of the King & Queen within Written

IN WITNESS whereof we have Caused to be affixed to these Presents our usual Seal for Sealing of Writts in our Bench aforesaid Witness George Treby at Westminster the nine and twentieth Day of april in the Eight year of our Reign

Laud

Seal appending

This is a true translation according the best of our Judgment—

J. A. Meinses

Cha. Story

Copy as on File in Case Allen v^s Waldron in Clerk's Office of Superior Court of Judicature—

Examined

Ⓢ Geo: Jaffrey Cl

[*Statement of Henry Langster, May 10, 1699.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 28.]

Henry Langster of Bloody Point of Dover in this Province aged ninety years or thereabouts testifyeth and Saith that about the year one thousand Six hundred thirty five he arrived at y^e Port of Piscatiqua River in y^e Service of Cap^t John Mason and that he lived two years in y^e Service of Said Mason with m^r Walter Neal one of y^e Agents of Said Mason at little Harbor then called Rendevous Dat. at Portsm^e y^e 9th May 1699—

Hen^r Langster

and that there was a Consd^{ble} Stock of Cattle reported to be Cap^t Jn^o Mason's

Sworn in Court May 10th 1699—

Ⓢ Curiam Sampson Sheafe Cler

Vera Copia attest

Rich^d Partridge Cler^r

The above is a Copy as on file in a Case between Sam^l Allen
Esqu^r & David Lawrance
Examind _____

Geo: Jaffrey j^r Cl:

Letter, Earl of Bellomont to the Lords of Trade, June 22, 1700,
State Papers, Vol. 2, p. 348.

Complaint against James Menzies, Feb., 1700-1, State Papers,
Vol. 3, pp. 119, 122.

[*Permission to Withdraw Papers in Hern vs. Dow, Aug. 13, 1700.*]

[Masonian Papers. Vol. 1, p. 29.]

Province of Newhampshire.

At a Superior Court of Judicature held for this Province of New-
hampshire at Portsmouth 13.. day August 1700.

Present—

John Hinckes Esq^r Chief Justice—

Peter Coffin—

John Gerrish and } Esq^{rs} Justices—

John Plaisted—

Joseph Hern pl^t }

versus }

Henry Dow— } Ejectment—

Joseph Hern moved the Court that the Originall papers that were
delivered unto the Court in a Cause depending at his suit against
Henry Dow in a plea of Trespass and Ejectment, might be made use
of in three other Suits or pleas of Trespass and Ejectment at his
suit ready to be tryed—One against Richard Waldron another
against Samuel Leavett and another against William Vaughan.
That the Clerk might deliver the said Originall papers again takeing
Copies of them and being paid for the same. Which was accord-
ingly Granted—

Copy of Record.—

Attest Nath^l Adams Clerk

[*Mortgage of New Hampshire, etc., from Allen to John Usher, Oct. 14, 1701.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 80.*]

This Indenture made the fourteenth day of October Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and one, Annoque Regnⁱ Reg^e Gulielmi Tertii Angliæ &c. decimo tertio—Between Samuel Allen Esquire Proprietor of the Province of New Hampshire in New England of the one part, & John Usher of Charlestown in the County of Middlesex within the province of the Massachusetts bay in New England aforesaid Esquire on the other part,—Witnesseth that the said Samuel Allen for & in consideration of the Sum of one thousand five hundred pounds current Money of New England to him in hand well & truly paid at & before the ensealing & delivery of these presents by the said John Usher, the receipt whereof to full content & Satisfaction the said Samuel Allen doth hereby acknowledge & thereof & of every part & parcel thereof doth acquit exonerate & discharge within the said John Usher his heirs Executors administrators & Assigns & every of them forever by these presents As also for divers other good causes & considerations him thereunto moving, He the said Samuel Allen hath given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed conveyed & confirmed & by these presents for himself his heirs doth fully freely clearly & absolutely give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff convey & confirm unto the said John Usher his heirs & Assigns forever, All that part purpart & portion of the main Land of & in New England in America beginning from the middle part of Namkeek River & from thence to proceed Eastwards along the Sea Coasts to Cape Ann, & round about the same to Piscataqua harbour, & so forwards up within the River of Newichawonock & to the farthest head of said River & from thence northwards till Sixty miles be finished from the first Entrance of Piscataqua Harbour, And also from Naumkeek through the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty Miles from which period to cross overland to the sixty Miles End, accounted from Piscataqua through Newichawonock River to the land northwestward aforesaid, AND also all that the South half of the Isles of Sholes together with all other Islands & Iselets as well embayed as adjoining lying or abutting upon or near the premises or any part or parcel thereof, within Five leagues distance not otherwise granted to any by special name at any time before the eighteenth day of April One thousand six hundred & thirty five, all which parts & portions of Lands Islands and premises are called by the name of New Hampshire or the province of New hampshire, & also all that other parcel or portion of Lands woods & wood grounds

lying on the Southeast part of the River of Sagadehock in the north east part of New England aforesaid at the mouth or entrance thereof containing there Ten thousand Acres which said other parcel of Lands is called & known by the name of Masonia, AND ALSO all that part or portion of Land in the province of Main in New England aforesaid beginning at the Entrance of Newichawonock River & so upwards along the said River & to the furthest head thereof & to contain in breadth through all the length aforesaid three miles within the land from every part of the said River & half way over the said River, AND also all Towns, Villages & habitable places situate standing or being in the said province of Newhampshire, parcels of Land wood & wood grounds called Masonia part of the s^d province of main or any of them, And also all that firm Lands Soils, & Grounds as well under water as above water & every Shores Creeks Havens, Harbours Bays ports Rivers Lakes Floods Waters Mines & Minerals as well royal Mines & minerals of Gold & Silver as other Mines & minerals be they such Mines & Minerals or veins of Metal as are close hidden in the Earth or openly seen in or upon the Earth, Saving only the fifth part of all the Oar of Gold & Silver to remain to his Majesty his heirs & Successors all quarries precious Stones pearls Ambergreese pine Trees Fir trees Oakes & all other Timber trees woods under woods & all fishing of what kind or kinds of fish soever, whether royal Fishes as whales, Sturgeons or any other Fish by whatsoever name or names they or any of them are or shall be called or known, hunting, hawking, fowling & all other singular other prerogatives rights commodities Jurisdictions royalties privileges franchises liberties preeminencies, marine power in & upon the Seas, Lakes & Rivers within the said province & other premises, AND also all Escheats Casualties Fflotzam Jetzam Logan, Anchorage & all other such duties Seils Islets perquisites & profits of Courts Deodands Waives & Strays, Goods of felons, & fugitives, Escheats casual, profits hereditaments & appurtenances whatsoever Situate lying being arising happening accruing or to be had taken or enjoyed or any ways appertaining or belonging upon or within or out of the said province of New hampshire, parcels of Lands Wood & wood grounds called Masonia part of said province of Main, or any of them of what kind or nature soever in New England aforesaid whereof wherein or whereinto the said Samuel Allen is seized possessed or have any Estate right title Interest equity of redemption claim or demand whatsoever And ALSO all the reversion & reversions Remainder and Remainders of & in all & every the hereditaments & premises in & by these presents granted or mentioned to be granted & all the Rents all the rate of sixpence, or any other

Sum by the Acre & all other cheifrents, quitrents or other rents reservations Services Issues & profits reserved due payable issuing or arising out of all & every or any of the said hereditaments & premises in & by these presents granted or mentioned to be granted, AND all royal & other Rights powers liberties authorities Jurisdiccions royalties benefits advantages & other matters & things whatsoever, And all the estate right title interest power authority claim & demand whatsoever of the said Samuel Allen of into or unto of all and every the said province tracts of Lands, Towns Villages habitabel places, heriditaments & premises in & by those presents granted or mentioned to be granted or any of them And also all deeds writings rentals accounts papers and Evidences whatsoever any ways relating unto touching or concerning the said hereditaments & premises, TO HAVE & TO HOLD, the said province of New Hampshire parcels of Land wood & wood grounds called Masonia, & all other the above granted & bargained premises, with their & every of their rights members & appurtenances, & every part & parcel thereof unto the said John Usher & his heirs & Assigns forever to his & their own & sole proper Use & benefit & behoof forever, PROVIDED always & upon condition nevertheless it being the true intent & meaning of these presents & parties to the same any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding that if the said Samuel Allen his heirs Executors administrators or Assigns shall & do well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named John Usher, his heirs Executors administ^r or Assigns at or in the dwelling house of the said John Usher situate on his Farm in Charlestown where he now liveth in current Money of New England as it now passeth in the Massachusetts province aforesaid the Sum of One thousand five hundred pounds in manner & according to the Articles & Agreement Signed by the abovenamed Samuel Allen & John Usher bearing date with the presents & that on or before the fourteenth day of October which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & three, without fraud coven or further delay, that then this present Indenture Sale, mortgage & Grant, & every clause & article herein contained shall cease determine be utterly void & of none effect or else to abide & remain in full force strength & virtue to all intents & purposes in the Law whatsoever. IN witness whereof the said parties have interchangeably set their hands & Seals the day & year first above written

Signed Sealed &
delivered in Boston
in presence of us.
Benj^r Elliot
Ja Meinziez.

Samuel Allen seal.

Boston February 16th 1703/4. Benjamin Eliot of full Age personally appearing before me the Subscriber one of her Majestys Justices of the peace within the province of the Massachusitts bay in New England made Oath that he Saw the within named Samuel Allen Esquire Sign seal & deliver the within written Instrument as his Act & Deed & that he the deponent together with James Meinzeis set to their names as witnesses of the Execution thereof

Jurat Cor. Is^a Addington

Entred & Recorded according to the Original

March 14th. 1703/4,

Sam^l Penhallow Recorder

Rockingham Records Lib 7, Fol 60 &^c

Attest Sam^l Brooks Redr

[*Governor's Speech and Answer, Feb. 10, 1703-4.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 31.*]

Province of } At a Council and General Assembly held at Portsm^o
New Hamp^r } by Adjournment on thursday the 10th day of Feb-
ruary 1703

Part of his Excellency's Speech to the General Assembly as Followeth Viz^t

GENTLEMEN /

I think it Alsoe proper to Acquaint you with her Majestys Commands which I have Receiv'd referring to M^r Allens title to the waiste of this Province as the Same is Conveyed to him from the Heirs of M^r Mason and to Acquainte you that Nothing will more Tend to your Quiet and Repose nor to her Majesty's Just Satisfaction referring to this Province then to have an Amicable and quiet Issue in that Matter

At a Council and General Assembly held at Portsmouth by Adjournment on Fryday the 11th of Feb^ry 1703

Part of The Assembly's Answer to the above Speech Viz^t—

As to What your Excellency has been Pleased to Communicate to us of her Majestys Commands referring to M^r Allen's Title to the Waiste of this Province we Humbly represent and Pray of your Excellency that it may be Said before her Most Sacred Majestie that we are Very Sensible of her Majesty's Princely regard and Justice to her Most Dutifull Subjects of this Province in the Last Tryall Between M^r Allen and M^r Waldron which has forever Obleided us

to a Sense of and Resolution in our Duty & Obedience to her Majesties that this Province is at Least Sixty miles Long and twenty miles Wide Containing 1200 Square miles and that the Inhabitants have only Claim to the Property of Such Land as is Contained within their Town Bounds which is Less than one third part of the Province and has been Posses't by them and their Ancestors for more than Sixty years but have Nothing to Offer as a greivance if the Other two thirds be Adjudged to M^r Allen but Shall be Glad to See the Same Planted and Settled for the Better Securitye & Defence of the whole withal Humbly Desiring it may be Considered how much time blood & treasure has been Spent to Settle and Defend this part of her Majesty's Dominion in New England and that the Cost and Labour bestowed thereon farr Exceeds the Present true Value of the Land So that we humbly Hope her Majesty's Intention is not to take Off the Herbage Timber and Fuell from the Inhabitants without which they Cannot Subsist and Less then the Bounds of their Present Towns which were but four in Number untill of Late two were Divided will not give Feed for their Cattle and Timber and Fuell Necessary it being not Usual in these Plantations to Fence much more of their Lands then Serves for Tillage & Leaving the Rest unfenced for the Feed of their Cattle in Common

Wee are well Assured Of her Majesties Gracious Regard to All her Good Subjects of this Province and Humbly Postrate ourselves at her Feet in this Affair of So Great Concernment to us

Vea Copia Drawn from the Council Book in the Secretary's Office Of this her Majesty's Province of New Hampshire the 14th Day of April 1707

☞ Cha: Story Secre^y

Province of }
New Hampshire } March 22 1747
Copy Examined
Copy Examined

☞ Geo Jaffrey j^r Cl
☞ Geo: Jaffrey Cl:

[*Deposition of Robert Pike, May 29, 1704.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 32.]

Major Robert Pike Esq^r Aged about Eighty Eight years Testifyeth and Saith that he was well Acquainted with Cap^t Walter Neale M^r Henry Josslin Cap^t Francis Norton M^r Sampson Lane when they Lived at Perscatuqua above fifty or Sixty years past att which time

they Lived at Perscataqua in the right of Cap^t John Mason And were Agents (as was reported) commonly for him or his heirs And that Cap^t Neale Lived in the Stone house att the Mouth of a Little River (near the Mouth of Perscataqua River) of Late Called Littell Harbour and was always Caed Cap^t Masons Stone house And that Some time Since one M^r Gee Lived in Said house in the right of Cap^t Mason and that afterward Joseph Mason Agent for M^{rs} Anne Mason the Widdow of Said Cap^t Mason lived att the Said house at the Mouth of the river aforesaid in Right of the Said M^{rs} Anne Mason aforesaid And that this Deponant Lodged one Night in Said house wth Said M^r Joseph Mason he being Employed by Said Joseph Mason to Assist him in M^{rs} Masons affaires above fifty yeares past And the Deponent further Saith that the above Named Cap^t Norton and one Cap^t Wannerton and Sampson Lane did all live in perscataqua upon the Right of Cap^t Mason but Cannot bee positive of the Name of the house they Lived in And that the Deponant bought of one Will Cots one of Cap^t Masons Servants an heifer for Which he paid Eighteen p^{ts} And that his wife before her Marriage bought of the other Servants three of Said Masons Cows and payed Seventy five pounds for them to M^r Gee and that there was then a Stock of Neat Cattel belonging to Cap^t Mason which said Norton Carried away and further Saith not—

Rob^t Pike

Province of the Massachusetts

Essex ss / Major Robert Pike Esq^r personally Appeared before me the Subscriber & Made oath to all above written this 29th Day of May 1704/

Attests Joseph Woodbridge Justice of the Peace

The above is Copy of that on File in a Case Allen v^s Waldron
Examined Geo: Jaffrey j^r Cl:

Meeting of committee on Allen's claim, June 4, 1704. State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 698.

[*Convention to Consider Allen's Claim, May 3, 1705.*]

[*Council and Assembly Records, April 26, 1705.*]

M^r Nathaniell Hill one of the House of Representatives brought upp the following Vote in haec Verba. —

Whereas his Excellency our Governour this day was pleased to

Communicate Unto the Representatives of this province the Consideration of the State thereof Referring To m^r Allens Claime, and that there was a faire oppertunitye of Ending of all differences thereabout left the Same to their Consideration./

Voted/ that the Constables of each Town within this province, be forthwith required to Convene the freeholders of their Respective Towns to meet at their usual place of meeting on Monday the thirtyeth of this Instant, by tenn of the Clock in the forenoone then and there to make Choice of two of their principal freeholders of each Town with full power from themselves and their Community to meet at portsmouth on Tuesday the first day of May by twelve of the Clock that day, to Joyne with the Rep^sentatives of this province, as a Committee to discourse, Debate, & determine what may be most advantageous for the benefitt of this province, relating to m^r Allens Claime of the Same./

April the 25^o 1705

past by the House of Rep^sentatives ¶ me

Sam^l Keais Clark

Eodem die

Consented to by his Excellency and Council

Cha: Story Secretary

[The following account of the proceedings of this convention is an extract from a "Representation of the Lords of Trade to King George II respecting New Hampshire, 1753," as contained in a volume in the office of the Secretary of State, labelled "Lords of Trade, 1753," with three other labels. ED.]

On the 3^d of May 1705 the Inhabitants and Terre-Tenants of the Province at a general Meeting held at Portsmouth came to the following resolution with respect to M^r Allens Title;

"That they had not on behalf of themselves nor any the Inhabitants of this Province, whom they represented, any Challenge or Claim to Any part of this Province extra the Bounds of the four Towns of Portsmouth Hampton Dover and Exeter with the Hamlets of Newcastle and Kingstown &c Appertaining, which were all comprehended by a Line, on the western part of Dover Exeter and Kingstown already known and laid Out, and Should be forthwith revised, but that the said Samuel Allen Esq^r his Heirs and Assigns might peaceably hold and enjoy the said great waste Containing 40 Miles in length and 20 Miles in Breadth or there abouts at the Heads of the four Towns aforesaid, if so should please her Majesty: and that the Inhabitants of this Province at all times Should be so

far from giving Interruption to the Settlement thereof, that they declare on their behalf and by the power given them that they desire by all Means, that the waste Might be planted and filled with Inhabitants the Lands being very capable thereof to whom they would all give their Assistance and encouragement as far as they were able.

That in case Samuel Allen should for himself his Heirs Executors &c for ever quit claime unto the present Inhabitants, their Heirs and Assigns for ever of all that Tract of Land and every part and parcell thereof with all privilages &c Situate lying and being within the severall Towns of this Province to the extents of the Bounds thereof, and also warrant and defend the same to the Inhabitants against all manner of persons whatever free from Mortgage Intailment and all Other Manner of Incumbrances; and that this agreement and the Lands therein Contained should be Accepted and confirmed by her Majesty, then and in such Case they agree to lot and lay Out Unto Samuel Allen his Heirs and Assigns for ever five Hundred Acres of Land Out of the Townships of Portsmouth; And Newcastle; 1500 Acres Out of the Township of Dover, 1500 Acres out of the Township of Hampton and Kings Town, And 1500 Acres out of the Township of Exeter; All which Lands should be laid out to him the said Samuel Allen Out of the Commonages of the respective Towns in such place or places not exceeding three places in a Town as Should be most convenient to M^r Allen and least detrimental to the Inhabitants of the Town—

And further they agree to pay Samuel Allen his Heirs or Assigns two thousand Pounds Current Money of New England, that is to say, one thousand Pounds within Twelve months after the receipt of her Majesty Confirmation of this their Agreement and the Other thousand pounds within Twelve Months after the first payment.

And further that all Contracts and bargains formerly made between M^r Mason and M^r Allen with any the Inhabitants or Other her Majestys Subjects, which were bonafide for Lands or other Privileges in the possession of their Tenants in their own just Right, besides the Claim of M^r Mason or M^r Allen and no Other shall be Accounted good & valid by these Articles; But if any the Purchasers, Lossees or Tenants should refuse to pay their just part of what Should be agreed to be paid, refering to this Affair in equal proportion with the rest of the Inhabitants According to the Land they hold for their Share should be abated by M^r Allen Out of the two Thousand Pounds payable to him by his Agreement.

And further that Upon M^r Allens Acceptance And Underwriting of these Articles they promised to give good Personal Security for the payments abovesaid.

And further that all Actions and suits in the Law depending or thereafter to be brought Concerning the premises Should cease, determine and be void, Untill her Majestys pleasure Should be further known therein "

These Propositions having been finally Settled and agreed to, were ordered to be presented to M^r Allen for his Acceptance; but his Death, which happened on the Next Day prevented it.

[*Deed, Allen to Hobby, Aug. 28, 1706.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 33.]

THIS INDENTURE made this eight & twentieth day of August in the fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen &c^a & in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & six, between Thomas Allen of the city of London Esquire only Son & heir of Samuel Allen late of the Province of Newhampshire within her Majestys Territory & Dominion of New England Esquire deceas^d of the one part, & Sir Charles Hobby of London, Knight of the other part, Whereas by Indenture bearing date the seven & twentieth day of April in the third year of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord & Lady King William & Queen Mary made & executed or mentioned to be made and executed between John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason Son of Robert Tufton Mason sometime of the parish of Saint Martins in the Fields in the County of Middlesex Esq^r deceased of the one part & the said Samuel Allen by the name of Samuel Allen of London Merchant of the other part In consideration of the Sum of Two thousand Seven hundred & fifty pounds of Lawful Money of England to them the said John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason, in hand paid by the said Samuel Allen & for divers other good causes & considerations them thereunto moving they the said John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason, & each of them did Grant bargain & sell unto the said Samuel Allen & his heirs, All that part purpart & portion of the main Lands of & in New England in America beginning from the middle part of Naumkeck River & from thence to proceed Eastward along the Sea coast to Cape Ann & round about the same to Piscataqua Harbour & so forwards up within the River Newichawonock & to the farthest head of the said River & from thence northwest till Sixty Miles be finished from the first entrance of Piscataqua Harbour & also from Naumkeck thro the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty

Miles from which period to cross over Land to the Sixty Miles End accounted from Piscataqua through Newichawonock River to the Land Northwestward aforesaid And also all that the South half of the Isle of Sholes together with all other Islands & Islets as well embayed as adjoining lying or butting upon or near the premises or any part or parcel thereof within Two leagues distant not otherways granted to any by special name at any time before the eighteenth day of April One thousand six hundred thirty & five. All which part & parcel of Lands Islands & premises are called by the name of Newhampshire or the province of Newhampshire. And also all that other parcel or portions of Lands woods & wood Grounds lying on the Southeast part of the River of Sagadehock on the northeast part of New England aforesaid at the mouth or Entrance thereof containing there Ten thousand Acres which said other parcels of Lands is called & known by the name of Masonia And also that part & portion of Land in the province of Main in New England aforesaid beginning at the Entrance of Nechawanick River & so upwards along the said River & to the farthest head thereof, & to contain in breadth through all the length aforesaid three miles within the Land from every part of the said River & half way over the said River. And also all that part of the Sea coast of New England aforesaid being a great head of Land or cape & lying in the northermost part of the Massachusetts Country & to the northeastwards of the great River of the Massachusetts stretching & lying between the Latitude of Forty two & forty three degrees or thereabouts & commonly called & known of Trabiganda or Cape Ann with the north South & East Shores & Coasts thereof the back bounds thereof towards the main Land beginning at the head of the great River to the Southward of the said Cape which runs into the Country of the main Land upwards Westward & supposed to be called Narrinck or by what other name or names the said River then was or might be called & so forth Eastward into the Sea & to the utmost parts of the said head Land, or Cape & round about the same to the northward & from thence along the Sea Coasts to next great River which runs up into the main Land westward & Supposed to be called Merrimack & lying to the northward of the said Cape & to the farthest head of the said River from which period to cross over Land to the head of the other great River which lyes Southward of the aforesaid Cape, where the perambulation began & half way over that is to say to the midst of either of the said two rivers which bounds or limits the aforesaid Lands both on the North & South thereof together with the great Isle or Island called Island Mason lying near or before the bay or harbour Agawom together also with all the Sects Isles or

Islands adjoining to any part of the precincts of the Lands aforesaid or lying within three Miles of any part of the same which said part of the Sea Coast, great head Land or Cape with the appurtenances were commonly called or known by the name of Maryan, And also all those Lands & countrys lying adjacent or bordering upon the great Lake or Lakes, or Rivers commonly called or known by the name of the River & Lake or Rivers & Lakes of Iroquoise together with the Lakes & Rivers of Iroquots, & other nations adjoining the middle part of which Lake is situate about the Latitude of forty four or forty five degrees reckoned from the equinoctial Line northwards. And also all the Lands Soils & Grounds within Ten Miles of any part of the said Lakes or Rivers on the Southeast part thereof & from the west End or side of the said Lakes or Rivers so far forth to the west as shall extend half into the next great Lake to the Westward & from thence Northwards unto the North side of the main River which runneth from the great & vast western Lakes & falleth into the River of Canada, including all the Islands within the precincts or perambulation described which said of Lands Rivers lakes with the appurtenances are commonly called & known by the name of the province of Latonia And also all those Towns villages ports or places called Portsmouth Hampton Dover Exeter Little harbour Greenland Salisbury Old Salisbury Concord Sudbury Reading Billerica Gloucester Cape Ann Town Ipswich Wenham Newbury Rowley Haverhill Andover Bisstown Woburn & all other Towns villages & habitabel places situate & being in the said province of New hampshire And the said John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason did also grant unto the said Samuel Allen his heirs & Assigns divers other Lands & parcels of Land Creeks Havens Harbours Bays ports Rivers Mines & minerals as well royal as base, Jurisdiction, Royalties privileges & other Things as by the said in part recited Indenture relation being thereto had may more fully appear, AND WHEREAS, the said Samuel Allen is lately dead by whose Death all & singular the aforesaid Lands & premises are descended & come & do descend & come to the said Thomas Allen party to these presents only Son & heir at Law of the said Samuel Allen, And Whereas by Indenture bearing date the one & thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & five made or mentioned to be made between the said Thomas Allen of the one part & Carlton van Brugh of London merchant of the other part, The said Thomas Allen for & in consideration of the Sum of Two hundred & fifty pounds of lawful Money of England to him in hand paid by the said Carlton Van Brugh the said Thomas Allen did grant unto the said Carlton van Burgh his heirs & assignns one

full fourth part both in quantity & value of all & every the Countries provinces Mannors Tracts portions or parcels of Land, Islands Islets Towns villages habitable places meadows pastures woods Lands Tenements Rivers waters, Piscaries, Liberties Commodities Royalties prerogatives & hereditaments whatsoever which were granted bargained & sold or intended to have been granted bargained & sold by the said John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason to the said Samuel Allen as aforesaid. As also one full fourth part of all other the Lands Tenements & hereditaments whatsoever of him the said Thomas Allen situate & being within the said province of Newhampshire or elsewhere within his Majestys territory & dominions of New England as by the said in part recited Indenture relation being thereunto had doth & may more fully & at large appear And whereas the said two hundred & fifty pounds last mentioned was the proper money of the said Sir Charles Hobby & the said Carleton van Burghs named in the last mentioned Indenture was only made use of in Trust for the said Charles Hobby. Now this Indenture WITNESSETH that for & in consideration of the Sum of Two hundred & fifty pounds of good & lawful money of England to him the said Thomas Allen in hand paid by the said S^r Charles Hobby before the ensealing & executing these presents the receipt whereof the said Thomas Allen doth hereby acknowledge & of the farther Sum of Five hundred pounds lawful & current Money of New England by one Obligation or writing obligatory under the hand & Seal of the said Sir Charles Hobby & bearing even date with these presents secured to be paid to the said Thomas Allen hath granted bargained & sold & by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said Sir Charles Hobby one other full fourth part the whole in four parts equally to be divided of all & every the said Countryes provinces Mannors Tracts portions or parcels of Land Island Isles Countryes Rivers waters Piscaries woods meadows pastures Lands Tenements & hereditaments whatsoever which were granted bargained & Sold by the said John Tufton Mason & Robert Tufton Mason to the said Samuel Allen. And also one full fourth part of all the Lands tenements & hereditaments whatsoever which of right did descend & come or did or do of right belong unto the said Thomas Allen as heir at Law of his said Father Samuel Allen deceas^d or otherwise however lying & being within the said province of New hampshire or elsewhere within his Majestys Territory & Dominion of New England. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, to the said S^r Charles Hobby his heirs & assigns forever to his & their proper use one full fourth part the whole in four parts equally to be divided of all & every the aforesaid Countryes, provinces, Mannors, Lands Tenements

hereditaments with their appurtenances, As also all his the said Thomas Allens right title estate interest claim & demand both in Law & Equity of in & to the said fourth part thereof. AND the said Thomas Allen for himself his heirs Executors & administrators & every of them doth grant covenant & agree to & with the said Charles Hobby his heirs Executors administrators & Assigns by these presents that he the said Thomas Allen hath not at any time made done suffered executed or committed or caused to be done suffered executed or committed any deed or deeds writing or writings Act or Acts thing or things whatsoever wherewith or whereby to grant bargain sell alien convey Assign lease demise charge mortgage incumber or dispose of any or either of the aforesaid Lands & premises, save only & alwise the excepted the said in part recited indenture to have been made & executed by the said Thomas Allen, to the said Carleton van Brugh & his heirs as aforesaid, AND, the said Thomas Allen for himself his heirs Executors & administrators & every of them doth farther covenant & agree to & with the said S^r Charles Hobby his heirs & Assigns by these presents that the said Thomas Allen & his heirs shall & will at all times hereafter make do & execute such other & farther deed & deeds writing & writings & such other Act & Acts thing & things whatsoever for the better & more effectual granting Assuring & mere making over & conveying to the said Sir Charles Hobby & his heirs according to the true intent & meaning of these presents, One full fourth part of all the aforesaid Lands & premises as by the said Sir Charles Hobby his heirs & assigns or by his or their Council learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised advised or required. IN witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & Seals the day & year first above written

Sealed & delivered
in the presence of
Micajah Perry
Chas Whichcote
William Wharton.

Thomas Allen Seal

Received the day & year first within written of the within named Sir Charles Hobby, the Sum of Two hundred & fifty pounds being the consideration money within mentioned to be paid to me I say received £ me

Witness
Micajah Perry,
Chas. Whichcote
W^m Wharton

Thomas Allen

£250.0.0

Indors^d Claus in par Scrip^t Dui Regine Tertio die Decembris Anno
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nuper Regis & Regine Gulielmi & Mariae Anglie & Sexto

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W^m Vaughan Recorder

Rockingham Records Lib 10, Fol 1, 2, 3 4, 5, 6—

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Attest Sam^l Brooks Redr

Case of Allen v. Waldron, Aug. 12, 1707, State Papers, Vol. 2,
pp. 514-562.

Address of the House of Representatives to Queen Anne, 1707-8,
State Papers, Vol. 3, p. 354.

Address of Governor, Council, and House of Representatives to
the Queen, Dec. 6, 1709, State Papers, Vol. 3, p. 415.

[*Record of Birth of John Tufton Mason, 1713.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 34.]

John, Son of John Tufton and Susanna his Wife, born 29 April,
1713.—

A true Copy from the Registry of Births within the Town of
Boston in New England.

Attest^r

Samuel Gerrish Town Cler

[*Mason Genealogy.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 36.]

Cap^t Jn^o Mason Esq^r Grantee of New Hampshire from K:
Charles 1th & the Councill att Plim^o Ann. 1629 & 1635

Ann only Daughter of John Married to Joseph Tufton Esq^r Had two Sons

John Tufton Mason Dyed Without Issue

Rob^t Tufton Mason Declared the Propriator By K. Charles: II: n^o 1:5 In the Settle^mt 1677 Presed Cutts Conc^a 1679 By the Kings Mandamus 1680 Dyed 1686 Leaving two Sons Vide: N^o 1. 2. 3 4: 5: 7

Jn^o Tufton Mason Dyed Not Being Married in Virginia

Robert Tufton Mason Lost at Sea 1696 Maryed to Katherine Wiggin Had one Son vide N^o 1: 2: 3: 4. 5 6

Elizebeth now alive

John Tufton Mason Dyed att y^e Havana Anno 1718

Tho^o Tufton Mason Under age

John Tufton Mason Eldest Son Now Living Being 25: years old 1738

Letter from Oliver Noyes and Elisha Cooke, administrators of the estate of Sir Charles Hobby, to Lt.-Gov. Vaughan, Jan. 30, 1715, State Papers, Vol. 17, p. 724.

[*Extract from Lt.-Gov. Vaughan's Speech, 1716.*]

[House Journal, Feb. 6, 1715-6.]

Gen^t

I have Another thing to Inform you but Whither It Concerns you As Representatives of your people I shal Not Determine but As you Are My Neabors I think it Incumbant to let you know That I have Received A letter from the Administra^rs of the Estate of S^r Cha: Hobby Decesed who As they Relate Did buy half the title to this Prov. how far It Respects you you May Consider they offer you the Purchase but I Am of Opinian Govern^t hath Nothing to Doe with purchases but Especially Not without his Maj^{ty} Royal Lycence had and Obtained * * *

[Council and Assembly Records, Jan. 11, 1716-7.]

Rich^d Waldron Esq^r Judge of Probates appeared at y^e Councill board & prayed the advice of his Excellency the Gov^r & Councill ab^t granting letters of administration to y^e Creditors of y^e estate of S^r Charles Hobby deceased—

[Council and Assembly Records, Jan. 12, 1716-7.]

Sam^l Penhallow & John Wentworth Esq^r were sent down to the house of representatives to inform y^t house that Rich^d Waldron Esq^r Judge of Probates had been at y^e Council Chamber to pray y^e advice of his Excellency the Gov^r & Council in a matter that is now before him as Judge of Probates (viz^t) the granting letters of administration to y^e Creditors of the estate of S^r Charles Hobby dec^d & to Ask their thoughts on this matter

[Council Records, Jan. 17, 1716-7.]

Elisha Cook and Oliver Noyes Esq^{rs} presented a Petition or rather Memoriall & Appeal to this board from Rich^d Waldron Esq^r Judge of Probates as this is the Supream probate of the Province

In Council

In Answer to the appeal and memorial of Elisha Cook and Oliver Noyes Esq^r ab^t the taking letters of Administration on y^e estate of S^r Charles Hobby deceased we are of opinion that Rich^d Waldron Esq^r Judge of Probates &c has done well to suspend the granting letters of Administration to y^e S^d Elisha Cook and oliver Noyes for the present—

[Council and Assembly Records, Jan. 17, 1716-7.]

The Clerk was sent down to the house of representatives to call them to the Council board in ord^r to a conference ab^t Col^o Waldron's proposal in granting letters of administration to y^e Creditors of S^r Charles Hobby deceased. they came accordingly. Col^o Waldron being sent for appeared also./—

The result of the Conference is that Col^o Waldron is advised not to grant lett^{rs} of Administration to the Creditors of y^e estate of S^r Charles Hobby deceased; for the present—

[Council and Assembly Records, May 15, 1717.]

Elisha Cook of Boston Esq^r appeared at this board and prayed that (whereas himself was a Creditor to y^e estate of S^r Charles Hobby deceased and had made application in Jan: last to have letters of Administration w^{ch} was Suspended for a time) that he might now have

administration on S^d Estate whereupon y^e Clerk was sent down to the house of representatives wth a vote for Suspending that affair two months longer

[House Journal, Oct. 12, 1717.]

Whereas we have been Inform^d y^t Oliver Noyes & Elisha Cook Esq^{rs} of Boston have had Administration Grant^d to them by y^e Judge of Probate, &ct for y^e Province on y^e Pretend^d Rites & Properties of s^r Cha^s Hobby Deceas^d & y^t y^e Bonds given for their Regular Administratⁿ was not sufficient

Whereupon it is y^e Desire of y^e whole house Present y^t y^e upper house who is y^e Supreame Judge of Probate &ct: would put a Stop to any farther proceedings in y^e affaire till y^e Interest of y^e Province be a litle Consult^d

[Council and Assembly Records, May 7, 1718.]

Col^o Rich^d Waldron Esq as Judge of y^e Court of Probate appeared at this board and prayed the Advice of His Excellency the Gov^r & Council relating to his granting letters of Administration on y^e estate of S^r Charles Hobby Dec^d unto the Creditors of S^d Estate the Advice of the board is that the matter be deferred till next week at w^{ch} time there may be an opportunity to Advise wth Mess^{rs} Dudley and Valentine Councill^{rs} at law on that head./—

[*Memorial of John Hobby, Nov. 22, 1726.*]

[Misc. Prov. and State Papers, Vol. 2, p. 156.]

Province of New Hampshire Novemb^r 22^d A. D. 1726

To The Honble John Wentworth Esq^r L^t Govr and Com^{ander} in Chief & y^e Honble the Council & Representatives in General Court Assembled

The Humble Memorial of John Hobby Son and Heir of S^r Charles Hobby

Sheweth

That your Memorialist has by Descent from his s^d Father S^r Charles Hobby a just right to half y^e Lands of this Province w^{ch} he purchased of M^r Thomas Allen Son and Heir of The Hon^{ble} Sam^l Allen Esq^r—

And now forasmuch as the main & principal parts of it are actually Settled by the Labours and at y^e great expense of y^e blood and treasure of the present Inhabitants Your Memorialist is therefore willing to make them very easy in their possession however they were induced at first to possess themselves wrongfully of them—

My business therefore at this present is to move this Hon'ble Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of y^e Province to Consult some proper methods whereby y^e Inhabitants may be Intirely Contented and at the same time I may not be utterly disinherited and lose my patrimony Among them.—

This is an Affair will doubtless be best Compromised in peace both for y^e safty of our estates and satisfaction of our Consciences and the Issue may be Gods blessing upon our Labours & the security of our persons from his Chastisements by the barbarous Heathen The only thing I can suggest at present as a leading Step to it will be (if this Hon'ble Court think well of it) to have a Com'ittee of some moderate & discreet persons appointed by this Court in behalf of the Inhabitants that we may freely and friendly debate the matter make mutuall offers & proposalls for an Accommodation & when we conclude if the matter be pleasing to y^e Inhabitants we shall ratifie them—

And I hope this Hon'ble Court will see the persons appointed (if they come into the proposal now made) be men of peace and Moderation willing to administer Justice altho' some temporal damage is sufferd by it for I determine to govern my self by such Advice, and if it be possible to prevent any further Contest & so I rest y^e Proposall before your Honour & y^e Hon'ble Court &c

John Hobby

[Council and Assembly Records, Nov. 23, 1726.]

John Hobby Esq^r Presented a Memorial To the Board Praying the Gen^l to appoint a Committe to Compound with him for his claim on one half of the Province which was read and sent down

[House Journal, Nov. 24, 1726.]

A Memoriall of M^r John Hobby son and heir at Law to S^r Charles Hobby: Relateing to a Right bo^l by the said S^r Charles of m^r Thomas Allen was read: and the Cl^r sent to the said Hobby for the Deed that allen Gave: which was alsoe Bro^d into the house: and then the

house Sent two messengers to Desier a Conference with the Board in the afternoone:

Eod^m Die: A Message from the Board ꝑ G Jaffrey & R Wibird Esq^r with an Answer to the Desier of the house in the Morning for a Conference on M^r Hobbys Mem^o. It was his Pleas^r that the house attend at the Board on that affaire: Then m^r Speaker and the house went up accordingly & had a Conference & returned:

[Council and Assembly Records, Nov. 24, 1726.]

This day a Conference was held at the Council Chamber upon M^r Hobbys Memorial which being over the House withdrew to their own apartment—

[House Journal, Nov. 29, 1726.]

The vote of the Council of the 25th Ins^t Relating to m^r John Hobbys Memoriall was Read and Nonconcur'd

[Council and Assembly Records, Nov. 30, 1726.]

By Mr Dennet y^e following Vote

In the House of Represen^t

The Memorial of John Hobby Esq^r having been Considered in this House. The House are of opinion y^t the Laws of the Province are Sufficient to determine any controversie with respect to any title of land lying wthin the Same. and It being unpresidented for this House to take any Cognisance. where the Title of land is determinable by the Courts of Common law within this Province—

Voted Therefore That the Said Memorial be dismiss

9^{br} 30th 1726

Jam: Jeffry Cler Assem

In Council Eod^m die

Read and Concurr'd

R Waldron Cler Con—

[*Memorial of John Tufton Mason, June, 1738.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 37.]

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^r Captain General and Governour in chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, the hon^{ble} the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled May 31 1738—

The Memorial of John Tufton Mason now residing at Boston Mariner—Sheweth

That John Mason of London Esq^r, in the Years 1620, 1629 and 1635 had several Grants and Conveyances of the Province of New Hampshire and other Lands made him by the Council of Plimouth

That in the year 1635, the said John died, leaving behind him four Grandchildren, by his Daughter Ann (who intermarried Joseph Tufton Esq^r) namely Ann, Robert, John & Mary—and by his last will and Testament, duly proved and approved at London and of Record there as also in the Province of New Hampshire (among other things) devised his Estate in America to his Said Grandsons, thereby ordering them to take the Name of Mason and that the Estate continue in that Name—

That upon the Restoration of King Charles and afterwards, in the Year 1677, the said Robert (his brother John being dead without Issue) petitioned for the Settlement of the Line of New Hampshire and obtained the Same and was declared the Heir of the said John Mason and to be the Proprietor of the said Province—the Said Robert also Dying left two Sons namely John & Robert the Second John being Dead Childless

That some Years after, the Second Robert died, suddenly, leaving one only son and heir, who went early to Sea and died about twenty Years Since, leaving your Memorialist an Infant

That your Memorialist understanding the said Line or Boundary is about being resettled at Home, and being desirous to be present at the Determination of the Controversy between the two Provinces, in order to prevent his own Property's being affected thereby, thought it proper to acquaint your Excellency and Hon^{ors} with his Intention, that so, if any thing just and equitable may be thought of proper to be done by and between this Province and your Memorialist, it may be brought about; which is the hearty Desire of and humbly Submitted to your Excell^{cy} and Hon^{ors} by

Your most humble servant

Boston June 1738

[*Opinion of John Read and Robert Auchmuty, June 16, 1738.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 38.]

John Tufton masons Case

1629 Nov^r 7 The President and Council Establish^t at Plim^o for the planting & Governing of New England Granted to Captain John mason of London Esq^r all that part of the main

Land in New England from the Middle of Merimack River along the Sea Coast to Piscataqua River up that river to the farthest head thereof & from thence Northwestwards till three score miles be finisht from the Entrance of Piscataqua River and from merimack thro' that river to the farthest head thereof & so forwards up into the Land westward till three Score miles be finished & from thence to Cross over Land to the three Score miles and accounted from Piscataqua River together with all the Islands within five miles of the premises with the appurtenances w^{ch} the Said John mason with their Consent intended to name Newhampshire to hold to the said John mason & his heirs

1635 april 22: The President and Council aforesaid Grant to the said John mason all that part of New England from the middle of neamkek River along the sea Coast round Cape Ann to Piscataqua harbour & up the river Newichawannack to the farthest head thereof and from thence northwestward till Sixty miles be finisht from the Entrance of Piscataqua harbour and from Neamkeck thro' the river into the Lands west sixty miles from which period to Cross over Lands to the sixty miles and Accounted from Piscataqua aforesaid and y^e south half of the Isle of shoals & all other Islands within five Leagues of the premisses all to be Called Newhampshire, also another parcel of land lying on the South East side of Sagadahock at the mouth of the river Containing near ten thousand acres to be Called by the name of masonia to hold to him & his heirs

N B: S^r w^m Jones & S^r F^{rs} Winington att^{vy} & Sol^r Gen^l in their report in favour of Robert Mason Grandson of John mason his title to Newhampshire mention another Grant from the Said President and Council to Captain John mason Dated 9th march 1^o20 which I have not Seen

1635 Nov^r 26 Captain John mason by his last will Devised to the mayor and commonality of Kingslyn 2000 Acres of Land in his County of Newhampshire or mannor of mason Hall in New England which his Executrix & overseers should think most fit Item to his Brother in Law John Wollaston 3000 Acres of Land in his County of Newhampshire or mannor of mason Hall where his Said Brother & Executrix should think fit to hold to him and his heirs Item to his Grandchild Ann Tufton masonia to hold to her & her heirs Item to his Grandchild Robert Tufton his mannor of mason Hall to hold to him & his heirs provided he alter his sirname & sirname himself mason first Item to John Wollaston aforesaid 2000 acres of land in his County of Newhamp^r in trust to Convey 1000 to some feoffee in trust towards the maintainance of a Godly minister in Newhampshire & the other 1000 to some feoffee towards the maintainance of a

free Grammer school in Newhampshire Item to his Grandchild John Tufton all the rest of his mannors Messuages lands tenements and heriditaments in his County of Newhampshire or Else where in New England to hold to him & the heirs of his body Lawfully to be begotten Remainder to Robert Tufton & the heirs of his body Remainder to his Cosin Doctor Robert Mason & the heirs males of his body & for want of such Issue to revert to the Donor & his heirs provided his Grandchild John Tufton shall alter his surname & surname himself mason first provided also the said John Tufton Shall pay his Sister mary Tufton out of the mannors messuages lands & Tenements aforesaid £500 Sterling for her Preferment in marriage &c &c & on the 2^d of Dec^r following his Will was proved in y^e prerogative Court of Canterbury & Admintm Granted to Ann his widow & Ex^t—

1677 John & ann Grandchildren died without Issue & their Estate come to Robert Tufton mason accordingly for whom King Charles 2^d Settled y^e bound Line between New Hampsh^r & y^e mass^a Bay & he died leaving two Sons John & Robert

1691 April 27 John & Robert Tufton mason bargained & sold to samuel Allen of London merchant for a sum of money all Newhampshire as bounded in their Great Grandfathers Grant of 1635. & Masouia also part of the Province of main the Countrey marianua Province of Laconia & Several Towns in Newhampshire as heretofore described with the appurtenances deeds & Charters thereof to hold to him & his heirs Then John died without Issue

That Robert Tufton mason Surviving Great Grandson of Cap^t John mason lived & died at Portsm^o of Piscataqua about forty years ago Leaving his Eldest Son John Tufton mason & several other children & this John Tufton mason about 20 years after died Leaving one only child John Tufton mason of Boston Marriner who Claims the Province of Newhampshire & would Compound with the Province of the massachusetts Bay all differences between them Amicably—

Q upon the whole what Intrest hath this John Tufton mason in Newhampshire & to what purpose & Effect can the Province agree with him & in what maner Execute it—

A— So much as the President & Council aforesaid Conveyed to Cap^t John mason for Newhampshir^e except the Lands southward of merrimack River & within three miles of it on the northerly side which was before Conveyed to y^e Inhabitats of the Colony of the massachusetts & Except 7000 acres particularly devised & the manor of mason Hall the bounds & Contents whereof I know not, I say all the rest of Newhampshire Cap^t John mason by his will devised to

his Grandson John Tufton mason intail gen^l Remainder to his Grandson Robert Tufton mason intail Gen^l with remainders over y^e right has properly remained descended & Come to this John Tufton mason of Boston marriner the alienation of his Great uncle & Grandfather aforesaid notwithstanding which Could be of no avail after their death—

S But if at their death his father was of full age it is so many years ago that his suit is Effectually bared by stat. 21 Ja^s 1. C. 10. which requires him or his heirs to bring it within 20 years after the title accrued at the farthest—

and if he Ever came of age he or his heirs could have but ten years after he was of age or after his death to bring this suit which must be Elapsed in this time & their suit intirely bared for which only reason I am of opinion this Province can neither gett nor lose by him & his title aforesaid—

Jn^o Read

I conceive the right properly deccends to John Tufton mason of Boston marriner the alienation aforesaid notwithstanding & am of opinion the statute of Limitations aforesaid will not be held of it-selfe to extend to New England being an act not affirmative of the Com'on Law but Introdictive of a new Law & that against the Comon Law in abridgem^t of the Gen^l right the party has of pursuing & beyond twenty years Asserting his property & from the Express heads of the statu: the same appears to be Confined to the realm of England—

John Tufton mason can't Convey but for his life time & not yⁿ being out of possession till he regains the same—

whatever fruit y^e Province may Expect from his Title must be by proper powers

Rob^t Auchmuty
Boston 16 June 1738

[*Deposition of Mary Manfield, June 27, 1738.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 39.]

The Deposition of Mary Manfield aged about eighty nine Years— Testifyeth & Saith that I Very well Remember when M^r Robert Tufton Mason came into New England & that he brought with him Into this Country two Sons John & Robert as they were So Reputed or Judged to be & that Robert the Younger Married with

one M^{rs} Katherine Wiggins & by her had a Child whither a Son or daughter Saith not—

her
Mary M Manfield
mark

Prov: New } June y^e 27th 1738
Hamp^r } The above Named Mary Manfield Personally
appear'd & Made Oath to the truth of the above Deposition taken
in perpet^m Rei Memoriam
before

Sha^d Wallton } J: peace
Jos Simpson } Unus Quor^m

[*Depositions of Martha Trefethen and Deborah Jones, June 27, 1733.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 40.]

The Deposition of Martha Trefethen aged about Sixty Six Years—
Testifyeth & Saith That I well Remember M^r Robert Tufton Mason
& that he had two Sons Named John & Robert as they were So
deputed or Judged to be he Called y^m Sons & they Called him Father
& Saith that Robert the Younger Married M^{rs} Katherine Wiggins as
was Supposed they lived together as man & wife & had a Child for
which Child I acted as a Nurse & y^e Child was a daughter & further
Saith Not—

her
Martha O Trefethen
Mark

Province } June 27th 1738
New Hamp^r } The above Named Martha Trefethen personally
appeared & made Oath to the truth of y^e above deposition taken in
perpetuam rei Memoriam before

Sha Walton } J: peace
Jos: Simpson } Quor^m Unus

The Deposition of Deborah Jones aged about Seventy two Years
—Testifyeth & Saith That I very well Remember M^r Robert Tufton
Mason & that he Married M^{rs} Katherine Wiggins as was Supposed
they lived together & had three Children Named John (who was
born before I lived in the house) Elizabeth & Katherine who was
born when I was present & that Katherine died when She was about
two or three Months old

her
Deborah V Jones
Mark

Prov: } June 27th 1738
 New Hamp^r } The above Named Deborah Jones personally
 appeared and made Oath to the truth of the above deposition
 taken in perpetuum rei Memoriam before

Sha^d Walton } J peace
 Jos: Simpson } Quorum Unus

[*Certificate and Depositions, 1738.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 47.]

[seal] BY His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER Esq^r Captain General & Governour in Cheif in & over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

I DO hereby Certify that Samuel Thaxter, William Dudley, Thomas Palmer, & Anthony Stoddard Esq^{rs} are Justices of the Peace & of the Quorum for the County of SUFFOLK within the Province aforesaid, & that William Pepperell Esq^r is a Justice of the Peace and Quorum, & Richard Cutt Esq^r a Justice of the Peace for the County of York in said Province, which said Justices are empowered by Law to take the Proof of Matters upon Oath; And that full Faith & entire Credit is & ought to be given to their respective Acts & Attestations (as contained on the Papers hereunto annexed) both in Court & without.

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have Caused the Publick Seal of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid to be hereunto affixed, DATED at Boston the twentieth day of July 1738. In the twelfth year of His Majesty's Reign.

J Belcher

By His Excellency's Command.
 J Willard Sec'ry.

Rockingham Records Received 18th March 1789.
 Recorded Lib 124, Fol 499, Examined

Sam^l Brooks Recorder.

The Honor^{ble} Sha Walton of New Castile in y^e Province of New Hampsh^r Esq^r aged Seventy Eight years being Sworne Do on Oath declare that he well knew Robert Mason Esq^r otherwise call^d Robert Tufton Mason Esq^r who I understood was One of y^e Kings Council for New Hampsh^r & Claimer of the Soil of the S^d Province & have heard that the S^d Robert Leased out much of y^e Land in s^d Province

& have seen one made to my Father George Walton Late of S^d New Castile, and that he had two Sons John & Robert Tuffton Mason they coming altogether from England about y^e year 1680 or 1681 & that his younger son Robert Marry^d with M^{rs} Katharine Wigen and were reput^d to be man & wife & had Children y^e first born was a Son call^d John who I understood follow^d the Sea and further I have heard & did understand that the s^d John & Robert sons as abovesaid went a Voyage to Virginia where John was Drowned & was never Marryed as y^e Depon^t ever heard of and that y^e S^d Robert was Lost going a Voyage from New Hampsh^r to the west indias upwards of forty years Since—

Sha Walton

York ss / July 10th 1738: this day y^e above nam^d Sh^d Walton Esq^r personally appear^d & Made Oath to all above written taken in perpetuam rei memoriam before

W^m Pepperrell } Justices of y^e peace
Richd Cutt } Quorum Unus

Rockingham Records Rec^d 18th March 1789
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Sam^l Brooks Rdr

Margret Pastry Aged ab^t 64 years Testifieth & Saith that she Well Knew Robert Tuffton Mason Esq^r the Claimer of the Province of Newhampshire ab^t the Years of 1686: when s^d Edmund Andros was Govern^r of the Territory of New England in the Regin of his Maj^{ty} K: James the second And that the s^d Robert wth sev^l other Gentlemⁿ went wth the s^d S^r Edm^d Andros to his Government of New York & Albany, And that y^e Deponant was Inform^d that the s^d Robert Dyed at sopas upon Hudsons River between the Cittys of New York & Albany in his s^d Journey

Margrett Pastree

Province of the Massachusetts Bay
Boston 12th July 1738

Then Personally appearing before mee the Subscriber one of His Majestys Justices of the Peace for the Province abovenamed M^{rs} Margerett Pastree the above Depon^t & made oath to the Truth of the Declaration by her Subscribed

W^m Dudley

Rockingham Records Received 18th March 1789.
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Sam^l Brooks Rdr

M^{rs} Elizabeth Allcock aged Seventy one years being Sworne do's on Oath declare that she knew Robert Tufton Mason Esq^r & that he came over in this Country upwards of fifty years past & that there was two Young men w^{ch} came here that was his reput^d Sons call^d John & Robert Tufton Mason & I have heard that he Claimd y^e Province of New Hampsh^r & that his younger son Robert Marry^d with M^{rs} Katharine Wiggin & were reput^d to be man & wife & had Children the Eldest of w^{ch} was a Son call^d John who I understood follow^d y^e Sea, and I never heard that John Son of y^e above s^d Robert was ever Married

Eliz^a Allcock

York ss: July: 10th 1738

this day the above nam^d M^{rs} Eliz^a Allcock personally appear^d & made Oath to all Above written taken in perpetuum rei memoriam before

W^m Pepperrell } Justices of y^e peace
Rich^d Cutt } Quorum Unus

Rockingham Records Received 18th March 1789.

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Sam^l Brooks Rdr

The Deposition of Susanna Martyn late Tufton Mason is as followeth

That in the Year of our Lord 1711 I was Married to John Tufton Mason of Boston Marriner, Some Time before of Portsmouth in the Province of Newhampshire, who was Son of Robert Tufton Mason of the Said Province, by his Wife Katherine whose Maiden Name was Wiggin, and with whom this Depon^t was well acquainted, and has been often at her Home in Newhampshire Dureing her Life, & while She was the Wife of the Said John, and has heard her former Husband Said Tufton Mason often Complain to his Mother that the Papers and Evidences of his Title to the Lands of Newhampshire were Secreted from him, and that he Suffered great Injustice by being kept out of his Right, which Grieved my Said Husband very much. I have farther often heard him Declare that his Father Dying when he was Young, his Mother the aforesaid Katherine, Bound him out to a Master of a Ship one Eliot in Order to follow the Sea, and being for the most part of his Time, from Nine Years old untill I Married him, at Sea, was the Reason he knew little of his Father's Concerns, and Claims to the Province of Newhampshire. And although he desired of his Mother to be let into the Knowledge thereof, yet She Denied it, Seeming always rather In-

clin'd to keep him in Ignorance, in Order, as the Depon^t understood, to Serve her Daughter, my Said Husbands Sister. and the Depon^t further Says that John Tufton Mason my Said Husband, had born of my Body his Eldest Son John; the 29 of April 1718. And the Deponent further Declares that her Said Husband John Tufton Mason being at the Havanna in the Spannish West Indies in the Year 1718 there Dyed——

her
Susannah S Martyn
mark

Suffolk: ss: Boston July: 19th 1738.

M^{rs} Susannah Martyn personally appearing made Oath to the truth of the above declaration by her Signed, taken in perpetuum rei Memoriam

Before Tho^s Palmer } Justic^{clis} Pac^s and
Anthony Stoddard } of Quorum

Rockingham Records Received 18th March 1789

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Sam^l Brooks Rdr

The Deposition of Joseph Sherburn Jun^r of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire Marriner Son of the within Named Henry & Sarah Sherburne. Testifieth & saith That he well knows John Tuftan of Boston Marriner now about twenty five Years of Age whom he has known from an Infant about Six Months Old & who was the reputed Son of John Tuftan Mason sometime of Ports mouth and last of Boston Marriner, with whom also he was very well Acquainted and who dyed at the Havanna about twenty Years ago. That the said last mentioned John Tuftan Mason was the reputed Son of Robert Tuftan Mason by his Wife Catherine, whose Maiden Name was Wiggin. And that he hath always heard from those that were well acquainted; that the said Robert Tuftan Mason was the Son of Robert Tuftan Mason Esq^r formerly of London who Claimed the Province of New Hampshire.

Jo^s Sherburn

Suffolk ss. Boston July 4th 1738.

Cap^t Joseph Sherburne personally appearing made Oath to the truth of the above declaration by him Signed, taken In perpetuum Rei memoriam

[Samuel Tha]xter } Just: of Pac^s
[Anthony Stod]dard } & of the Quorum

[Certificate and Depositions, 1788.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 48.]

By His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER Esq^r Captain
 [seal] General & Govern^r in Cheif in and over His Majestys
 Province of New Hampshire in New England.

I DO hereby Certify that Shadrach Walton and Richard Waldron
 Esq^{rs} are Justices of the Peace & of the Quorum, & Joseph Simpson
 & Moses Leavit Esq^{rs} are Justices of the Peace within the Province
 of New Hampshire aforesaid, which said Justices are impowered by
 Law to take the Proof of matters upon Oath; And that full Faith &
 entire Credit is and ought to be given to their respective Acts &
 Attestations (as contained in the Papers hereunto annexed) both in
 Court & without

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have Caused the Publick Seal of the
 Province of New Hampshire afores^d to be hereunto affixed; DATED
 at Boston the twentieth day of July 1788. In the twelfth Year of
 His Majesty's Reign

J Belcher

By His Excellency's Command,
 Rich^d Waldron Sec^{ry}

Rockingham Records Received 18th March 1789.
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Sam^l Brooks Recorder

Henry Sherburn of Portsmouth In New Hampsh^r In New England
 aged seventy two years, and Sarah his wife aged sixty nine, and
 Susanna Johnson of Greenland in said Province aged Sixty four
 years, personally appeared before us the Subscribers and voluntarily
 made oath, that they were acquainted with Robert Tufton Mason of
 Portsmouth aforesaid, who departed this life upward of forty years
 agoe; That in the time of their acquaintance with him, he was Mar-
 ried to Katharine Wiggin, sister of the abovementioned Sarah and
 Susanna, and that It was reputed that the said Robert had several
 Children by the said Katharine his wife, one of which was John Tuf-
 ton Mason who was reputed the first born of the said Robert, and
 further, that the said John Tufton Mason departed this life about
 twenty years agoe

Taken In perpetuam Rei Memoriam—

Cor^m { Rich^d Waldron } Justices of the peace
 { Moses Leavit } & Unus Quorum

Portsmouth In New Hampshire
 May 27. 1788.—

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Sam^l Brooks Rdr

The Deposition of M^r Richard Cutts & Joanna his wife aged y^e one about Seventy eight Years the other about sixty nine Years— Testify & Say that we well knew & were well acquainted with M^r Robert Tufton Mason & that he had two Sons Named John & Robert as they were so deputed or Judged He called them his sons & they called him their Father—and

Joanna his Wife further saith that Robert Tufton Mason y^e Younger son of Robert Tufton Mason was Married to one M^{rs} Katherine Wiggins as was Juded for they lived together as Man & Wife & that She was well acquainted with them soon after they were married & that they had two Children John & Elizabeth J: E: they were Called their Children & Judged so to be further saith—

Richard Cutt
Jannah + Cutt

June 27—1738

Prov: } Richard Cutt & Joanna his wife personally ap-
New Hamps^r } peared & Made Oath to their above Several De-
positions taken in perpetuan Rei Memoriam—
before

Sha Walton } J: peace
Jos: Simpson } Quor^m Unus

Rockingham Records Received 18th March 1789
Recorded Lib 124 Fol 503 Examined

Sam^l Brooks Rdr.

The Deposition of M^r William Kelly aged about Sixty Six Years— Testifyeth & Saith That I well Remember M^r Robert Tuftin-Mason & that he had two Sons Named John & Robert as they were so deputed or Judged to be & that Robert the Younger Married with one M^{rs} Katherine Wiggins & by her had two Children a son whose Name was John & a daughter further saith not—

W^m Kelly

Province } June 27th 1738
New Hamps^r } The above Named William Kelly personally
appeared & Made Oath to the truth of the above deposition taken
in perpetuum rei Memoriam—
before—

Sha Walton } Jus: peace
Jos Simpson } Quor^m Unus

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Examined

Sam^l Brooks Rdr.

[Mason's Quitclaim Deed to Massachusetts, July 1, 1733.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 43.]

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT Indented and made the first day of July, in the twelfth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c, annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty eight Between John Tufton Mason of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Marriner next Cousin and heir of Captain John Mason of London Esq^r Deceased of the one part And William Dudley, Samuel Welles, Thomas Berry Benjamin Lynde Jun^r, Benjamin Prescott, and John Read, Esq^r, Thomas Cushing and Thomas Hutchinson Gentlemen, and all within the Province aforesaid as Agents for, and in behalf of the Province aforesaid on the other part—WITNESSETH, That whereas His late Majesty King James the first, by his Letters Patent dated the third of November in the eighteenth year of His Reign, Gave and Granted to the President and Council Established at Plymouth in the County of Devon for the Planting and Governing of New England in America. All that part of America lying in breadth from forty degrees to the forty eighth degree of northerly latitude and in the length throughout the main land from Sea to Sea with the Islands and seas adjoining To HOLD to them their Successors and assigns forever—and afterwards the s^d President and Council on the seventh of November in the fifth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Charles the first, by their Deed Indented under their com'on Seal, bargained and sold to the said Captain John Mason, all that part of New England lying on the Sea coast begining at the middle of Merrimack river and proceeding northwards along the Sea Coast to Piscataqua river, and up that river to the furthest head thereof, and from thence northwestwards till three score miles be finished from the first entrance of Piscataqua river, and also from Merrimack river through the said river to the furthest head thereof, and so forwards up into the lands westward till three score miles be finished, and from thence to cross over land to the three score miles end accompted from Piscataqua river with the Islands within five leagues distance of the premisses, which he with their consent intended to name New-hampshire To Hold to him his heirs and assigns forever—and afterwards on the twenty sixth of November, in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King Charles the first, the said Captain John Mason made his last will in due form of Law, and thereby (among other things)

Devised the premisses to his Grand-Child John Tufton and the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, and the remainder to his Grand Child Robert Tufton and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, appointing his said Grand Children to alter their Sirname and name themselves Mason, and died, and the said John Tufton altered his Sirname and named himself Mason and died without issue, and the said Robert altered his Sirname and named himself Mason, entred and held the premisses, and from him the same descended to John Tufton Mason his Eldest son and heir, from him to Robert Tufton Mason his Brother & Heir, from him to John Tufton Mason his Eldest son & Heir, and from him to John Party to these presents, his eldest Son and heir—Saving that the President and Council aforesaid on the nineteenth of March in the third year of the reign of His late Majesty King Charles the first by their Deed indented under their common Seal, bargained and sold to Sir Henry Rosewell & others all that part of New England lying between Merrimack river and Charles river and all the lands lying within three English miles to the northward of Merrimack river, or to the northward of any and every part thereof, and all the lands lying within the limits afores^d north and south in latitude, and in longitude of and within all the breadth afores^d, throughout the main land from the Atlantick sea in the east, to the south sea in the west, with the appar^{ces} To HOLD to them their heirs assigns and associates forever, which His late Majesty King Charles the first by His Letters Patent on the fourth of March, in the fourth year of His Reign, Confirmed to them their heirs and assigns making them a Body Politick by the name of the Governour and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England; and their late Majestys King William and Queen Mary by their Letters Patent, on the seventh of october in the third year of their Reign, Confirmed to the Province of the Massachusetts bay

And the Governour and Company of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay afores^d thro' mistake of their Grant from the President and Council aforesaid and Confirmation of His said late Majesty King Charles the first both Prior to the purchase of Captain John Mason aforesaid, apprehending their northern boundary was a due west line from the Atlantick to the south sea runing three miles to the northward of any and every part of Merrimack river, therefore in the Settlement of several Towns upon Merrimack river, inclosed within their bounds as granted Surveyed and recorded in the publick records of the said Colony, part of those lands that lye to the northward of some parts of Merrimack, more than three miles distant from the said river viz^t within the bounds of Salisbury two thousand

acres, Almsbury two thousand five hundred acres, Haverhill ten thousand acres, Methuen five thousand five hundred and fifty acres, and Dracut three thousand six hundred and twenty five acres, making in the whole twenty three thousand six hundred and seventy five acres—

But afterwards on the twenty sixth of July Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and seventy seven upon the petition of Robert Mason, the first abovementioned, and others, claiming the Soil and Government of part of the lands aforesaid, His late Majesty King Charles the second in Council Determined, that the north bounds of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay so far as the said river extends should follow the course of the said river, but when that known boundary determines the breadth should be carried on by an imaginary line on that side to the south Sea, but determined nothing concerning the Title of the land three miles distant from the said river on the north side of it; whereupon, first the said Colony, and after the said Province of the Massachusetts Bay have ever since held themselves to these boundarys, Saving that no Person for these sixty years last past and more, entering and claiming those twenty three thousand six hundred seventy five acres of land aforesaid in Salisbury, Almsbury, Haverhill, Methuen & Dracut, the Proprietors and Inhabitants of those Towns have continually possessed and enjoyed them till this time thô they lye more than three miles to the northward of Merrimack river—

NOW THEREFORE in Consideration of the sum of five hundred pounds in hand received of the said William Dudley, Samuel Welles, Thomas Berry, Benjamin Lynde Jun^r. Benjamin Prescot John Read, Thomas Cushing and Thomas Hutchinson Agents for, and in behalf of the s^d Province of the Massachusetts Bay, the said John Tufton Mason doth by these presents Ratify and Confirm the boundary line between his lands of New Hampshire and the lands of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid settled by his late Majesty King Charles the second in His most Honorable Privy Council on the twenty sixth day of July one thousand six hundred and seventy seven—And further the said John Tufton Mason for himself and his heirs Doth remise release and forever quitclaim to the Inhabitants and Proprietors of the several Towns of Salisbury, Almsbury, Haverhill, Methuen and Dracut, all those several parcels of land aforesaid lying within the bounds of their respective Towns aforesaid, and more than three miles to the northward of Merrimack river, in their actual possession now being **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said twenty three thousand six hundred and seventy five acres of land aforesaid with the appurtenances to them the Inhabitants and

Proprietors of the aforementioned Towns, to them their heirs and assigns forever—

And further the said John Tufton Mason for himself his heirs Executors and Admin^{rs} Doth hereby Covenant promise and grant to and with the said William Dudley, Samuel Welles, Thomas Berry, Benj^r Lynde Jun^r Benjamin Prescott, John Read, Thomas Cushing and Thomas Hutchinson Agents for, and in behalf of the said Province, and with their heirs Executors & admin^{rs} That he the said John Tufton Mason and his heirs shall make suffer and execute, all such further and other assurances and Conveyances in the Law for the Establishment of the boundary line aforesaid and Conveyance and assurance of the lands Tenements and Hereditaments afores^d now in the possession of the several Inhabitants of Salisbury, Almsbury, Haverhill, Methuen and Dracut afores^d, as by their Council learned in the Law shall be reasonably Devised and required, So as that the several Tenants of those twenty three thousand six hundred and seventy five acres of land afores^d their heirs and assigns may be forever quiet and secured in the enjoyment thereof; and he the said John Tufton Mason and his heirs, and all others claiming or to claim by force of the will afores^d may be forever bard and precluded from the same, the Intail, remainders, and limitations in that will notwithstanding—

And further the said John Tufton Mason doth hereby Covenant promise and agree to and with the said William Dudley, Samuel Welles, Tho^s Berry Benjamin Lynde Jun^r, Benjamin Prescott, John Read, Thomas Cushing and Thomas Hutchinson Agents for, and in behalf of the said Province, That he will with all convenient speed proceed from hence to London, Present himself to Francis Wilks Esq^r and Richard Partridge Agents of this Province there attend upon them from time to time, and by their advice and direction do every thing proper and necessary there to be done for the Establishment of the line afores^d, and quieting the possessious of the Inhabitants and Proprietors afores^d in the Towns aforesaid, and return home again as soon as they shall permit him—

And the said William Dudley, Samuel Welles, Thomas Berry, Benjamin Lynde Jun^r, Benjamin Prescott, John Read, Thomas Cushing and Tho^s Hutchinson agents for, and in behalf of the said Province Do by these presents Covenant promise and agree to and with the said John Tufton Mason. That they will bear and pay all his reasonable charge and expence during his voyage thither, attendance there, and return home again with his Passage forth and back. In witness of all which the Parties aforementioned to these presents

have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year aforesaid—

Signed Sealed & Deliv ^d	W ^m Dudley & a seal
in presence of us	Samuel Welles & a seal
Rowland Houghton	Thomas Berry & a seal
Rich ^d Hubbard	Benj ^a Lynde Jun ^r & a seal
W ^m Willard	John Read & a seal
	Thomas Hutchinson Jun ^r & a seal

[*Josiah Willard to Francis Wilks, July 24, 1738.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 49.]

Sir—

By Order of the Governour & Council, & Pursuant to a Vote of the General Assembly, I have drawn upon you for £5. Sterling for the Passage of M^r John Tufton Mason to be paid to M^r John Teague of Bristol the Owner of the Ship in which he goes: This M^r Mason is sent over at the Charge of the Province to be present at the hearing on the Affair of the Line, and therefore the Governour & Council desire that you would answer his Draughts on you for a Sum not exceeding four Guineas for the Charges of his coming up to London.

Your humble Servant

Boston July 24, 1738.

J Willard

To Francis Wilks Esq^r in London

[*Tripartite Agreement, April 6, 1739.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 50.]

ARTICLES of Agreement Tripartite indented made concluded & agreed upon the sixth day of April in the twelfth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland king Defender of the faith & so forth & in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty nine BETWEEN John Tufton Mason of Boston in New England but at present of & residing in London in the kingdom of Great Britain Gentleman of the first part John Rindge Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth of the Province of New Hampshire in New England Esquires of the Second part & John Thomlinson of London Merchant of the third part

WHEREAS the said John Tufton Mason alledgeth that he is & claims to be the Eldest Son & heir at Law of John Tufton Mason deceased the Eldest Son & heir of Robert Tufton Mason deceased the Brother & heir of John Tufton deceased the Eldest Son & heir of Robert Tufton Mason deceased one of the Grand Sons of Captain John Mason heretofore of London Esquire deceased & the Devisee in remainder valued & appointed in the Will of the said Captain John Mason on the Decease of John Tufton Mason the other Grandson of the said Captain John Mason & Elder Brother of the said last mentioned John Tufton Mason without Issue both Children of Ann the only Daughter of the said Captain John Mason by John Tufton Esquire her husband and WHEREAS the said John Tufton Mason party hereto in the right aforesaid alledgeth that he is & claimeth to be well entitled by or under some or several Letters Patents from the Crown of Great Britain & some or several Grants from the Patentees or otherways to a certain Tract of Land in New England called New Hampshire lying upon the Sea Coast between the Rivers of Naumkeck & Pascattaway & running up into the Land Westward three score Miles with all the islands lying within five Leagues distance of any part thereof & also the South half of the Isles of shooles or to such part of the said premisses as hath not been legally & in due form of law sold disposed or conveyed away by any of the Ancestors of him the said John Tufton Mason AND WHEREAS the Government of the said Province of New Hampshire by Virtue of some Grant or Grants from the Crown or otherways & the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth partys hereto & several other persons Inhabitants of the said Province by Virtue of some Grants or Conveyances from the said Government of New Hampshire or otherways have acquired or claim to have a Right to sundry large Tracts of Land within the said Province they the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth & also sundry such other persons Inhabitants of the said Province have at a very great Expence cleared built & made Settlements upon the Lands in their respective occupations NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS that for the quieting the Government of the said Province & the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth & the other Inhabitants of & so settled in the said Province in the possession of the several lands & premises of which they by themselves or their Tenants are now possessed & for confirming their respective Rights therein & for & in Consideration of the Sum of Seven pounds seven Shillings of lawful mony of Great Britain to the said John Tufton Mason in hand paid by the said John

Thomlinson party hereto as Agent for the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth the other partys hereto the receipt whereof the said John Tufton Mason doth hereby acknowledge & also for & in Consideration of the Sum of One thousand pounds Current mony of the said province of New Hampshire to be paid to him the said John Tufton Mason by the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth or the Government of the said province as is herein after mentioned he the said John Tufton Mason HATH covenanted promised & agreed & hereby DOTN for himself his heirs Executors & Administrators covenant promise & agree to & with the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth their heirs & Assigns in manner & form following that is to say that in Case the Government of the said Province of New Hampshire however named or distinguished or the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth their Heirs or Assigns or any or either of them within Twelve Calendar Months after the said province of New Hampshire shall be confirmed declared or made to be a distinct & seperate Government from the Province of the Masathusets Bay do & shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Tufton Mason his heirs or Assigns the Sum of One thousand pounds Current money of the said province that then & in such case he the said John Tufton Mason his heirs or Assigns at the Cost & Charges in the Law of the party or partys requiring the same & in due form of Law as shall be required by the Council learned in the Law of such party or partys shall & will well & sufficiently release or otherways convey unto the Government of the said province by such name or description as shall be in that behalf thought proper or advised & unto the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggin George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth their heirs & Assigns & unto such other person & persons & his & their heirs & Assigns as shall then be in possession of any Lands tenements & hereditaments within the said Province by or under Title derived from or under the Government of the said Province or any person or persons in Trust for the said Government All the Estate right title Interest property benefit Claim & demand whatsoever both in Law & Equity of him the said John Tufton Mason his heirs & Assigns in to or out of All & singular the Lands tenements & hereditaments scituate within the said province of New Hampshire of which the government of the said Province by whatsoever name distinguished or any other person or persons in Trust for the said Government or of which the said John Rindge Theodore Atkin-

son Andrew Wiggain George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth their heirs or Assigns or of which any other person or persons under title derived from or under or In Trust for the Government of the said Province shall severally & respectively be by themselves or their Tenants possessed PROVIDED ALWAYS & Subject nevertheless to a Condition that in all & every future Grants that shall be made from & after the payment of the said Sum of One thousand pounds of any Waste Lands not thentofore granted or allotted to any person or persons there be always granted & Allotted unto the said John Tufton Mason his Heirs & Assigns a Lot or share equal in proportion to any other party or partys to or amongst whom such Grant or Allotment shall be made or given AND the said John Tufton Mason doth hereby for himself his Heirs Executors & Administrators further covenant promise & agree to & with the said John Ringe Theodore Atkinson Andrew Wiggain George Jefferys & Benning Wentworth their Heirs & Assigns that he the said John Tufton Mason & his heirs & all & every other person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under him the said John Tufton Mason or his Heirs any Estate Right Title or Interest in to or out of the premisses hereby agreed to be released & conveyed shall & will at all or any times hereafter at the Costs & Charges in the law of party or partys requiring the same make do & execute all & every such further Acts Deeds matters & things for the further & better establishing & confirming the Agreement hereby made as by the Council learned in the law and of such party or partys shall be in that behalf reasonably advised or required IN WITNESS whereof the partys first above named have to these present Indentures interchangeably set their hands & Seals the day & year first above written—

John Tufton [seal] Mason

Sealed & delivered (being first duly stamped) in the presence of—

W^m Richardson
Edw^d Montagu

[Endorsed] Dated the 6 day of April 1739

M^r John Tufton Mason &
John Rindge Theodore Atkinson } Articles
& others Esq^r

[*Massachusetts Committee to Interview John Tufton Mason, June 29, 1739.*]

[Mass. Archives. Vol. 5, p. 120.]

In Council June 29, 1739.

Whereas it is reported that John Tufton Mason who went for Great Britain the last Fall on the Affair of the Boundaries between this Province and the Province of New Hampshire on the Charge of this Province is returned hither, altho he has given no Acc^t to this Government of his Conduct in the Affair above mentioned nor of his Expence of the Money he has received by the Order of this Court for defraying his Charges.

Ordered that W^m Dudley, Anth^o Stoddard, Tho. Berry & Benj^a Lynde Esq^{rs} with such as shall be joined by the Hon^{ble} House of Represent^{ves} be a Committee to enquire of the said Mason of the Matters afores^d & report thereon. Sent down for concurrence.

J Willard Sec^{ry}

In the House of Rep^{tes} June 29, 1739

Read & Concurd & John Chandler Esq^r, M^r Tho^s Cushing Joseph Dwight Thomas Greaves & George Bunker Esq^{rs} Are joined in the affair

Consented to

J Quincy Sp^{kr}
J Belcher

[Council and Assembly Records, Oct. 30, 1744.]

His Excelency Sent the Secretary to the House with the Agreement made between M^r Thomlinson & others & M^r Tufton Mason for their Perusal & Consideration—

[House Journal, Dec. 19, 1744.]

Wednesday x^r the 19th A D 1744 the House met

M^r Sec^{ry} Bro^a a Mess^a viz that M^r Prescot was in Town and made out his Claime to some Small Arms—& to Know if the House would pay for them or Els he must return y^m and to Know what the House would do ab^t the Deed of M^r Mason—

[*Memorial of John Tufton Mason, Feb. 18, 1745.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 51.]

TO HIS EXCELLENCY Benning Wentworth Esq^r Governour & commander in cheif in & over His Majesty's Province of N Hamsh^r To the Honourable His Majesty's concill for said Province and House of Representatives in Generall Assembly Convened Febr'y 18th 1745—

THE Memorial of John Tufton Mason of Portsmouth in the Province of N Hampshire Gentleman Most Humbly shews that on the Sixth day of April 1739 [1739] Your Memorialist of the first Part, John Rindge Esq^r (now deceas'd) and others of the Second Part, and John Thomlinson of London Merchant of the third part, Did enter into Articles of Agreement Tripartite by way of Indenture (one part) of which namely that Signed by your Memorialist is herewith presented, the Substance whereof is, that whereas the Said John Thomlinson, had before the Date of said Articles of Agreement, as Agent for the said John Rindge & others paid unto your Memorialist Seven Pounds seven shillings Lawfull money of Great Brittain, and upon the said John Rindge and others or the Govern^tment of N— Hampshire, within twelve calender Months after the Province of New Hampsh^r should be confirmed Declared or made A Distinct and Seperate Government from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, paying unto your Memorialist one thousand pounds Currant money of said Province of N— Hampshire, Your Memorialist did covenant and Agree to convey unto the Govern^tment of N— Hampshire all his Estate Right Title Interest Property Benefit claim and Demand whatsoever both in Law & Equity unto any Lands in New Hampshire afores^d heretofore Granted unto one capt John Mason (Long since) deceas^d with a Proviso that in all future Grants or Allotments to be made of any of the West Lands therein contained Your Memorialists his heirs or Assigns should have an Equal Share or proportion to any other Party or Portys. to or amongst whom such grant or allotment should be made or given as by the said Articles of Agreement may at Learge appear, and Your Memorialist humbly begs leave also further to Observe, that the Province of N— Hampshire hath been declared and made A Distinct & Seperate Government from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay for more then four Years past and y^t your Memorialist hath ever since and still is ready on his part to comply with and perform his covenants and agreements afores^d, Yet nothing hath been done by the Govern^tment of N— Hampsh^r relating to the said Arti-

cles of agreement that your Memorialist hath come to the Knowledge of Notwithstanding, as your Memorialists has been Informed, His Excellency the Governour of this Province, some considerable time since Laid this Affair before the Honourable House of Representatives for this Province for their consideration WHEREFORE as your Memorialist expect in A Short time to be called away on his Majesty's Service. He most humbly Prays that your Excellency & Honours will be pleased to Come to a Determination concerning the Premises, That he may Discharge himself honourably both to the Province and M^r agent Thomlinson and that your Memorialist may be at Liberty to make such advantages as the nature of his Claim will admit of without being cheargable with making the least Infraction on his Obligation And Your Memorialist as in Duty Bound shall ever pray &c.

John Tufton Mason

In council Febr'y 22^d 1745 the within Petition read & Recommended

Theod^r Atkinson Secry

In council May 7th 1746 read again & Recomend'd & ord^d to be sent Down

Theodore Atkinson Secretary

Province of	}	a true Copy Exam'd
N— Hampsh		

[Council and Assembly Records, Feb. 22, 1745/6.]

Cap^t Tufton Masons Memorial About A Contract made with Mes^{rs} Thomlinson, Rindge & others in behalf of this Governm^t for the s^d Masons Rights &c^a Read Recomend'd & Sent down to the House by Mr Sheaff

[House Journal, May 7, 1746.]

Cap^t John Tufton Mason being admitted into y^e House upon his Desire & represented to y^e House y^t he, once & again had requested y^e Houses Determination on Certain Articles of agreement tripartite between John Thomlinson Esq^r &c & himself & now once more pray'd that y^e House would forthwith come to a Determination & give him their final & conclusive Answer

[*Lease, Mason to Wibird and Solly, May 16, 1746.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 53.*]

THIS INDENTURE made the Sixteenth Day of May in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a Annoq Domini 1746—Between John Tufton Mason of Portsmouth in New Hampshire in New England Esq^r of the one part & Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly both of Portsmouth aforesaid Esq^{rs} of the other part WITNESSETH That the Said John Tufton Mason in Consideration of Five pounds lawfull money of Said Province to him in hand paid by the Said Richard Wibird and Samuel Solly at or before the Sealing & Delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath bargained & Sold & by these Presents Doth bargain & Sell all that Tract & parcel of Land heretofore called by the Name of the County of New Hampshire or New Hampshire—lying & being within the Said Province Containing by Estimation one hundred thousand acres more or Less Bounded as follows viz—Begining at the Middle of Naumkeek River from thence Runing Eastward along the Sea Coast to Cape Ann & round about the Same to Piscataqua Harbour and so forward up within the River Newichawannock & to the farthest head thereof & from thence North Westwards till Sixty Miles are Finished from the first Entrance of Piscataqua Harbour And also from Naumkeek through the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty Miles & from that Period to Cross over Land to the Sixty Miles End Accounted from Piscataqua Harbour as aforesaid and all the Messuages Tenements & Hereditaments thereof with their & every of their Appurtenances Excepting & Saving out of the Said Premisses the Townships of Portsmouth Hampton Dover Exeter Stretham & New Castle with all the Parishes Districts precincts & Villages within the Said Townships any & every of them as the Said Townships Parishes Districts precincts & Villages are Limited & Bounded by the Acts Orders Records Customs & usages of the Said Province and also Excepting all that part of Said Premises Contained within the Bounds & Limits of the Townships Called Salisbury Almsbury Haverhill Methuen & Dracut any & every of them which is Situate within the Said Province with all & Singular the Messuages Tenements & Hereditaments Appertaining & belonging to any & every of the S^d Excepted premises & every part & parcel thereof with their & every of their Rights members Privileges & Appurtenances with all Mines Minerals Rivers Streams ways

Easements Privileges Profits & Commodities to the Said Granted & Released premises belonging or in anywise appertaining & all the Estate Right title Interest & property of the Said John Tufton Mason in & to the Said premises & every part & parcel thereof with the Reversion & Reversions Remainder & Remainders Rents & Services thereof or Incident thereto the Said County with all the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments & all & Singular the Said Granted premises with their & every of their Appurtenances to them the Said Richard WIBIRD & Samuel Solly TO HAVE & TO HOLD the Said County with all y^e Messuages Lands Tenements & Hereditaments & all & Singular other the Premises herein before mentioned or intended to be hereby bargained & Sold with their & every of their Rights members & Appurtenances unto the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly their Executors Administrators and Assigns from the Day next before the Day of the Date of these presents for & During the Term of one whole Year from thence next ensuing & fully to be compleat and ended YIELDING & PAYING therefore unto the said John Tufton Mason his Heirs & Assigns the Rent of one peper Corn only on the last Day of the Said Term if the Same Shall be Demanded TO THE INTENT & PURPOSE that by Virtue of these presents & of the Statute For transferring Uses into Possession the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly may be in the actual Possession of all & Singular the Said hereby bargained Premises with their Appurtenances & may ther'by be enabled to accept and take a Grant or release of the Reversion & Inheritance thereof to them & their Heirs in Such Manner and for Such uses intents & purposes as the Said John Tufton Mason Doth intend to grant or release the Same by Indenture intended to bear Date the Day next after the Day of the Date of these Presents WITNESS, my hand & Seal the Day & Year first above written—

Signed Sealed & —
 Deliver'd in presence
 of us the words
Solly both being first
 Interlin'd also the Words,
 as aforesaid, & Exeter.

William Parker
 D Peirce

Jn^o Tufton Mason [seal]

Province of } May the 20th Day 1746 then the above named
 New Hampsh^r } John Tufton Mason Personally appearing ac-
 knowledged this Instrument to be his voluntary act & Deed Before
 William Parker Justice of the Peace—

[*Indenture for Docking the Entail, May 17, 1746.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 52.*]

THIS INDENTURE Tripartite made the Seventeenth Day of May in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a Anno Domini 1746—Between John Tuf-ton Mason of Portsmouth in New Hampshire in New England Esq^r of the first part & Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly both of Ports-mouth aforesaid Esq^{rs} of the Second part & John Wentworth of Portsmouth aforesaid Esq^r of the third part WITNESSETH That the Said John Tuf-ton Mason for the Docking barring & cutting off all Estates Tail & Remainders in Tail of & in the Messuages Lands buildings Mills Streams tenements & Hereditaments herein after Mention'd & Described & for the Settling & Assuring of the Same to & for the Uses Intents & purposes herein after Limited expressed and Declared & in Consideration of five pounds lawfull money to him in hand paid by the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly the Receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledged & for Divers other Good Causes & Considerations hereunto moving he the Said John Tuf-ton Mason Hath Granted Bargained Sold Remised Released Convey'd & Confirmed & by these Presents Doth grant bargain Sell Remise Re-lease Convey & Confirm unto the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly (in their actual Possession now being by Virtue of a bargain Sale thereof to them made by the Said John Tuf-ton Mason by In-denture Dated the Day next before the Day of the Date of these Presents for one Year from the Day next before the Date of the Same Indenture in Consideration of five pounds lawfull money paid by the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly to the Said John Tuf-ton Mason (& by Force of the Statute for transferring uses into Pos-session) All that Tract & parcel of Land heretofore called by the Name of the County of new Hampshire or New Hampshire lying & being within the Said Province Containing by Estimation one hun-dred thousand acres more or Less Bounded as follows viz Beginning at the Middle of Naumkeek River from thence runing Eastward along the Sea Coast to Cape Ann & round about the Same to Piscataqua Harbour & So forward up within the River Newichawannock & to the farthest head thereof & from thence Northwestwards till Sixty Miles are finished from the first Entrance of Piscataqua Har-bour and also from Naumkeek thro' the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty Miles from which Period to Cross Over Land to the Sixty Miles End Accounted from Piscataqua Harbour as afore-

said & all the Messuages Tenements & Hereditaments thereof with their & every of their Appurtenances Excepting & Saving out of the Said Premises the Townships of Portsmouth Hampton Dover Exeter Stretham & New Castle with all the Parishes Districts precincts & Villages within the Said Townships any & every of them as the Said Townships Parishes Districts precincts & Villages are Limited & Bounded by the Acts orders Records Customs & usages of the S^d Province & also Excepting all that part of Said premises Contained within the bounds & Limites of the Townships called Salisbury Almsbury Haverhill Methuen and Dracut any & every of them which is Situate within the Said Province with all & Singular the Messuages tenements & Hereditaments Appertaining & belonging to any & every of the Said Excepted premises & every part & parcel thereof with their & every of their Rights Members Privileges & Appurtenances with all Mines Minerals Rivers Streams Ways Easements Privileges Profits & Commodities to the Said Granted & Released premises belonging or in anywise Appertaining & all the Estate Right title Interest & property of the Said John Tufton Mason in & to the Said premises & every part & parcel thereof with the Reversion & Reversions Remainder & Remainders Rents & Services thereof or Incident thereto. TO HAVE & TO HOLD the Said County with all the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments & all & Singular the Said Granted premises with their & every of their Appurtenances to them the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly their Heirs & Assigns To the use & Beboof of them the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly their Heirs & Assigns for ever YET nevertheless to the Intent that by Virtue of the Said Indenture of Bargain & Sale & of these Presents they the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly may become good & perfect tenants of the immediate Freehold & Inheritance of all & Singular the Said County with all the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments & all & Singular the Said Granted premises with their & every of their Appurtenances against whom a Common Recovery may be had perfected and executed in Such manner as is herein after mentioned. And thereupon it is Covenanted Concluded & agreed by and between all the Said Partys to these Presents for themselves their and every of their heirs by these presents in manner following that is to Say that they the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly Shall & will permit and Suffer the Said John Wentworth to Sue forth & prosecute against them the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly one Writ of Entry on Disseisin in the Post returnable before His Majestys Justices of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas at Portsmouth aforesaid on the first Thursday next following the first Tuesday of June next thereby

Demanding against the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly the Said County with all the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments & all & Singular the Said Granted premises with their & every of their Appurtenances thereto belonging or in any manner Appertaining by Such name & names number of Acres Quantitys Qualitys Terms & Discriptions in the Said Writ to be contain'd & in Such manner & form as by Counsel Learn'd in the Law Shall be Advised unto & upon which Said Writ of Entry so to be PROSECUTED & Sued forth the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly Shall appear Gratis and vouch to Warranty the Said John Tufton Mason who Shall appear Either in Person or by Attorney lawfully Authorized & enter into Said Warranty and after his entry into Warranty Shall vouch over to warranty the Common Vouchee who Shall likewise vouch and enter into the Said Warranty & Imparl and after Imparlance make Default & Depart in Contempt of the Court so that Judgment may be thereupon had & given for the Said John Wentworth to recover the Said County with all the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments & all & Singular the Said Granted premises with their & every of their Appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining against the said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly & for the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly to recover in value against the Said John Tufton Mason & the Said John Tufton Mason to recover in value against the Common Vouchee to the end one perfect Common Recovery with Double Voucher may be thereupon had and Suffered and all & every other thing & Things be done & perfected needfull & Convenient for the having and Suffering the same Recovery according to the Course of Common Recoverys in Such Cases used & the Same recovery is also to be executed by one Writ of Harbere facias Seisinam Accordingly. And it is hereby further Covenanted Concluded & agreed by & between all the Partys to these Presents for themselves and their Heirs & every of them that the Said Recovery so as aforesaid or in any other manner to be had & Sufferd of the Said County with all the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments & all & Singular the Said Granted premises with their & every of their Appurtenances thereto belonging or in any manner appertaining Shall be and Enure & Shall be Deemed Adjudged & taken & is meant and intended & by all the Said Partys to these Presents is hereby Declared to be and enure and the Said John Wentworth & his heirs from & Immediately after the perfecting the Same Shall stand Seized of all and Singular the Said County with all the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments & all & Singular the Said Granted premises with their & every of their Appurtenances thereto belonging or in any manner appertaining to & for the only

proper use Benefit & Behoof of the Said John Tufton Mason his heirs & Assigns for ever & to & for none other use Intent or purpose whatsoever—

IN WITNESS whereof the Partys to these Presents have hereunto interchangably Set their hands & Seals the Day & Year first Written

Sign'd Seald & Deliver'd in Presence of us the words both John Exeter his being first Interlin'd

Jn^o Tufton Mason [seal]

William Parker
D Peirce

Province of New Hampshire
Portsmouth May the 20th Day 1746 then John Tufton Mason within named Personally Appearing acknowledged this Instrument to be his Voluntary Act & Deed Before

William Parker Justice of the peace

[*Recovery by John Wentworth, 1746.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 55.]

Prov^o of } George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brit-
New Hamp^r } ain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &
To the Sheriff of our Province of New Hampshire his under Sheriff
or Deputy—Greeting.—

[Seal] We Command you that you Summon Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly both of Portsmouth within our Province of New Hampshire Esq^r, (if they may be found in your Precinct), to appear before our Justices of our Inte^r Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Portsmouth within and for our Said Province of New Hampshire on the first Thursday Next following the first Tuesday of June next then and there in our Said Court to Answer unto John Wentworth of Portsmouth afores^d Esq^r in a Plea of Entry upon a Disseizen in the Post whereⁿ he Demands of them all that Tract & Parcel of Land heretofore Called by the name of the County of New Hampshire or New Hampshire Lying & being within our Said Province Containing by Estimation one Hundred Thousand Acres more or Less Bounded as follows (Viz^l) Begining at the middle part of Naumkeck River from thence Runing Eatward along the

Sea Coast to Cape Ann & Round about the Same to Piscataqua Harbour and So forward up within the River Newichawannock & to the farthest head thereof & from thence North Westwards Till Sixty miles are finished from the first Enterance of Piscataqua Harbour and also from Naumkeek through the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty Miles from which Period to Cross over Land to the Sixty miles End accounted from Piscataqua Harbour as aforesaid and all the messuages Tenements and Hereditaments thereof with their & Every of their appurtenances Excepting & Saveing out of the Said Premises the Townships of Portsmouth Hampton Dover Exeter Streatham & New Castle with all the Parrishes Districts Precincts & Villages within the Said Townships any and Every of them as the Said Townships Parrishes Districts Precincts & Villages are Limited & Bounded by the Acts Orders Records Customs & usages of our Said Province and also Excepting all that Part of Said Premises Contained within the Bounds & Limits of the Townships Called Salisbury Almsbury Haverhill methuen & Dracutt any & Every of them which is Situate within our Said Province with all & Singuler the Messuages Tenements & Hereditaments appertaining & belonging to Any & Every of the Said Excepted Premises and Every Part & Parcel thereof with their & Every of their Rights members Prevedges & appurtenances into which Premises, (Excepting as before Excepted) they the Said Richard & Samuel have no Entry but after a Disseizen w^{ch} Hugh Hunt thereof unjustly & without Judgement Committed Against him within Twenty years Last past & whereof he Complaineth that the said Richard & Samuel still unjustly Deforce him and whereupon he Saith that he himself was Seized of the Said County of New Hampshire Lands Tenements and Hereditaments afores^d with the appurtenances (Except as before Excepted) in his own Right as of his Inheritance & Right in a Peaceable time in our Reign taking the Proffitt thereof to the Value of Three Thousand Pounds a year and into w^{ch} the Said Richard & Samuel have no Entry but after the Disseizen which Hugh Hunt thereof unjustly & without Judgement Committed Against him within Twenty years Last past & whereof they unjustly Deforce him & thereupon he brings this Suit and have you there this Writ with your doings therein Witness Theodove Atkinson Esq^r at Portsmouth the Twentieth Day of may in the 19th year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1746—

H Wentworth Cle^r

Prov^e of } may 20th 1746. I Summoned the within named
 New Hamp^r } Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly to appear & an-
 swer according to the Tenor of this Writ by Reading the Same to
 them

A True Copy att:
 John Wentworth

Tho^s Packer Sherr^t
 H Wentworth Cle^r

Prov^e of } At His Majesty^s Infe^r Court of Com'on Pleas
 New Hamp^r } Holden at Portsm^o In & for Said Province on the
 First Thursday Next following the First Tuesday
 in June being the 5th Day of Said month 1746—

PRESENT

The Hon^{ble} { Theodore Atkinson }
 William Moor } Esq^{rs} Just^s
 Joseph Peirce }
 Daniel Warner }

John Wentworth of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampsh^r
 Esq^r Pla^t adv^s

Richard Wibird & Samuel Solley of Said Portsmouth in Said
 Province Esq^{rs} Deft^s—

In a Plea of Entry upon a Diseizen in the Post wherein he
 Demands of them all that Tract & Parcell of Land heretofore Called
 by the name of the County of New Hamp^r or New Hampshire Ly-
 ing and being within the Said Province Containing by Estamation
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 the Same to Piscataqua Harbour & so forward up within the River
 Newichawonnock & to the fafthest head thereof & from thence
 North Westwards Till Sixty miles are finished from the first En-
 trance of Piscataqua Harbour, and also from Naumkeek through the
 River thereof up into the Land West Sixty miles from which Period
 to Cross over Land to the Sixty miles End accounted from Piscata-
 qua Harbour as aforesaid and all the Messuages Tenements & Heri-
 ditaments thereof with their and Every of their Appurtenances EX-
 CCEPTING & Saveing out of the Said Premises the Townships of Ports-
 mouth Hampton Dover Exeter, Streatham & New Castle with all the
 Parrishes Districts Precincts and Villages within the Said Town-
 ships Any and Every of them as the S^d Townships Parrishes Dis-
 tricts Precincts & Villages are Limmited and Bounded by the Acts

Orders Records Customs & useages of our Said Province and also Excepting all that Part of Said Promises Contained within the Bounds & Limmits of the Townships Called Salisbury Almsbury Haverhill Methuen & Dracutt Any and Every of them w^{ch} is Situate within our Said Province with all and Singuler the Messuages Tenements & Hereditaments Appertaining and belonging to any and Every of the Said Excepted Premises & Every Part and Parcel thereof with their and Every of their Rights members Priveledges and appurtunances into which Premises Excepting as before Excepted they the Said Richard & Samuel have no Entry but after a Disseizen w^{ch} Hugh Hunt thereof unjustly and without Judgement Committed against him within Twenty years Last past & whereof he Complaineth that the Said Richard & Samuel still unjustly Deforce him & whereupon he Saith that he himself was Seized of the Said County of New Hamp^r Lands Tenements & Hereditaments aforesaid with the appurtunances (Except as before Excepted.) in his own Right as of his Inheritance & Right in a Peaceable time in our Reign Takeing the Proffitt^s thereof to the Value of Three Thousand Pounds a year and into w^{ch} the Said Richard & Samuel have no Entry but after the Disseizen which Hugh Hunt thereof unjustly & without Judgement Committed Against him within Twenty years Last Past & whereof they unjustly Deforce him & thereupon he brings this Suit—

And the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solley come Personely into Court and Defend their Right w^{hen} &^{ct} and Vouch to Warrant the Said Tract of Land & County afores^d with all the Said Messuages Tenements and Hereditaments with their and Every of their Appurtunances (Excepting as before Excepted) John Tufton Mason Esq^r

Richard Wibird
Samuel Solley—

And the Said John Tufton Mason Esq^r being Present here in Court in His own Person Freely Warranteth the Said Tract of Land & County afores^d with all the Said messuages Tenements and Hereditaments with their & Every of their Appurtunances (Excepting as before Excepted) to them their Heirs & Assignes &^{ct}—

John Tufton Mason—

And thereupon the Said John Wentworth Esq^r Demandeth Against the Said John Tufton Mason Tennant by his Warranty the Said Tract of Land & County aforesaid with all the Said Messuages Tenements & Hereditaments with their & Every of their Appurtu-

nances (Excepting as before Excepted) in Form afores^d And whereupon he Saith that he himself was Seized of the Said Tract of Land & County afores^d with all the Said Messuages Tenements & Heriditaments with their & Every of their Appurtunances (Excepting as aforesaid) in his own Right as of his Inheritance & Right in a Peaceable Time of the Reign of our Lord the King that now is Takeing the Proffitts thereof to the Value of Three Thousand Pounds a year into w^{ch} the Said John Tufton Mason had no Entry but after the Diseizen which the Said Hugh Hunt thereof unjustly & without Judgement Committed Against him within Twenty years Last past and whereof the Said John Tufton Mason Still unjustly Deforceth him wherefore he brings this Suit—

John Wentworth—

And the Said John Tufton Mason Defendeth his Right when &^{ct} and further Calleth to Warrant the Said Tract of Land & County aforesaid with all the Said Messuages Tenements & Heriditaments with their and Every of their Appurtunances (Excepting as before Excepted) Michael Falker who is Present here in Court in his own Person—

John Tufton Mason—

And the Said Michael Falker being Present in Court in his own Person freely Warranteth the Said Tract of Land & County afores^d with all the Said messuages Tenements & Heriditaments with their & Every of their Appurtunances, Excepting as before Excepted) To the Said John Tufton Mason Esq^r

Michael Falker—

And hereupon the Said John Wentworth Esq^r Demandeth Against the Said Michael Falker Tenant by his Warranty the Said Tract of Land & County afores^d with all the Said Messuages Tenements and Heriditaments with their and Every of their Appurtunances, Excepting as before Excepted) in form afores^d & hereupon he Saith that he himself was Seized of the Said Tract of Land & County afores^d with all the Said Messuages Tenements & Heriditaments with their and Every of their appurtunances Excepting as aforesaid) in his own Right as of his Inheritance & Right in a Peaceable time of the Reign of our Lord the King that now in Takeing the Proffitt thereof to the Value of Three Thousand Pounds a year into w^{ch} the Said Michael Falker had no Entry but after the Diseizen which the Said Hugh Hunt thereof unjustly & without Judgement, Committed Against him within Twenty years Last Past & whereof the Said Michael Falker still unjustly Deforceth him wherefore he brings this Suit—

John Wentworth—

And the afores^d Michael Falker Tenaunt by his Warranty Defendeth his Right when &^{ct} and Saith that the afores^d Hugh Hunt did not Disseize the afores^d John Wentworth of the Said Tract of Land & County afores^d with all the Said Messuages Tenements and Heriditaments with their & Every of their appurtunances, Excepting as before Excepted as the Said John Wentworth by His Writ & Declaration afores^d above Supposeth & of this he Putteth himself on the Country &^{ct}

Michael Falker

And the Said John Wentworth asketh Leave therein to Imparle and hath it—

H Wentworth Cle^r

And afterwards the Said John Wentworth came again into Court this Same term in his own Person, and the Said Michael Falker Tho Solemnly Called Came not again but Departed in Contempt of the Court and made Default. Therefore It is Considered by the Court that the Said John Wentworth Recover his Seizen Against the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solley of the Said Tract of Land & County afores^d with all the Said Messuages Tenements and Heriditaments with their & Every of their Appurtunances Excepting as before Excepted) and that the Said Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly have of the Lands of the Said John Tufton Mason to the Value &^{ct} and the Said John Tufton Mason have Farther of the Lands of the Said Michael Falker to the Value &^{ct} and that the Said Michael Falker be in Mercy—

And hereupon the Said John Wentworth Prayeth the Writ of the Lord the King Directed to the Sheriff of the Said Province to Cause him to have full Seizen of Said Tract of Land and County afores^d with all the messuages Tenements & Heriditaments with their & Every of their Appurtunances, Except as before Excepted) and it is Granted to him Returnable here the first Thursday Next following the First Tuesday of September Next—

H Wentworth Cle^r

A Writ of Possession Granted 26th Day of July 1746. Returned Septemb^r 1746. full Seizen of the Foregoing Premises with the Messuages Tenements Heriditaments and Appurtunances &^{ct} given to the Said John Wentworth Esq^r

A True Copy att^d

H Wentworth Cle^r

Prov^s of } George the Second by the Grace of God of Great
 New Hamp^r } Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith
 &^{ct}—

[seal] To the Sheriff of our Province of New Hampshire
 Greeting

KNOW YOU THAT John Wentworth of Portsmouth
 in Said Province Esq^r in our Infe^r Court of Com^{on} Pleas Holden at
 Portsm^o In & for our Said Province of New Hamp^r on the First
 Thursday Next following the First Tuesday of June Last past By
 the Consideration of the Same Court Recovered his Seizen Against
 Richard Wibird & Samuel Solly both of Portsmouth afores^d within
 Our Province of New Hampshire Esq^{rs} of all that Tract or Parcell
 of Land heretofore Called by the name of the County of New Hamp-
 shire or New Hampshire Lying and being within our Said Province
 Containing by Estamation One Hundred Thousand Acres more or
 Less Bounded as follows Viz^t Beginning at the midle of Naumkeek
 River from thence Runing Eastward along the Sea Cost to Cape
 ann and Round about the Same to Piscataqua Harbour and So for-
 ward up within the River Newichawonock and to the farthest head
 thereof & from thence Northwestward till Sixty miles are finished
 from the first Entrance of Piscataqua Harbour & also from Naum-
 keek through the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty Miles
 from which Period to Cross over Land to the Sixty miles End
 accounted from Piscataqua Harbour as aforesaid and all the mes-
 suages Tenements & Heriditaments thereof with their & Every of
 their appurtunances: Excepting and Saving out of the Said Prem-
 ises the Townships of Portsmouth Hampton Dover Exeter Streatham
 & New Castle with all the Parrishes Districts Precincts and Villages
 within the Said Townships Any and Every of them as the Said
 Townships Parrishes Districts Precincts and Villages are Limmitted
 and Bounded by the Acts orders Records Customs & usages of our
 Said Province and also Excepting all that Part of Said Primises Con-
 tained within the Bounds and Limmits of the Townships Called
 Sallisbury Almsbury Haverhill Methuen & Dracutt Any and Every
 of them which is Situate within our Said Province with all and Sing-
 gular the messuages Tenements Heriditaments Appertaining & be-
 longing to Any and Every of the Said Excepted Premises and Every
 Part & Parcel thereof with their & Every of their Rights Members
 Preveledges & Appurtunances into which Premises, Excepting as
 before Excepted, By our Writ of Entry upon Disseizen in the Post—

And Therefore We Command that you Cause the Said John
 Wentworth Esq^r to have full Seizen of the Said Lands Messuages
 Tenements & Heriditaments thereof with their & Every of their

Appurtunances and make it Appear to our Justices of our Infe^r Court of Com'on Pleas Next to be Holden at Portsmouth afores^d on the First Thursday Next following the First Tuesday of September Next How you Execute this Precept, and have you there this Writ Wittness Theodore Atkinson Esq^r at Portsmouth The Twenty Sixth Day of July in the Twentyeth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1746—

H Wentworth Cle^r

Prov^s of } July 28, 1746 By Virtue of this Writ to me Diricted
New Hamp^r } on this Day I Caused the Said John Wentworth Esq^r
within mentioned to have full Seizen of the within mentiond Lands
Messuages Tenements & Heriditaments with the appurtunances
thereof as by this Writ I am Commanded

Tho^s Packer, Sherr^{tt}
H Wentworth Cle^r

A True Copy Att^t

Prov^s of } Portsm^o September 1746 The above and on the
New Hamp^r } Contra Side is a True Copy of the Writ of Possession
Recorded by

H Wentworth Cle^r

Prov^s of } Portsmouth August 21st 1747 The Foregoing Papers
New Hamp^r } being Nine in Number Contain a True Copy of the
whole Process wherein John Wentworth Esq^r was Pla^{tt} & Richard
Wibird & Samuel Solley Esq^{rs} were Deft^s in a Plea of Entry upon a
Disseizen in the Post—

Att^t £ Hunking Wentworth Clerk
of the Infe^r Court of Common
Pleas for the Province of New
Hampshire—

For the Copy of the Foregoing Pages is
also for Copying at Large in the books

New Tenor
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£1.—

Att^t H Wentworth Cle^r

[House Journal, July 29, 1746.]

Whereas this House at y^e Motion of Cap^t John Tufton have for some Time had an Agreement made between the s^d Mason & John Thomlinson Esq^r &c concerning y^e Purchasing y^e Right which said

Mason claims to y^e Province under Consideration *Resolved* that y^e S^d Agreement be forthwith Complyed with on y^e Part of this Government & that y^e Right which S^d Mason claims be purchas'd for y^e Benefit of the Inhabitants of this Province That according to s^d Agreement y^e S^d Inhabitants be quieted in their Settlements agreeable to y^e Grants of this Government & y^e West Lands be granted out by y^e Gen^l Assembly to y^e Inhabitants of Said Province as they Shall think proper—

Sent up by M^r Sanborn

[House Journal, July 30, 1746.]

Agreeable to a Resolve of this House of Yesterday

Voted That John Gage Esq^r & M^r Meshech Weare be a Committee of this House to join Such as may be appointed by the Hon^l Council to treat with Cap^t John Tufton Mason about fullfilling his Agreement made with M^r Thomlinson about conveying y^e Right S^d Mason claims to this Province to y^e Inhabitants & to draw up proper Instruments in order therefor & immediately lay them before y^e General Assembly

Sent up by M^r Sanborn

M^r Zeb Giddinge & Cap^t Israel Gilman beg^d Leave to Enter their Dissent to y^e Vote & y^e Resolve immediately foregoing & accordingly did Dissent

[Council and Assembly Records, July 30, 1746.]

Mr Sanburne from the House bro^t Up a Resolve (of the House of this Day) forthwith to Comply with the agreement made between John Thomlinson Esq & Cap^t John Tufton Mason concerning the right the s^d Mason Claims to this Province &c^a—

And alsoe A Vote for the Choice of A Committee Agreeable to the above S^d Vote to Treat with the S^d Mason about fullfilling the S^d Agreement—

[*Deed, Mason to Proprietors, July 30, 1746.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 56.]

To ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall come John Tufton Mason of Portsmouth within y^e Province of New-Hampshire in New-

England sendeth. Greeting KNOW YE that Captain John Mason heretofore of London Esq^r now Deceas'd by Vertue of Several Grants to him made by & under the Crown & several Confirmations & Ratifications thereof by y^e Crown claimed & held a certain Tract of Land Situate in New-England in America lying upon y^e Sea Coast between y^e River Merrimack & y^e River of Piscataqua & runing up Piscataqua River to y^e furthest Head thereof & from thence Northwestward until Sixty Miles are compleated & so runing up y^e River Merrimack Sixty Miles & then across y^e main Land to y^e End of y^e Sixty Miles aforesaid common called & Known by y^e Name of New-Hampshire which Grants & y^e Right Title & Inheritance of in & unto the same which did belong to y^e said Cap^t John Mason is now become y^e Estate in Fee of y^e said John Tufton Mason as he is Heir at Law of John Tufton Mason deceas'd who was y^e Son & Heir of Robert Tufton Mason deceas'd who was Grandson & Heir at Law of y^e Said Cap^t John Mason deceas'd And for & in Consideration of y^e Sum of fifteen Hundred Pounds of good & lawful Money of y^e Province of New-Hampshire aforesaid to me y^e Said John Tufton Mason in Hand well & truly paid by Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Samuel Moore Jotham Odiorne jun^r & Joshua Peirce Esq^r Nathaniel Meserve George Jaffrey jun^r & John Wentworth jun^r Gentlemen all of Portsmouth aforesaid & Thomas Wallingford of Summersworth in Said Province Esq^r & Thomas Packer of Greenland in y^e Province aforesaid Esq^r the Receipt whereof to full Content & Satisfaction I hereby acknowledge & thereof & of every Part & Parcel thereof I do exonerate acquit & discharge them y^e said Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Samuel Moore Jotham Odiorne jun^r Joshua Peirce Nath^l Meserve George Jaffrey jun^r John Wentworth jun^r Thomas Wallingford & Thomas Packer & all & every of their severall & respective Heirs Executors & Administ^{rs} for ever HAVE given granted bargaind & Sold & by these Presents do give grant bargain Sell aliene enfeoff make over convey & for ever confirm unto them the Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Samuel Moore Jotham Odiorne jun^r Joshua Peirce Nathaniel Meserve George Jaffrey jun^r John Wentworth jun^r Thomas Wallingford & Thomas Packer their Heirs & Assigns for ever in y^e manner & Proportion hereafter in these Presents mention'd All that my Right Title Interest Estate Inheritance Property Possession Claim & Demand whatsoever which I now have of in & unto all that Tract or Parcel of Land Situate in y^e Province aforesaid containing two Hundred thousand Acres more or less bounded as follows Viz^t beginning at y^e Mouth of Piscataqua River

thence up y^e Same to y^e farthest Head of Newichewannick River so calld & to the farthest Head thereof & thence Northwestward until Sixty miles be compleated from y^e mouth of Piscataqua River aforesaid y^e Place where it began & then from Piscataqua River aforesaid along y^e Sea Coast towards Merrimack River until it comes to y^e Boundary Line between y^e s^d Province of New-Hampshire & y^e Province of y^e Massachusetts-Bay then runing as y^e Said Boundary Line runs until Sixty Miles be compleated from y^e Sea then runing from y^e Westerly End of y^e Sixty Miles last mention'd across y^e Land to y^e Northerly End of y^e Sixty Miles first mention'd together with y^e Southwest Half of y^e Isles of Shoals with all my Right Title Interest Estate Inheritance Property Possession Claim & Demand whatsoever which I have of in & unto all & every of y^e Towns Parishes Precincts Districts Villages Buildings Woods Rivers Ponds Waters & Water Courses Stones Mines Quarries & Minerals & all Timber Trees within y^e Said Boundaries with all & every of y^e Priviledges & Appurtenances Proffitts Commodities & Accomodations to y^e Same & any & every Part & Parcel thereof in any manner belonging with y^e Reversion & Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues & Proffits to y^e Same & to any & every Part & Parcel thereof in any manner belonging & appertaining TO HAVE & TO HOLD y^e Said granted & bargain'd Premises with y^e Priviledges & Appurtenances as aforesaid in manner & Form following Viz' to the Said Theodore Atkinson three fifteenth Parts thereof to him his Heirs & Assigns & to y^e Said Mark Hunking Wentworth his Heirs & Assigns two fifteenth Parts thereof & to y^e Said Richard Wibird John Moffatt Samuel Moore Jotham Odiorne jun^r Joshua Peirce Nathaniel Meserve George Jaffrey jun^r John Wentworth jun^r Thomas Wallingford & Thomas Packer to each of them & their several & respective Heirs & Assigns for ever one fifteenth Part thereof for ever so that no Person or Persons claiming or that shall or may hereafter claim y^e Said granted & bargain'd Premises or any Part thereof from by or under me y^e Said John Tufton Mason shall have any Right Interest Inheritance Possession or Property whatsoever of in & unto y^e Same or to any Part or Parcel thereof forever hereafter Moreover Anna Elizabeth Mason y^e Wife of me the Said John Tufton Mason doth by these Presents give grant & surrender all her Right of Dower & Thirds in y^e Premises unto them y^e Said Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Samuel Moore Jotham Odiorne jun^r Joshua Peirce Nathaniel Meserve George Jaffrey jun^r John Wentworth jun^r Thomas Wallingford & Thomas Packer their Heirs & Assigns for ever In Witness whereof I y^e S^d John Tufton Mason & Anna Elizabeth my said Wife hereunto set

our Hands and Seals the thirtyeth Day of July in the twentyeth Year of y^e Reign of King George y^e Second Anno Domini 1746—

Signed Sealed & John Tufton Mason [seal]
 Deliver'd after y^e Words Anna Elizabeth Tufton Mason [seal]
 (all her Right of Dower
 & Thirds in the Premises)
 were interlined in y^e last
 Line of y^e Second Page in
 Presence of

Joshua Gilman }
 Noah Emery— }

Province of New-Hampshire July 30th 1746 Receivd of Theodore Atkinson Esq^r & others in y^e foregoing Deed mention'd fifteen Hundred Pounds y^e full Sum of y^e Consideration in this Deed mention'd—

£1500 .. 0 .. —

Jn^e Tufton Mason

Province of New-Hampshire Portsmouth July 31st 1746 Then John Tufton Mason Esq^r above named & Anna Elizabeth his Wife personally appearing before me y^e Subscriber one of his Majesties Justices of y^e Peace for said Province acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be their free Act & Deed—

Pierse Long—

Receiv'd August 27th 1746 & Recorded August 28 1746—

D Peirce Recd^r

Province of New-Hampshire A true Copy from Lib. 31 Fol 220 Examind this 23^d Day of May 1748—

D Peirce Recd^r

[*Proprietors' Quitclaim to Towns, July 31, 1746.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 57.]

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents shall come GREETING—
 KNOW YE that we Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Samuel Moore Jotham Odiorne jun^r Joshua Peirce Nathanael Messerve George Jeffrey Jun^r and John Wentworth Jun^r all of Portsmouth in y^e Province of New Hampshire in New England and Thomas Wallingsford of Somersworth and Thomas Packer of Greenland both of said Province Aforesaid—
 Diverse good causes and Considerations us hereunto Moveing have remised Released and Quit claimed and by these Presents for our Selves Each and every of us & all and each & Every of our Heirs Executors and administrators Respectively Do Remise Release and forever Quit Claim unto the Inhabitants and Proprietors of the sev-

erall Towns Precincts Parishes Villages & Districts hereafter named Lying and being within the Province aforesaid Viz^t Portsmouth Dover Exeter Hampton Gosport Kingstown Derry Chester Nottingham Barrington Rochester Canterbury Bow Chicester Epsom Barnstead—With all and every the Districts Parishes Precincts and Villages within y^e said Townships any and every of them and to their Successors Heirs and assigns forever Respectively in their Seisin and Possession now being as the said Townships Parishes Districts Precincts & Villages are Limited bounded and described by the acts orders Customs and usages of the said Province with all and Singular the Estate right Title Inheritance Claim and demand of us and each and every of us of in and unto the same and every part thereof to us in any manner Belonging Either to Houses Lands Rivers woods mines minerals and appurtenances Whatsoever Excepting and Reserving to our Selves and such of us and each of us our Respective Heirs and assigns all and each of our several and Respective rights Titles Inheritance & Possession which we heretofore had in Common or In Severalty as Inhabitants or Proprietors of Houses & Lands within any of the Towns Precincts Parishes Districts & Villages aforesaid in the same Manner as tho the above Release had never Been made—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above Remised And released premises with all the Priviledges and appurtenances to the same in any manner belonging to them the said Inhabitants and proprietors their Severall and Respective Successors Heirs & Assigns for ever According to their severall & respective Tenures Grants Privillidges and Possessions Excepting as before Excepted IN WITNESS Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals the Thirty first Day of July Anno Domini 1746 in the Twentieth year of the reign of King George the Second &c—

SIGNED SEALD and
delivered after the words
(of us and each and
every of us) were Inter-
lined—In presence
of us. Executed by
all Except Tho^s Packer
Esq^r before
Joshua Gilman
Noah Emery
signed Sealed & delivered
by Tho^s Packer Esq^r in
Presence of—
Richard Hart.
Noah Emery

Theod ^r Atkinson	[seal]
R Wibird	[seal]
John Moffatt	[seal]
Mark H ^s Wentworth	[seal]
Sam ^l Moore	[seal]
J Odiorne J ^r	[seal]
Josh ^a Peirce	[seal]
Nathaniel Meserve	[seal]
Geo: Jaffrey jun ^r	[seal]
John Wentworth j ^r	[seal]
Tho ^s Wallingford	[seal]
Tho ^s Packer	[seal]

Province of } Portsm^o July 31. 1746—then Theodore Atkinson
 New Hampshire } Richard Wibird John Moffatt Mark hunking
 Wentworth Jotham Odiorne jun^r Joshua Peirce Nath^l Meserve
 George Jaffrey Jun^r John Wentworth jun^r and Thomas Wallingford
 above named Acknowledged the foregoing Instrument to be their
 free Act & deed before me—

Pierse Long just: Peace

Province of } Portsm^o August 23^d 1746 Then $\frac{3}{4}$ Sonally ap-
 New Hamph^r } pear'd Sam^l Moore & Thomas Packer Esq^{rs} and
 Acknowledg'd The above Instrument to be Thier free Act & Deed
 before

Pierse Long just. Peace

Recorded Lib. 71, Fol. 175.
 Exam'd—

D Peirce Red^r

[House Journal, July 31, 1746.]

The Hon^l Mess^{rs} Atkinson Solly & Sheaf came down to y^e House & Said they were directed by y^e Council to inform y^e House that they had no material objection against y^e Resolve of the House of y^e 29th Instant & y^e Vote of y^e 30th Instant in Consequence thereof except y^e last paragraph of y^e Resolve Viz^t & that the West Lands be granted out by y^e Gen^l Assembly to y^e Inhabitants of S^d Province as they shall thing proper—for that they tho't S^d Paragraph was inconsistent with y^e Constitution & contrary to his Majesties Commission & Instructions to his Excellency Nevertheless if y^e House proposes to purchase of Cap^t Mason & afterwards address his Majesty for Leave to dispose of S^d Lands to y^e People in that manner they were content

[Council and Assembly Records, July 31, 1746.]

M^r Giddings from the House to Enquire weither the resolve & Vote of the House of Yesterday relateing to Cap^t Masons Claim were Acted upon—

The Council took the S^d resolve & Vote under Consideration & came to the following resolve Viz that they Are willing to joyn in a Comittee to Treat with M^r Mason & to make good the Agreem^t made

between M^r Thomlinson & M^r Mason but they Apprehend that the s^d Resolve of the House is not Agreeable to the S^d Agreement Particularly in the Last Clause mentioned that the Waste be Granted by the General Assembly which S^d resolve was Sent Down by Atkinson Solley & Sheaffe Esq

[House Journal, Aug. 1, 1746.]

Voted That Col Pet^r Gilman John Gage Esq^r M^r Henry Sherburne jun^r & M^r Mesh Weare be a Committee of this House to join Such as may be appointed by y^e Hon^l Council to consult on y^e properest & best Method for y^e Prov^e to proceed in concerning Cap^t Masons Claims to this Province & make immediate Report to y^e Gen^l Assembly—

Sent up by Cap^t Gilman

[House Journal, Aug. 1, 1746.]

The Committee appointed this morning to consult on y^e properest & best method for y^e Prov^e to proceed in concerning Mason's Claim to this Province &c report as follows Viz

Pursuant to y^e afores^d Vote we have met & consulted on y^e Subject matter thereof & do Report y^t for y^e quieting of y^e Good People of this Prov^e & to prevent future Difficulties & Disputes it will be best for this Prov^e to purchase y^e S^d Claim for y^e Use & Benefit of y^e Inhabitants of this Province if y^e late Purchasers will sell it for y^e Same Sum they gave for it & Charges—

The afores^d Report being read

Voted That it be accepted & Sent up for Concurrence

Sent up by Cap^t Leavit

[House Journal, Aug. 2, 1746.]

Pursuant to y^e Report of y^e Committee of both Houses of y^e first Instant appointed to consult on y^e properest & best Methods for y^e Prov^e to proceed in concerning Cap^t Masons Claims

Voted That Col Peter Gilman John Gage Esq^r M^r Henry Sherburne jun^r & M^r Mesh Weare be a Comm^{ee} of this House to join Such

as may be appointed by y^e Hon^l Council to treat with y^e Claimers & if they will Sell on y^e Terms mention'd in S^d Report & conclude a Bargain with them agreeable to s^d Report & take Advice of Gentⁿ Lear'd in y^e Law about proper Instruments to be drawn & Executed by y^e S^d Claimers & get them prepar'd & ready to lay before the Gen^l Assembly at their next Meeting & at y^e Same time make Report of all their Doings

Sent up by Mess^{rs} Bell & Cap^t Gilman

[House Journal, Sept. 19, 1746.]

Whereas a Committee appointed to consult on y^e properest & best Methods for y^e Province to proceed in concerning M^r Mason's Claim to this Province &c Reported that it would be best for this Province to purchase y^e S^d Claim for y^e Benefit of y^e Inhabitants of this Province if y^e late Purchasers will sell it for the same Sum they gave for it & Charges which Report was accepted by y^e Gen^l Assembly & thereupon a Com^{tee} was appointed accordingly & as y^e Said Claimers have sent a Letter to that Com^{tee} which has been laid before y^e Gen^l Assembly intimating that they expected when they parted that they would have pursued that Part of y^e Vote which related to getting Instruments of Conveyance drawn &c

Voted—That Coll Peter Gilman Clem^t March Esq^r & M^r Meshech Weare be a Committee to join Such as may be appointed by y^e Hon^l Council to purchase s^d Claim agreeable to y^e Report of y^e Committee appointed to consult on y^e properest & best Method for y^e Province to proceed in concerning M^r Mason's Claim & to get Instruments drawn up accordingly to be laid before y^e Gen^l Assembly for their Approbation as soon as may be—

Sent up by Cap^t Gilman

[*Report of House Committee, Aug. 12, 1746.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 60.]

Prov^o of New } Portsm^o Aug^t y^e 12th 1746 The members of y^e
Hampshire } House Representatives who were of y^e Committee
appointed by y^e General Assembly y^e 2^d of August to Treat
with y^e Claimers under Mason &c Report to y^e Hon^l House as follows
Viz^t—

That on y^e 4th of Aug^t Instant Six of y^e Committee met with y^e S^d Claimers who were as follows Viz^t

The Hon^l Theod^r Atkinson Esq^r—three fifteenths
 Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq^r two fifteenths
 The Hon^l Richard Wibird Esq^r
 M^r John Wentworth jun^r
 M^r George Jaffrey jun^r
 Coll Sam^l Moore Esq^r
 Coll Nath^l Meserve Esq^r
 Tho^s Packer Esq^r
 Tho^s Wallingford Esq^r
 Jotham Odiorne jun^r Esq^r
 Joshua Peirce Esq^r
 John Moffatt Esq^r

and informed them of y^e Power invested in y^e Committee by y^e Gen^l Assembly & after Some Time spent in Conference on y^e Affair the Question was put to y^e s^d Claimers whether they would Sell on y^e Terms proposed by y^e Gen^l Assembly Viz^t for y^e Same Sum they gave & Charges to which they did not all agree but soon after broke up & left y^e Committee

Hen Sherburne jun^r }
 Peter Gilman }

A true Copy Examind

Ⓜ D Peirce Clk Hou Repr^{rs}

[*Answer of Proprietors to Committee, Sept. 4, 1746.*]

[Province Papers, Correspondence, Vol. 1, p. 313; and Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 63.]

Gentlemen

When We parted about a month ago by what was then said We Expected you would have Pursued that part of the Vote you shew us that Related to your taking the advice of Gentlemen Learned in the Law, about Proper Instruments to be Drawn & Executed by us to Convey to the Province Our Right to that part of the Province heretofore Claimed by M^r Mason, which after the said Deeds was so Prepared were by the said Vote to be laid before the Assembly at their next meeting, which meeting of Assembly is long since Past & We have never yet seen any Deed nor can We learn any hath been Prepared

Gentlemen We are not unsensible that a Report has Prevailed in many parts of the Province—That We took a bargain out of the

Governments hands, & that by Our so doing, they were Deprived of that very Land which was always Reserved for the Inhabitants of the Province as A Recompense for the great Charge they had been at &c and that the same had often been Promised to them—Now Gentlemen pray give us leave to tell you (in the Capacity of a Committee, appointed to Treat with us) That this affair has lain before the Assembly ever since the 30th of October 1744, being then laid before them by His Excellency, with the Agreement made between M^r Thomlinson on behalf of the Government, and the said Mason, and was afterward several times put in mind thereof by Messages but nothing done to Effect—After this when M^r Mason arrived from England Last Winter, he put in a memorial Desiring the said Agreement with M^r Thomlinson might be Ratified, that he on his part was always ready; but to this he could get no Answer, he then Prefer'd a second memorial in which he told the Government he could wait no longer and that unless they Immediately came to some Resolution he should be Obliged to make the most of his Interest another way, and that he should take their Silence as a Refusal, to this Last he waited many Days at the Door, before he was Admitted to Speak, and when he was and had Answered such Questions as the House tho' proper to ask, and had said what he tho' was necessary in the Affair was Dismiss'd Without any Prospect of an Agreement, Then he Apply'd to us as he had often done before, but We Refused to have any Treaty with him 'till he had Publickly Docked the Intail, which ought to have been done at the Province Charge & We Dare say not one Person in the Government that is acquainted with these things believes the Assembly ever Intended to Purchase of him, So that We certainly are Clear of the Charge of taking a bargain out of the Governm^t hands, We could by no means force the Assembly to Purchase it for the People; Those of us that were of the Court forwarded it to the utmost of Our Power, and always would have Voted for it & to shew Our Inclination Immediately after We had Purchased of M^r Mason Signed a Quit Claim to every Proprietor of Land holding under this Government, in the Old Towns, and their Appendages Viz—Portsmouth, Dover, Hampton, & Exeter, & to the other Towns of Kingstown, Londonderry, Chester, Nottingham, Barrington Rochester, Chichester, Epsom, Canterbury, Bow & Barnsteed this was done freely, and without any Consideration, but to Quiet the Good People, and had Our View been otherwise, We might have made great Sums, even of Private Persons to have Confirmed their particular Rights, in many of these New Towns whose possessions cannot as yet Create them a Right, This was one Reason of Our Purchasing & Let any Impartial Person Judge wether We have In-

jured the Inhabitants or befriended them—We assure you many of us would have given as much money for Masons Private Quit Claim to Our Own Rights in the New Towns—

Besides every body knows how Masons Right has always hung over us and on every Turn We are threatened with a Proprietor this has ever been the Case since the Government was Settled & very lately these threats are come nearer home, within less than Twelve months, Masons Deed to a Committee of the Massachusetts in behalf of that Government for a Tract of Land on the Boundary Line whose Purchase Consideration was £500—has lately been Entred on Our Province Records & bro' into Court, and as We are Informed a Title under it set up in Opposition to the Grants made here by the Governour & Council—Seeing these things We Wisely Prevented the spreading Evil by taking M^r Mason up; who when We agreed with him had better offers from another Quarter, We hope We have not Materially mistaken Any of the foregoing facts, Some or other of us being Privy hereto from whom We have had the Information—

And now Gentlemen We assure you that We are ready to execute a Deed for Our Remaining Interest in the Premises in the same manner as We rec^d it, and for the same sum with Our Cost attending the same, Provided this be done within one month from the Date hereof, and the Deed is made to Convey the Land to the Governour to be Granted to such Inhabitants as the Governour, and Council shall Grant Charters to,—You'l Excuse us in saying We will wait no longer than One month, because We have many Persons to Oblige in the disposal of these Lands & If Wee seek the Opportunity can sell them for more than ten Times the Value We gave and offer them for—

We are Gentlemen Your

Most Obedient Humble Serv^{ts}

Portsmouth Septemb^r 4th 1746—

To the Hon^{orable}

Jotham Odiorne }
 Samuel Smith } Esq^{rs}
 Samuel Solly }
 Sampson Sheafe }
 Peter Gilman }
 Henry Sherburne jr } Esq^{rs}
 John Gage }
 Meshech Weare }

As a Committee of the General Assembly Appointed to Treat with the Claimers of Masons Right &c—

Theodore Atkinson
 R Wibird
 John Moffatt
 J Odiorne Jun^r
 Mark H^s Wentworth
 John Wentworth jun^r
 Nathaniel Meserve
 Sam^l Moore
 Tho^s Wallingford
 Tho^s Packer
 Geo: Jaffrey jun^r
 Josh^a Peirce

In Council September the 6th 1746

The foregoing having been Presented to the board by the Chairman of above s^d Committee was read at the board & ordred to be Sent Down to the Hon^{ble} the House of Representatives

Theodore Atkinson Se^{cr}

[Council and Assembly Records, Sept. 6, 1746.]

Jotham Odiorne Esq^r Chairman of the Committee Appointed to Treat with the Claimers of M^r Mason Right &^a bro^r in A memorial from the s^d Claimers Directed to the s^d Committee offering to Dispose of their Remaining Right, as it Cost them which Memorial was Read at the board & Sent Down to the House

[House Journal, Dec. 8, 1746.]

Whereas a Committee appointed to consult on the properest & best Methods for y^e Province to proceed in concerning M^r Mason's Claim to this Province &c reported that it would be best for this Province to purchase y^e Said Claim for y^e Benefit of y^e Inhabitants of this Province if y^e late Purchasers will sell it for y^e Same Sum they gave for it & Charges—which Report was accepted by y^e Gen^l Assembly & thereupon a Com^{tee} was appointed accordingly & as y^e Said Claimers have sent a Letter to that Committee which has been laid before y^e Gen^l Assembly intimating that they expected when they parted that they would have pursued that Part of y^e Vote which related to getting Instruments of Conveyances drawn &c and whereas by a Vote of this House of y^e nineteenth of Sep^r last Coll Gilman M^r March & M^r Weare were appointed a Com^{tee} of this House to join such as should be appointed by y^e Hon^l Council to purchase said Claim agreeable to said Report &c which Com^{tee} were then prevented from Acting in Said Affair by y^e Surprise & Confusion y^e Province was then put in by y^e Report of a large French Fleets being on or near our Coast & Whereas s^d Vote is since dead by y^e Prorogation of y^e Gen^l Assembly it is therefore again

Voted That y^e S^d Coll Gilman M^r Wear & M^r March be a Com^{tee} to join Such as may be appointed by y^e Honb^l Council to purchase s^d Claim agreeable to y^e Report of y^e Committee appointed to Consult on y^e properest & best Methods for y^e Province to proceed in concerning M^r Mason's Claim & to get Instruments drawn up accordingly to be laid before y^e Gen^l Assembly as soon as may be

Sent up by Cap^t Jenness

[House Journal, Dec. 11, 1746.]

M^r Secretary came down & Said in Answer to y^e Message by M^r Sanburn All y^e Votes y^t have been sent up this Sessions were concurr'd by y^e Council Except y^e Vote relating purchasing y^e Powder brot by Cap^t Hammond & y^e Vote relating y^e purchasing Mason's Claim & y^e Vote for a Committee to correspond with y^e Agent &c & y^e Vote for Supplying Coll Gilman & Cap^t Gage with Bil^l Money

[*List of Legislative Events.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 66.]

- 1744 Jan^y 1. Gov^r sends to y^e house to know if they had acted upon y^e Indenture between Cap^t Thomlinson & Mason
- 1744, Dec^r 19. y^e Gov^r sends to y^e house to desire y^e would come to some Resolve About y^e Agreem^t between Cap^t Thomlinson & Mason—
- 1744 Octob^r 30th y^e Gov^r Send's y^e Agreem^t between Cap^t Thomlinson & mason & others for their Perusal & Consideration
- 1745 Feb^r 22^d Mason's Memorial to Gen^l Court recom^dended to y^e House & y^e Council—
- 1746 July 30: A mess^s from House to Comply wth y^e Agreem^t between Cap^t Thomlinson & Cap^t Mason—& a Committee to treat wth Mason—
- July 31st the House enquire after it—y^e Council's Resolve upon it
- Aug: 1 The house appoint a Comittee & y^e Council join to Consider y^e properest & best Method to proceed in y^e Purchase of Mason—
- y^e said Committee consult & make Report w^{ch} is accepted by y^e house
- 2^d the said Report is accepted by y^e Councill
- Sept^r 6 The Claimers Memorial offering to dispose of their Right at y^e price as it cost read at y^e Council & sent down to y^e house
- 19 M^r Israel Gilman brought up Votes to prepare Deeds of Convey^a from y^e Claimers of Masons Right & to appoint a Committee
- Dec^r 9th a new Committee appointed to purchase of y^e Claimers of Mason's Right

[*Draft of Deed of Sale to Province, May 15, 1747.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 67.]

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall come Greeting, Know Ye that Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Sam^l Moore Jotham Odiorne jun^r & Joshua Peirce Esq^r Nathaniel Meserve George Jaffrey jun^r & John Wentworth jun^r Gentlemen, all of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire & Thomas Wallingford of Summersworth in said Province Esq^r & Thomas Packer of Greenland in said Province Esq^r for & in Consideration of y^e Sum of Pounds lawful money of Said Province to them in Hand before the Ensealing & Delivery of these Presents well & truly paid by the Hon^l George Jaffrey of Portsmouth & the Hon^l Eben^r Stevens Esq^r Feoffees in Trust for & in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid the Receipt whereof the said Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Samuel Moore Jotham Odiorne jun^r Joshua Peirce Nathaniel Meserve George Jaffrey jun^r John Wentworth jun^r Thomas Wallingford & Thomas Packer to their full Satisfaction do hereby Acknowledge HAVE given granted bargain'd sold aliened enfeoffd convey'd & confirm'd & by these Presents do freely & absolutely give grant bargain sell & aliene enfeoff convey & confirm unto them y^e Said George Jaffrey & Eben^r Stevens as Feoffees in Trust for & in behalf of the Inhabitants aforesaid all Right Title Interest Claim Property Estate Possession & Demand whatsoever of them the said Grantors by Virtue of any Purchase or Purchases by them made or any Deed or Deeds by them had of Cap^t John Tufton Mason of Portsmouth aforesaid Esq^r of in & unto all that Tract of Land situate in the Province aforesaid containing two Hundred thousand Acres more or less bounded as follows Viz beginning at y^e Mouth of Piscataqua River thence up the Same to y^e farthest Head of Newichewannick River (so called) & thence Northwestward until Sixty Miles be compleated from the Mouth of Piscataqua River aforesaid the Place where it began & from thence along the Sea Coast towards Merrimack River until it comes to y^e Boundary Line between y^e Said Province of New Hampshire & y^e Province of y^e Massachusetts Bay then runing as the said Boundary Line runs until Sixty Miles be compleated from the sea then runing from the Westerly End of y^e Sixty Miles last mentioned across y^e Land to the Northerly End of y^e Sixty Miles first mention'd together with the South West half of y^e Isles of Shoals with all y^e Profits Commodities Priviledges Immunities & Advantages

whatsoever to the said granted Premises belonging To HAVE AND To HOLD the said granted & bargain'd Premises with all the Priviledges & Appurtenances to y^e Same belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said George Jaffrey & Ebenezer Stevens their Heirs & Assigns as Feoffees in Trust for y^e use of y^e Inhabitants of the said Province of New-Hampshire & their Successors for ever & for no other use Intent Trust or Purpose whatsoever Moreover the wives of those of y^e Said Grantors who are married do hereby give grant Sell & convey & surrender up to y^e said Feoffees for y^e use aforesaid all their Right of Dower & Power of Thirds of in & unto the said granted & bargain'd Premises & every Part & Parcel thereof

IN WITNESS whereof the said Grantors & their said Wives have hereunto set their Hands & Seals y^e fifteenth Day of May Anno Domini 1747 And in the twentyeth Year of his Majestie's Reign—

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of us—

Prov^o of New Hampshire A true Copy of a Deed laid before y^e House of Representatives of Said Province by a Committee appointed for that End—

D Peirce Clk Hou Rep^r

[House Journal, Aug. 20, 1747.]

Voted That y^e Com^{tee} appointed to negotiate y^e Affair with y^e Purchasers of Mason's Claim (so called) offer y^e Deed (which has been read once & again in this House) to Said Purchasers in order to be executed

[*Answer of Proprietors to Assembly, June 1, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 70.]

Gentlemen

When we met you in August Last agreeable to your Desire in order to Peruse the Deed Conveying the Right we Purchased of Cap^t Mason to the Province You must remember at first reading we Pointed out many objections that you your Selves could not think it Reasonable for us (as it was Drafted) to Execute it—
1. the Deed was made to the Hon^{ble} George Jaffrey & Ebenezer Stevens Esq as feoffees in Trust for & in behalf of the Inhabitants

of the Province 2^{dly} the Premises Conveyed was Viz all right Title Interest claim Property Estate Possession & Demand whatsoever which we had by Virtue of Any Purchass or Purchasses by us made or any Deed or Deeds by us had of Cap^t John Tufton Mason of in & to all that Tract of Land Scituate in the Province Containing Two hundred thousand Acres more or Less Bounded Viz begining at the mouth of Piscataqua River thence up the Same to the furthest head of Newichwannick River thence Northwestward till Sixty Miles be Completed from the mouth of Piscataqua river afores^d & from thence along the Sea Coast towards Merrimack River untill it comes to the Boundary Line between the Province of N: Hamp^t & the Province of the Mass^t Bay then Run'ing as the s^d Boundary line Runs untill Sixty Miles be Completed from the Sea then Run'ing from the Westerly End of the Sixty Miles last mentioned a Cross the Land to the northerly End of the Sixty Miles first mentioned to geather with the South West half of the Isles of Shoals with all Profits Previlidges &c^a &c^a and 3^{dly} the feofees were to have & to hold the Premises to them their heirs & assignes in Trust for the use of the Inhabitants &c^a forever Now Gentlemen agreeable to your Desire we have pen'd the objections & offer our Reasons why we did not Execute the Deed that the Gen^l Court & every Person in the Province may if they Please be Acquainted with the whole affair—as to the first objection as to the feoffees in Trust there is nothing mention'd in the Deed what they are to Do with the Premises nor Any Time when any thing Should be Transacted about them tis true tis mentioned for the use of the Inhabitants So that Such a Deed when Executed Intituled every Inhabitant to an Equall Shear of the Land So that a Person that had not been an Inhab^t more then a Day before the Deed took Place had as good a right As the oldest Inhabitant & one that Pays the Least rate to the Province Tax as much Land as he that Pays the most & one that never paid more then one Rate Equal to him that Perhaps has paid fifty neither is their any mentioned weither the Land Shall be Laid out into Townships or other ways So that before any thing could be done every Inhabitant in the Province must be notified & meet & Pass Some Vote about which no Law or Custom can Support they not being Incorporated as a body Pollitik for any Such End we could give many more Reasons for our first objection but the nature of y^e thing does So Plainly Suggest them that we think it Quite unnessary if any Controversy should arise ab^t the Shars how Should it be Determined no Jury but which are Parties & what must be Done in Such a Case but Our Reasons for the 2^d objection is that if, we Execute that Deed we in Express words Convey all our Respective

Rights to all the Land with in the bounds Set forth in y^e Deed for all these we Purchased of Mason thô Perhaps we might have Some other Right at the Same Time to our houses & Land Possessed a Long Time Still all these are Included in Masons Deed to us & alsoe in the Deed you have Prepared for us to Signe this appears at the first View but we hope not Designed but this we know it would not avail us to Say we Did not Designe to Convey what we Enjoyd before the Purchass of Mason for we should be told to y^e Law & to the Deed & that what was Written was written this as it in a Perticular manner affected us as the Sellers we think Quite a Sufficient Reason for Rejecting the Deed But as we Took upon our Selves Included in the number of y^e Purchassers it will not we hope be taken amiss if we answer the theird objection by askeing a Question Pray Suppose M^r Jaffrey or M^r Stevens Should Die before their Trust is finished Pray who Are to be the feofees their Sons they Certainly are their heirs or how are the Successors to be Appointed—or Suppose one only Should Die must the heirs or Successor of the Survivor Act We hope these reasons with Innumerable others too tedious to Insert in this man'er are Sufficient to Convince you Gentlemen & the Hon^{ble} Assembly that our objections are well grounded Besides had your Leazure Permitted you to have Perused our Letter to the former Committee Dated the fourth of September 1746 you could not have mistaken our Intent with respect to this Conveyance in that Letter we Stated Severall matters of fact that then occurred & we tho' necessary & are Sorry they did not meet the Courts approbation we have been told that one fact there alledged was not True & if this was realy So & we upon its being Pointed out to us could Not have Explained it Consistant with Truth & uprightness or had Mentiond the s^d fact Perversely or with any wicked Design we Should Acknowledge the Censer our Due this Perticular is thus worded "After this when M^r Mason Arived from England last Winter he Put in a memorial Deposing that s^d agreem^t with M^r Thomlinson might be Ratified That he on his Part was allways Ready but to this he could get no Answer—he then Preferrd a Second Memorial in which he told the Government he Could wait no Longer &c^o now Gentlemen what we have realy been upbraided With is that Cap^t Mason Preferrd but one memorial which may be answerd by Enquireing whether M^r Mason Did Attend upon & was admitted into the House in Person & there memorialized again & again—So that we think the Charge ags^t us must Vanish & our Integrity plainly appears in the affair—this gave Rise to our Limiting the Time for concludinge the bargain to one month with out any View but to Quicken the finishing the affair which will Plainly Appear by

our Entreing in to Proposealls more than once afterwards with the Committee of the House thō we cant but take notice of the House's neglect in Letting the thing Lay Dormant for a Considerable time this Convinced us as it must any Indifferent Person that the House never Intended to bagain with us about this affair and further Pray Let us Aske why has not this been Long Since made & Concluded upon you all know Gentlemen that had you have been Ready to pay us the money or Passd any Votes for Raiseing any money &c* &c* We should have bēen ready to have Executed a Deed agreeable to the letter signd by the Purchasers dated Sep^r 4th 1746, but Shall not by any means sign such a deed as was left with the purchasers by the Committee of the assembly—

In behalfe and by Order of y^o Proprietors
Geo: Jaffrey jur Proprietors Clerk

Province of New } June y^o 1st day 1748
Hampshire } To Meshec Weare & Clement March Esqu^r
y^o Committee of Assembly

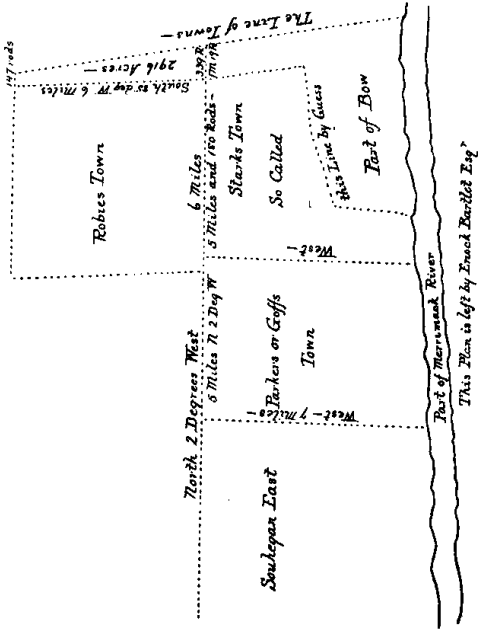
Copy of Answer d^d to M. W: June 2^d 1748 one of s^d Com^{tee}

[House Journal, June 4, 1748.]

Whereas the Committee appointed to treat with the Claimers under Mason & purchase that Claim for y^o Benefit of y^o Province have not yet been able to compleat any thing relating that Affair—

Voted That Peter Gilman Tho^o Bell & M^r Henry Sherburne ju^r be a Committee of this House to join Such as may be appointed by y^o Hon^l Council to treat with make a Bargain & purchase of y^o Said Claimers their Said Claim under Mason for y^o Use & Benefit of y^o Government that they have full Power to get proper Instruments drawn executed & fully to compleat & finish the same agreeable to y^o former Votes of y^o General Assembly & to enable them immediately to transact this Affair a Sufficient Sum of money be paid them by the Treasurer out of the publick Treasury & that the Same be bro't into the publick Treasury again by a Tax on y^o Poles & Estates of y^o Inhabitants of this Province this present year 1748 & that an act be drawn accordingly

Sent up by M^r Macmurphy



[*Information from Joseph Blanchard, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 68.]

I am of Opinion that the two towns that Goffe and Stark, Are Selling, may Perform y^e Duty (if Straugers take it) for 2 thirds the Land, Salem Canada for 3 Quarters N^o 6 in the South line of towns, between N^o 7: Called Hills Borough) and Hopkinton Called N^o 5, for 2 thirds, and the Original Grantees under Mass^{ts} Would Readily Comply with them Conditions Salem Canada & S^d N^o 6. I Believe I Could Negotiate the towns Lay'd out More Northward I am a Stranger to. Peters Borough New Boston Halestown Hopkinton & Hills Borough & Sowheegun West are all towns of Excellent Good Land And they Will I Expect Apply by their Agents to you & Compound for them Selves—

I am of Opinion y^e Settlements Ought to begin next Spring, the next Sumer fit 2 acres for plowing And two for mowing and Build a house and by Next November have an Inhabitant on each Setling Right that they Continue there and each Succeeding year for three years more subdue & fit for plowing or mowing the like Quantity Stocking the mowing Land with Grass, and Manure the tillage And On Omision of any part for either Year the Land to Revert & to be granted to Other Settlers, that Each Setler pay Such Rates for the Mending Roads Building a Meeting house Setling & Supporting A minister, or Other necessary town Charges As Shall by y^e Major part of y^e Inha^{ts} be equally assessed for S^d Uses within—Blanck—months after notice, or his lands forfeited—or so much as will pay the Rate And Charges/

Conditions fraimd Somthing like this will be necessary
the House 7 feet Stud 18 feet Square Room a Celler & Chimney—
or Other like Dimensions

I Bought 2 Rights In Gorehams town & if it Should be the pleasure of y^e Prop^{rs} to let me Setle on the Condition of other Settlers one Share in the town Cap^t Goffe takes the Care of And One in Starks town I Shall readily do Com'on Duty. Shall Esteem y^e favour (if otherwise.—will not Complain

N B. the Rev^d M^r Tho^s Parker of Dracut & Col: Stoddard of Chelmsford, had Each of them one Right in Gorehams town / if there be room to Admit them as Settlers would be of Service/

These Broaken Scraps of minits may Phaps Serve to keep in your Remembrance, Some of these things / And desire You would keep it for y^r Own Information till I Can prepare Somthing from these things more plain

J B—

M^r Jaffrey—

That they Likewise as Conditions of grant in Some proper, time,
Build a Meeting house And Settle a minister & prohibition of Break-
ing the Course of fish in Any Stream—

[*Deposition of Margaret Pastree, July 25, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 72.]

Margrett Pastree aged about 74 years, Testifyeth & Saith That She
well Knew Robert Tufton Mason Esq^r the Claimer of y^e Province of
New Hampshire about the year of 1686 when Sir Edmund Andrews
was Governour of the Territorys of New England in the Reign. of
his Majesty King James the Second, and that the Said Robert with
Severall Other Gentlemen was with y^e Said Sir Edmund Andrews to
his Government of New York & Albany and that the Deponent was
Informed that the Said Robert Died at Sopas upon Hudson's River
between the Cities of New York and Albany in his Said Journey,
and further Saith that she knew two young men named John &
Robert who were Called and Reputed the Sons of y^e abovementioned
Robert Tufton Mason Esq^r

Margrett Pastree

Suff^s ss

Boston, 25th July, 1748

Margaret Pastree the above Deponant made Oath to the Truth of
the foregoing Declaration by her signed In perpetuum rei memoriam

Cor ^m Edw ^d Hutchinson	} Justices of the peace & of the quorum
John Ruck	

[*Joseph Blanchard's Obligation, Nov. 5, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 78.]

Portsmouth Nov^r 5th 1748

Gen^{tn} the Prop^{rs} of Masons Grant &c^a

Whereas I the Subscriber have this day Rec^d your Request &
Authority to Lay out into townships the Lands As therein described
And to Admitt Settlers at my descretion And On Such Conditions
on your behalf as I Shall think Equitable I hereby Oblidge my Self

to Reserve on Quarter part at the least And As much more as the Expediency of the Settlement will Allow of &c the township to be Allotted out & the Setlers at the whole Charge therein And will Constantly Acquaint You with my proceedings thering

I am Y^r Hum^l Ser^t

Jos: Blanchard

[*Letter from Joseph Blanchard, Nov. 30, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 80.]

The venerable Society of Mason Hall—

Gentlemen—

In Pursuance of your desire I have proceeded to measure the Lands directed to make Settlement on, and find enough for five townships; have not time to transmitt you a plan but shall Send it next week I have Wrote to the Prop^{rs} Clerk of Groton and the Prop^{rs} Clerk of townshend, Intimating y^e Authority you gave me, Particularly that at my Discretion I was to Admitt Inhabitants, and if they inclined to Setle I should Accomodate them as far as I Could in faithfullness to my trust provided I had their Answer in twenty days to the Same purpose I have Wrote Coll^o Berry one of y^e Principal Prop^{rs} of New Ipswich & to Severall of the Prop^{rs} of Rowley Canada desireing them to Communicate it to their prop^{rs} Desireing a positive Answer—This has Sufficiently Allarm'd the vicinity, And Application has already been made for twice the Quantity of Land you Left with me to dispose of All the Inhabitants of New Ipswich And Rowley Canada (both which fall within my Diocess) have Applied, to be Continued As Setlers under Your Conditions And many others of y^e Prop^{rs} of each town, I apprehend I Shall Quietly Succeed, unless Coll^o Berry be Poutey & Sullen on Behalf of New Ipswich, Which Since I have entered upon it Desire under your directions my Liberty may be Continued to Setle with him, or Any Others that Shall be Obstinate: I can readily Compound that the Eighteen Shares proposed As Owners to Draw one third of Each town Clere, have proposed to Equalize the towns Quantity for Quality, And the Setlers to Draw lotts which towns to fall into, a Sufficient Sum of money Advanced on entrance to pay the Charge of Survey Roads a Meetinghouse and for preaching the first Six months to begin the Settlement next June at furthest if peace In Six months from Drawing their Lotts to have Housen built And Inhabit there, and so to make a progressive Improvement for four years Stating a

Certain Quantity for each year & for them by Indenture to your Lordships on failure at any time of any part to Surrender the Whole under a Sufficient Penalty; by the Same Indenture to pay by the Setlers all town Charges, untill Your lotts are Improved and so fait them to become Chargable According to the Incombe; In Case a Lawsute Should Arise from Other Claimers you to be at that Charge, (which I had not your Speciall Authority for) excepting that your Quitclaim to be their title with Severall Other Contingent Articles of Duty On their part which all who have Applied readily Concur with—

if this be not Acceptable or any thing further Occurrs to your minds for my Direction you may Write by Cap^t Goffe & may be Assured of my faithfull Compliyance I have Likewise proposed An Injunction that they Joyn with the non Setlers in Applying to the Gov^t & Council for an Incorporation And as Soon As I have Answer from the Massachusetts Claimers Shall fill up the lists of y^e Severall Towns—

The Writings I'm not Capable of forming, shall depend on them being done at Portsmouth.—The Prop^{rs} of Souheegun West, Since I was at Portsmouth have Divided their Com[']ons & I hear bid Defiance to your Title, if no Notice be taken of them I apprehend it will have An ill effect Phaps create you a Squable with many other towns, and your Setting up your Bristles early might put an end to it. (but as to y^t you know best what to do.) I have Nothing to add but Wish you Success in the Affairs before you And rest Y^r Hum^l Ser^t at Com[']and

Joseph Blanchard

Dunstable Nov^r 30th 1748.

To the Hon^l Theodore Atkinson Esq^r moderator &c please to Com[']unicate the aforewritten

Y^{rs} ut Supra J B—

[*List of Petitions for Grants, Dec. 7, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 81.*]

Pursuant to a Vote of y^e Proprietors appointing us y^e Subscribers a Committee to Examine y^e Petitions that have been preferr'd to y^e Proprietors, and prepare a Plan of Said Petitions with y^e numbers of Petitioners—we Make Return as follow's—viz^t

old Hampton N^o 1 Petition from old Hampton Town p m^r Jn^o Lovett for no certain place or Terms q^t 39 Petitioners

Hampton N° 2 Petition from Hampton ☞ m^r Jon^a Lovett for no certain place or Terms 60 Petitioners

N° Hampton N° 3—Petition from North Hampton ☞ Danⁿ Mars-ton & John Lovett for no certain place or Terms 60 Petit^{rs}

Hampton N° 4 Petition from Hampton ☞ m^r John Sandborn for on certain Place or Terms q^t 60 Petitioners

Hampton Falls N° 5 Petition from Hampton Falls ☞ m^r Meshech Wear Samⁿ Prescottt & Benj^a Hiliard for a Township at or as near Amosceeg Falls or as near thereto as possible or a tract at y^e north westerly corner of y^e Town to be granted to Stark &c^a &c^a but on no certain Terms q^t 47 Petitioners

Portsmo° N° 6. Petition from Portsmo° ☞ m^r Hunk^s Wentworth for a Township on Merrimack River or as near as may be conveniently on no certain Terms q^t 240 Petitioners

Portsmo° N° 7. Petition from Portsmo° ☞ m^r Hunk^s Wentworth for a Township called Souhegan West or Contocook or N° 5 if not them where may best suit y^e Prop^{rs} no certain Terms q^t 90 Petitioners—

Portsmo° N° 8 Petition from Portsmo° ☞ Coll^o Jn^o Wentworth for a Township at Winepissiokee Pond upon no certain Terms q^t 53 Petitioners—

Exeter N° 9—Petition from Exeter ☞ Geo: Creighton & Jer^o Veasy for a Township requesting no certain place or upon certain Terms—q^t 80 Petitioners

Stretham N° 10. Petition from Stretham ☞ Cap^t Geo: Veasy for no certain place or Terms q^t 60 Petitioners

Rhye N° 11: Petition from Rhye ☞ Jon^a Towle Franis & Rich^d Jennes 3^d for no certain place or Terms q^t 80 Petitioners

Kingston N° 12 Petition from Kingston ☞ Rich^d Hubbard & Danⁿ Young for a Township bounding upon y^e Croteh at northern side of Winepisseoke River—upon no certain Terms q^t 57 Petitioners

Kingston N° 13 Petition in behalf of Kingston ☞ Major Eben^r Stevens & Jedediah Philbrick for a Township joining northerly on Contocook on y^e west side of Merimack upon no certain Terms no particular number of Petitioners—

Kingston N° 14 Petition in behalfe of Officers & Soldiers of Cape Breton Expedition ☞ John Lad & Jon^a Young for no certain place or Terms & no particular Number of Petitioners

Exeter & Hampton N° 15 Petition from Exeter Hampton &^a ☞ Joseph Rawlins for a Township in no certain place—upon reasonable Terms q^t 60 Petitioners

Chester & Londonderry N° 16 Petition from Chester & Londonderry by James Campbell for a Township to as many Persons as y^e

Proprietors shall think Proper Scituate & lying chiefly to y^e north of y^e road lead^s from New Boston to Hillsborough

Lond^derry N^o 17 Petition from Londonderry by Cap^t Todd & Cap^t Barr for a Township at or near Hales Town or otherways upon no certain Terms—q^t 64 Petitioners—

Districts N^o 18—Petition from Districts by Nich^o White & Nath^l Bartlet for a Township betwixt Salem Cannada & a remote place call'd Groton if not there where it best suits y^e Proprietors upon no certain Terms q^t 60 Petitioners—

Haverhill District N^o 19 Petition by Obadiah Perry & Dan^l Poor for a Township to y^e northward joining upon Contocook & merrimack River—q^t 45 Petitioners—

Penycook N^o 20. Petition by John Webster & Nath^l Smith for Six miles Square bounded easterly upon Hopkinton Westerly upon N^o 7 northerly by Almsbury Town so call'd southerly by ungranted land if not where else best suits y^e Propr^s—no certain number of Petitioners—

Haverhill District N^o 21 Petition by Sam^l Dustin for a Township begining at y^e East Corner of Souhegan West then running Six Miles upon Salem Cannada then running Westerly Six miles &^{cs} to make Six Miles Squar no certain Terms or Petitioners—

Chester N^o 22—Petition from Chester by Ebenezer Dearborn James Hills James Basford for a Township between a place called New Boston & Hillsboro—nor certain Terms or number of Petitioners

Rumford N^o 23—Petition from Rumford for a Township between a place called n^o 5 & n^o 7—upon no certain Terms q^t 48 Petitioners
Souhegan East N^o 24. Petition in behalf of y^e Grantees of Naragansett N^o 5. or souhegan East—by Doct^r Miller & Major White—

Souhegan East N^o 25—Petition of y^e Inhabitants of Souhegan East for Said Township—q^t 32 Petitioners—

N^o 26 Petition of Mess^{rs} Goffe & Associates for Gorham's Town
N^o 27 Petition of Mess^{rs} Stark & Renkin & associates for a Township—

Greenland N^o 28. Petition from Greenland [¶] Clem^t March Esqu^r & Walter Weeks for a Township bound^s on Gilman Town & part of Winipissiokee pond, upon no certain Terms—q^t ab^t 62 petitioners—
Stretham N^o 29—Petition from stretham [¶] Cap^t Wiggins &^c for a Quantity of land (Suppose a Township—) no certain place or Terms—q^t 81 Petitioners

Dover & Summersworth N^o 30. Petition from Dover & Summersworth [¶] John Gage Esqu^r for two tracts to make 2 Towns on y^e

Head of Rochester line beginning on y^e eastward side next to y^e County of York &^{cc} no certain conditions—

Durham 31 Petition from Durham ¶ Cap^t Chesley & Eben^r Smith for a Township, bounding on Rochester head line & Barnstead, no certain Terms—q^t

N^o 1. Permission given to John Shepherd, to enter upon a Tract of Land ab^t 500 Acres, Southerly by Souhegan River, Easterly by Souhegan West, &c^a

N^o 2. James Rogers, Pudney & Others petition for a parcell of Land on the westerly side of Bow, or Lovell's Farm

N^o 3. Sundry petitions for Settlements, in Suncook Gorhams Town, New Boston &c^a

N^o 4. Maj^r Whites Petition for his Right in Gorham Town

N^o 5. John Duncan for a Tract at Cohass—

N^o 6. Tim^o Walker for Ditto in Marlborough

N^o 7. Eben^r Flag's 2 Letters about his Right in Hales Town

N^o 8. Gold & Parkhurst for a Tract of Land, call'd Lovell's Farm, near Gorham Town—

N^o 9. Tho^s Colburn's petition for a Tract in Lovell's Farm also Stephen Chess for a Right in Baker's Town

N^o 10. Goffes & Walker's Plan of Rand's Farm

N^o 11. Eben^r Whittemore & Others for Suncook

N^o 12. Thomas Thomas a Tract of Land between New Boston & N^o 7—

N^o 13. Andrew Todd & Others for a Tract of land below Bow line

Portsm^o Dec^r 7th 1748

Sam^l Solly
Geo: Jaffrey jun } Com^{it}tee

[Letter to John Tufton Mason.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 84.]

John Tufton Mason Esqu^r

S^r As you was about embarquing for England you was desirous of having a State of the Proceedings of the Proprietors in the Lands purchased of you; from your Sale, to that time; but your Sailing within a few hours prevented the Attempt, which I now endeavour to comply with in giving you a Short Sketch which may refresh your Memory in what you was knowing, and information of Some particulars transacted in your Absence—In order to which you need no

Information of your Agreement with John Thomlinson Esqu^r in London April 1739. and after your Arrival here, you need not be reminded of your Memorials to Gov^r Council & Representatives of Feb^r 18, 1745, and of y^e 7th may following, praying them to come to Some Determination on the Said Agreement; which were read, & Recommended by the Gov^r & Cou[']cill to y^e House of Representatives—nor can you forget how often you personally waited upon the Assembly to Scollicit their Compliance with your Agreement with their worthy Friend & Agent in behalfe of the People of this Province; and how lightly they Esteem'd that Gentleman's good Service in that particular was within your own Observation; and what Reception & treatment your personal applications to the Assembly met with you best know—& Also how justly you inferred the Determination of the Assembly of not Complying with your Agreement with their Agent—in Consequence of which you determin'd to make Sale of y^e Premises, & in Order thereto you had A common Recovery pass'd in June 1746, to dock y^e Entail—& then was so generous as to tender it to Gentlemen in this Province; who readily accepted of the Offer, and Complied with your Terms—It hapening you was Ordered to your Post at Louisbourg within a few days prevented a larger Number in the Purchase, and waiting for a further Motion to be made to the Assembly before y^e Sale was Executed—you may remember the Regard to the publick which was design'd in making the Purchase, and unanimity of Agreement in making a Quitclaim to all the Townships granted by the Gov^r & Council of this Province, in the Same manner as they were before held by the Grantees or those who hold under them; except two Townships viz^t Gilman Town, a valuable tract of Land, about which, it was not then understood that any Settlement was made or any Expencc lay'd out by the Persons to whom granted; and therefore none injured—and Township of Kingswood, granted by Gov^r Belcher & his Council about the time of the Trial of the boundary Lines betwixt Mass^a Bay & New Hampshire, and when y^e Court Sat at Hampton Falls (within which no Improvement had been made) it being all the Land ungranted to y^e Eastward of Merrimack and Winipisiokee Pond, or at least all y^e land of Repute, within those Bounds of y^e Province, not granted, that y^e Grantors inclined should be within the Province of New Hampshire; and y^e persons to whom granted were about between forty & fifty Persons, very few of considerable note, and only Such as were Abbettors of m^r Belcher's Scheems in this Province—you may remember After y^e Assembly were inform'd you had Agreed with us upon the Conveyance—they Sent a Com^{tee} to y^e Place wherè we agreed to meet to have your Deed Executed; to inform you and us,

that if we had not proceeded so far as Executing the Deeds, & if we consented to release our Agreement with you, they would Comply with M^r Thomlinson's Agreement with you, for the purchase; Then you took Occasion to recite to y^e Com^{tee} (the Speaker being one) the whole Transactions, which pass'd about the Affair from your Agreement with M^r Thomlinson, to that time; Concluding with a Solemn Asseveration, that you would not Execute a Deed to the Assembly upon any Terms whatever; after w^{ch} they made no further Application to you upon the Affair—The next day the house Appointed a Committee to join Such as may be Appointed by y^e Council to Consult on y^e properest & best Method to proceed in, concerning Mason's Claim, & make im^{mediate} Report to y^e Gen^l Assembly; to which Com^{tee} the Council join four of their Members to make a Com^{tee} of both houses—and Assented by y^e Gov^r the Same day y^e Com^{tee} Consult upon the affair, and Report it will be best for the Province to purchase the Said claim for the Use and Benefit of the Inhabitants of this Prov^{ce}; provided the late purchasers will Sell it for the Same Sum^s they gave for it, & Charges, which Report was read, Accepted & Concurr'd by Council & Assembly, and Assented to by y^e Governour. the next day a Committee of both Houses was Appointed—and Assented to by the Gov^r—to treat with the Claimers; and if they will Sell on the Terms mentioned in y^e Said Report—to conclude a Bargain with them agreeable to Said Report; and take advice of Gent^l learn'd in the law about proper Instruments to be drawn & to be Executed by the Said Claimers, to get them ready & prepared to lay before y^e Gen^l Assembly at their next meeting & at the Same time to make report of all their Doings—

The Members of y^e Committee of y^e Assembly—Report in the house “that they met with the Said Claimers & informed them of the Power invested in the Com^{tee} by the Gen^l Assembly and After Some time Spent in Conference on the Affair the Question was put to the Said Claimers whether they would Sell on the terms propos'd by y^e Gen^l Assembly viz^t, for the Same Sum they gave & Charges, to which they did not all agree but Soon after broke up” before I proceed would make a few Remarks—Soon after his Excellency came to the Chair he Communicated to y^e assembly your Agreement with M^r Thomlinson and frequently Recomend^d their Consideration of it, and Compliance—it Seems they Considered it So far, as to agree that not the least mention Should be made of your Right or Claim upon their Journal—which I may Say will not Appear till the latter end of July 1746. y^e day Appointed for your Executing the Deed to us—notwithstanding, as you was about making Sale of your Right to us, they would Comply, upon Condition that the Assembly might

have the Right with y^e Gov^r & Council to dispose of the Lands, to which y^e Gov^r & Council would not agree to, but insisted, that the Disposal of the Lands should be, by the Gov^r & Council as usually y^e Lands in this Province had been granted—which Controversy was never Settled by y^e Council & Assembly and you may remember at the Conference we had with y^e Committee when they propos'd to buy of us, for y^e Sum we gave you & our Charges, when the Question was put whether we would accept of their Offer; the first who answer'd, said, in Case the Government, meaning Gov^r Council & Assembly, were agreed by whom the Lands should be granted he was ready to Accept of their Offer, which was generally Consented to—for it was easily conceived what would be the Consequence of that Assembly's having an equal Right with Gov^r & Council in the Disposal of the Lands, from their Temper & Disposition in other affairs about that time—for it was very unlikely they would have agreed amongst themselves, upon the proportioning y^e Quantitys to each Town; and then, upon the Objects of their favours; which doubtless would be to those only, who would in Return, give them their Votes at the next Election; which Power was never intended to be lodged in the hands of Representatives, which reason was Sufficient of it Selfe to hinder our Selling to them in that manner; without Considering the Expence the Province would be at, for the time that would be Expended about the Grants, which it's very likely to be expected, would be long if ever before they would be so framed that all the Branches would have Concurr'd, so that the land would probably lay unimproved for many years, besides many other Inconveniences to the Province.—In dayly expectation of an Answer or a deed prepared for us to Execute fram'd agreeable to the Result of y^e Conference, which was agreeable to y^e opinion of two branches of y^e Court, (viz^t) Gov^r & Council. but the first thing we heard, was a Rumour Spread thro' y^e Government, that we had bo't a Bargain out of the hands of the Government; attended with many malicious and vile Aspersions, very indecent in themselves, and as unbecoming the Authors—As most or all of us who made y^e Purchase had either in a publick Capacity or in a private way endeavour'd to influence y^e Assembly to comply with m^r Thomlinson's Agreement with you, yet we tho't it expedient in a more express and publick manner to manifest our Disposition upon that head; which we did by Signing a memorial to the Committee of y^e Gen^l Court on Sept^r 4th 1746—Setting forth what had been transacted about your Right Since m^r Thomlinson's & your Agreement, to y^e time of our Conference with y^e Com^{tee} and adding that we expected for about a month, that they would have pursued that part of the Vote of y^e

Gen^l Court that related to their taking the Advice of Gen^l learned in y^e law about proper Instruments to be drawn, for us to Execute, to Convey to the Province, what we had purchased of you; which Deed we had neither Seen or heard of,—also obviating that groundless Censure, by Stating y^e facts of their own Conduct, and reciting our Quit Claim & c^o concluding that we were ready to Execute a Deed for our Remaining Interest in the Premises, in the same manner as we received it, and for the Same Sum we gave you for it, and our Costs attending the Same; provided it be done within one month from y^e Date of y^e memorial; and y^e Deed so made as to convey y^e land to the Government, to be granted to Such Inhabitants as y^e Gov^r & Council shall grant Charters to; & excus'd y^e Limitation of one month because sundrys were to be obliged in y^e Premises as they had applied which Memorial was read at Council board & Sent down to y^e House, & read there—which happen'd within a day or two of it's date—after which we hear nothing from y^e Gen^l Court upon y^e Affair till the 8th dece^r when they alledge in a preamble of a Vote y^t they had Appointed a Committee on y^e 19th Sept^r to join with such as should be appointed by the Council to purchase said Claim, agreeable to y^e former Report of a Com^{tee} but were prevented by y^e Surprize of y^e Report of y^e French Fleet being on y^e Coast; and a Prorogation of y^e Court, before y^e Vote was Completed—but on y^e S^d 8th day of Dec^r A Committee was Appointed to prepare and get Instruments drawn to be laid before y^e Gen^l Court

On August 20th 1747, a Deed was Voted to be offered us to Sign, which had been read once and again in the house & which was Concurr'd by the Council The Deed was prepared about y^e middle of may 1747—and lay in y^e Files of y^e house till Aug: 20th aforesaid, about which time y^e Committee offered it to us, as what was prepared by the General Court, for us to Execute—the Purport whereof was, for us to Convey to two Gen^l as Feoffees in Trust for and in behalfe of y^e Inhabit^{ts} of this Province all our Right Estate Property Possession & c^o by virtue of any Purchase of you made & c^o Situate within y^e bounds of—beginning at y^e mouth of Piscat^a River and Sixty Miles up into y^e Countrey so along y^e Sea Coast towards Merrimack River untill it comes to y^e Boundary Line between Mass^a & New Hampsh^r then running up the Country till Sixty Miles be finish'd, then a line across to y^e End of y^e first Sixty Mile line—the Form of this Deed was Debated in the House and y^e Objections propos'd which we might make; notwithstanding which, a Majority voted it to be the form in which they would have us make a Conveyance: the Council might pass it, and in Complaisance to y^e Assembly and Committee, without Examination; we bor-

row'd y^e Deed of the Committee to peruse in order to give them an Answer. before I observe to you y^e Effect of that Deed & the Result of y^e Proprietors upon it, I Will take some notice of our Quitclaim, which you may Remember was Executed by us, immediately after your Deed of Conveyance was Executed & Acknoleged; least any Accident should prevent our good Intentions to the publick—as we Esteem'd your Title to y^e premises to be good, and your Conveyance regular and firm—we reserved in y^e Quit Claim, or rather did not include any Rights we had by Grant or Purchase of any Land or Estate within the Bounds of your Deed to us, but left it to Depend upon that Title we purchas'd of you and very early Care was taken to have y^e Quit Claim recorded in The Province Records, even before your Deed was recorded of which y^e Members of y^e Assembly well knew by perusing it on y^e Record as Soon as it was Recorded, which was within a short time of it's Date, and Copies were taken of it—so that our Quit claim was well known, at least to y^e Assembly—Upon Reflection of the Conduct of the Assembly about the affair from it's being first Communicated to them by his Excellency, and your Appearing to Comply with your agreement, and also y^e Sollicitation to have them make the Purchase for y^e Government; their Neglect & Silence upon it, and even, when they seem'd most anxiously concern'd about y^e Purchase, as to lay aside all other Buisness for Several days, and to pass Votes, and appoint Com'ittees to treat with us, and prepare a Deed for us to Execute, and even Send their Committee to us with the Deed to be executed; yet in all their Concern to Serve y^e good People of the Province—never voted the raising a Penny of Money to pay us the Consideration, they propos'd to give—which by y^e way was more than halfe as much again than the Sum you would have Sold it for to them—so that were we So Stupid as to Sign their Deed they brought us, they had not a Shilling to pay us for y^e Consideration we gave, & the Charges; and then Considering the Force of the Deed which was tendered, which had we Executed, we had Conveyed to the Feoffees in Trust for the Use of the Inhabitants of this Government, all our Estates of Lands and Appurtenances, we any of us held within the Province, unless any part could be preserv'd by a Tenure of Sixty years Possession, before y^e Executing of the Deed—and you are not insensible That Many of your Purchasers had valuable Estates in out Lands by Grants from Gov^{rs} and Councill of this Province, or by purchases, which could not prescribe more than thirty years Possession at most, and a great Quantity not So much; so that after we had given the People in the Province all our Right to their Estates, which we might have recovered from them by virtue of your Title; and Quieted them in their

Possessions, which they could legally hold otherwise; in Return for that good Service the Government would Strip us of all our Estates within y^e Province, had we been so complaisant as to have Executed the Dead they had prepared for us—which last Transaction of y^e Assembly, for there it was contrived, bro't us to a Resolution of what must be their Disposition—viz' considering their other Behaviour about the Affair; that they would not purchase of you or us; So that the Gov^r & Council should have the Granting of y^e Lands, but would run y^e Risque of y^e People of y^e Province becoming Tennants—perhaps to their Good Friends in the Mass^a and Seem'd to be So bent; & their framing Such a Deed which bring's us to this Premunire—that if we would Still persist in Endeavouring to Serve or gratify y^e Government in Selling the Right We bought of you, for y^e sum it cost us & Charges, it Shall be at the Expence of our Estates; or the Obstacle such, y^t if we had not lost our Senses, we would not—So we concluded that we would give the Assembly No further trouble about our Right, but dispose of y^e Waste Lands as we should thereafter agree—I don't recollect any remarkable Occurrences about the affair, but that y^e three Branches of the Government were not pleas'd with our holding y^e Right, but that most of y^e Council and his Excellency were determined to make Grants of three Townships, all contiguous; to Inhabitants of Dover & Durham—joining upon Rochester, y^e nearest unimproved Lands not included in our Quit Claim, and very valuable; they proceeded so far as to give orders to have a Survey of y^e Townships and Return of a Plan to draw the Charters by, which I beleive was Effected so far, that the Charters were about to be accomplished; had not two of the Members of y^e Council entered their Protest against the Proceeding & Some other Attempts, to grant the waste Lands within our purchase; y^t we found it was high time for us to get into Some Situation wherein we might take some method of Securing and improving our Interest in the Waste Lands—accordingly concluded upon forming ourselves into a Propriety, for which as there is no Law of y^e Province directing how it Should be perform'd, We took the Method which had been us'd in the Government upon Such Occasions, which was, by every purchaser's Signing a Notification to meet at such time & place, to transact Such Things, as Specified in y^e Notification w^{ch} was done, and the first meeting was held on y^e 14th May 1748, and repeated to this time—before which, and Since, we received Many Applications from Societies within, and some without, the Province for Grants of Lands for Townships, and Confirmation, of former Possessions of particular Tracts; and as we were sensible of the Opposition of his Excellency & y^e Council to our Right in y^e Waste

Lands, which very much Discouraged our Improvement & Settlement, it's being so publickly known; we were oblig'd, in a manner much to y^e Disadvantage of our Interest, to endeavour to make our Right as popular as we could, to prevent y^e Inconveniences of y^e Powerfull Influence of those Branches of Authority, with the Assembly, against us, and the general torrent of a Disaffected Populace, w^{ch} would very much affect our Interest both among our Province People, and those of y^e Mass^a, who claim'd many Townships by Mass^a Grants; that we encouraged Such Applications, and engaged to make Grants upon easier Terms, than y^e Government would make, so that the Petitions have exceeded, what was in our Power to grant, and as it happen'd there is in y^e Superiour Court's Office Several Cases filed; that were tried here upon your Title, which furnished us with Such Evidence of Mason's Right in the Premises, y^t we were able, as Opp^o offer'd, to Convince most people that Apply'd, of the Validity of our Pretentions in it, and I believe is generally So esteem'd, that even those People, who had the general Vote of y^e Gov^r & Council for the three Townships upon y^e head of Rochester, have Since Petitioned us for our grant of those Townships, asserting our Title, in their Petitions, and in Complaisance to y^e Gov^r & Council we made them their grants, as they were directed before to Survey the land, and they have taken no Charter from Gov^r & Council Since our grant—but in virtue of it are going upon y^e Settlement of their Respective Tracts—so that with much trouble, and Detriment to our Interest, we have got over the most popular Objections, occasion'd chiefly by the Opposition of those Authorities; which Seem's to be with Some Inconsistency, considering, the Recommendation, Concurrence & Assent to the purchasing of you, and afterwards, frequent Transactions in Respect to the Purchase of us—which might have been accomplish'd upon their Own Terms, if they would have agreed among themselves to do it—and rather think a little Acknowledgement might have been expected for our Quit Claim, by the Guardians of the Publick, for Such a Benefit but in its stead we met with all y^e Opposition they could make—whether his Excellency's appearing to Oppose us was real, or political, you are capable of Judging, I would encline to think y^e latter—and as to y^e others it appear'd to be from a malignant invidious Disposition, which I hope will not rise to any higher Degree, but rather Subside; without they should have Power & Opp^o to Defeat us—We have Accomplish'd eight grants for Townships, & Some more, near the finishing, and many more engaged, Some of the grants are made of y^e land which y^e Mass^a had granted about the time y^e line was about Settling, and Some within what was granted in this Province, called

Kingswood—, the Terms of y^e Grants are only a gradual Settlement of y^e Townships a longer or a shorter Space for complying, as y^e land is near or Remote from Settled Towns & reserving three Shares for publick uses for y^e Town Such as for y^e Ministry and School—and each of y^e fifteen Proprietors an equal Share, to be drawn for by lot in Common with y^e others, and to be exempted from any Charge of Settlement, till dispos'd of, or improv'd upon by y^e owner—and two other Lots which were design'd for y^e Lawyers, for their aid and Assistance in all y^e Proprietors Affairs—the Tracts of land to contain Six miles Square, to be divided into one hundred shares; one or two of y^e first grants to be divided into eighty shares. Reserving all white Pine Trees fit for masting y^e royal Navy, which are granted to his Majesty his heirs & successors, inserting many necessary Conveniences for y^e Benefit of y^e Township—and in Case of any Law suit about y^e Title to y^e Land, we have warranteed so far as to be at the Expence of Caring it thro' y^e law to final Issue—when, if we loose, we loose our Expence & Right, & y^e Persons we grant to, loose their Labour—in all the grants we have made, wherever we understand any persons live upon y^e Spot, or have made Improvements thereon, if they will make Application for it, we confirm their Improvements to them, and not give them to others—upon which Account we have had Application from Several of the Mass^a Gentlemen, who had land granted by the Mass^a, or purchas'd Such Grants—and we have also had whole Town-Proprietors, of Mass^a granting, to make Application, but how far they will prosecute their Application, their own Necessity will Determine, w^{ch} they will doubtless withdraw, if they can be Satisfyed, by this Government, to withstand our Right, to Effect or be Supported by y^e Mass^a in opposition, so as to preserve a Right to get Possession & Improvement of y^e Lands—which are Scarcely improv'd upon, or but little in many of y^e Mass^a Grants, for which their Gen^l Court had very nearly granted a large Sum of Money to maintain their Rights to, in Opposition to our Claim—It is very probable Some Society or person will put us upon the trial of our Title to the Premises, if you can Recollect any kind of Evidence that will be of Use, which you can get at Home, as you are upon y^e Spot, you might do Service in procuring of it; I don't at present think of any thing to Recon^dend to your procuring, unless a proper Certificate or Evidence of your Ancestor's taking upon him the name of Mason, by Authority, if Such Authority is necessary & proper for it, also if you have a Copy of Cap^t John Mason's Will, to take Advice, if all y^e Devices are regularly & properly made, So as to abide y^e Test of y^e Law—Considering our Intention and Benefit to y^e Publick of this Province, in our making

the purchase of your Right (as you was determin'd to Sell it if we had not purchas'd it) and giving a Quit Claim to all the Lands any person in y^e Province could pretend any legal Right to (except y^e Grantees of Gilman Town & Kingswood) and have Since y^e Quit Claim, granted & engaged to grant Several Townships to y^e Inhabitants of every Town in y^e Province that would apply for Grants, which are for one, two, or three Grants of Tracts of Land, for Townships to the Inhabitants of every Town, which could expect a Grant from the Government—and also to other Inhabitants of Towns less Settled—upon which Consideration, and the Difficultys and inconveniencies occasioned by the Government—The Expence of Time &c^a Spent in the Affair of receiving Applications, & upon Seeking after information of y^e particular Tracts to be granted and preparing and making y^e Grants &c &c &c There is an Expedient whereby we might Serve ourselves very much without Injury and injustice to any body—That is,

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mem^o of N^o Towns granted

N: 6: y^e first meet^s of Prop^m held May 14th 1748

1748 Dec^r 3^d the first grant of a Township—to Tho^s Packer &c

2. Starks Town 3^d grant to Jn^o Sanborn & others—4 grant to Palmer &c 5 Hillsborough—reserved only 1700 Acres 6 Peterborough 7. to Gershom Down &c 8 to Eben^r Varney &c 9 Jon^a Chesle &c^e 10 to Nath^l Gookin &c^e 11 to Ich^a Roby &c^e 12 to Eben^r Stevens &c 13 to Abr^a Perry &c^e 14 to Rich^d Jennes &c^e 15 Henry Mellens &c 16 to Edmund Brown &c^e 17 Gilman Town 18 Jn^o MacMurphy Esqu^r &c^e 19 Contocook 20 Salem Quit Claim no reservation 21. Wolfborrow 22 Souhegan West Quit claim no reserv^a 23—Bedford 24 To Marston &c^e 25. to Coll^o Stodderd &c 26 N^o 1 27 N^o 2 28 Peterborow slip 29 north Manadnock 30 Middle manadnock 31 Manadnock n^o 5. 32. D^o N^o 6. 33 D^o N^o 7 34 new Concord n^o 8 35—Dantzick 36 Dantzick 39 Heidlebourg 40 Alexandria 41 New Chester. 42 Lyndsborough 43 Ipswich

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[The following names in the above document have the word "Tax" written over them: Tho's Packer, Starks Town, Henry Mellens, Contocook, Salem, Souhegan West, Bedford, Lyndsborough, Ipswich.—Ed.]

[*Thomas Packer's Protest, March 1, 1748-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 76.]

Prov^o of } At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands
 New Hamp^r } purchased of John Tufton Mayson Esq in the Prov^o
 of New Hamp^r at the Dwelling House of Sarah Prust widow in
 Portsm^o in Said Prov^o on wendsday the Second day of Novemb^r
 anno Domini 1748 Pursuant to Notification of the 28th of october
 last past—

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of the Lands purchased of the above
 named John Tufton Mayson Esq I do hereby object and Protest
 against and discent from any Grant of Lands that you shall make to
 any person or person that lyes to the Eastward of merrimaek river
 from the south west corner of Canterbury down the river Southward
 and I do likewise object and Protest against and discent from any
 grant you shall make to any person or persons of the Lands that
 lyes to the westward of a Place called New Boston and to the west-
 ward of a Place called Hales Town and to the Northward of a Place
 called Salem Canada and to the Northward of a Place called Peter-
 borough and to the southward of a Place called Number Six and to
 the southward of Two other Towns called Number Seven and Num-
 ber Eight number seven being generally called Hillsborough and the
 Said Lands between those Towns to run Westward So far as
 maysons Clame runs The reason of this my Protest and Discent is
 because I am Determined not to part with the Interest I have in
 those Lands, and I desire that this my Protest and Discent may be
 Entered on the Proprietors Books—

Tho^s Packer—

Portsm^o march 1st 1748/9

[*Power of Attorney to Jackson, Livermore, and Parker, June 14,
 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 83.]

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents That I John Tufton Mason of
 Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire in New England
 Esq^r Do by these Presents Constitute & appoint Clement Jackson
 Matthew Livermore & William Parker all of Portsmouth aforesaid
 Esq^{rs} & any two of them to be my Attorneys for me & in my Name
 Stead & use to Suffer Sue forth prosecute finish & perfect a Com-
 mon Recovery or Recoveries one or more of any Lands or Tenements

wherein I am or shall be Interested & Concerned as Tenant in Tail General & Special or either of them and for that purpose to make Sign Seal & Execute in my name & Stead any Instrument or Instruments of Conveyance to make a Tenant to the præcipe or otherways necessary & proper to be done in Such Cases and to bring forward a proper Action or plea for that purpose in any Court having Legal Jurisdiction & Cognizance thereof & there in my name & behalf to appear Enter into the Warranty & Vouch to Warrant any Person as Occasion Shall Require & to Sue forth a Writ of Seizin thereof or to Enter into & take full Seizin & possession of Such Lands and Tenements and Generally to Say do Act Transact Accomplish and perfect one or more Common Recoveries according to the usual method & Course thereof for the Assurance of Lands & Tenements and do act & perform every matter & thing whatsoever necessary & proper to be done for that End And also to make Sign Seal & Execute any Deed or Deeds of Conveyance of any Such Lands (after perfecting the Recovery or Recoveries thereof as afores^d for the Docking & Cutting off any Such Estates Tail & Remainders in Tail) to Such Person or Persons as I Shall hereafter Direct to hold to them & their Respective Heirs & Assigns or to any Such Person or Persons as they my Said Attorneys Shall think proper to hold to Such Person or Persons & their Respective heirs & Assigns in Such Proportion as they my Said Attorneys shall Judge proper I Hereby Ratifying & Confirming whatsoever my Said Attorneys Shall Lawfully do or Cause to be done in & about the premises—In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the fourteenth Day of June 1749 and in the twenty third Year of his Majesty's Reign—

Jn^o Tufton Mason [seal]

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In presence of us the following
words being first Interlined
viz *To my said Attorneys, to*

W^m Keeling

Jos: Newmarch

Province of } June 15th 1749 then the above named John Tuf-
New Hampsh^r } ton Mason Esq^r personally appearing acknowl-
edged this Instrument to be his free Act & Deed Before me

Jos: Newmarch J^s Peace

[Endorsed]

Recd 11th April 1753.

Prov^o of New Hampsh^r

Recorded Lib. 40. Fol. 364

Exam'd—

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D Peirce Red

[*Letter from Joseph Blanchard, June 26, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 85.]

Gent^m

Cap^t Goffe Attends You on y^e Great & first Grant I Intreat in the Behalf of my Neighbours y^e Greatest Dispatch that they may return to their Buisness Cap^t Follensbys Lot as Coupled the Prop^rs this way are Content with; M^r Blodgetts Affairs I have negotiated to his & I hope to Your Acceptance; & desire your Favour on his behalf that it may be finished According to liis Old Bounds which Cap^t Goffe Projects—

Cap^t Shepard will be with you for his Grant—There my Honor, is pawned on your behalf Doubt not your Justice to him—M^r Simonds by Whome I Wrote this day is the most Notable Sufferer I Should be Glad if your Invention from y^e Com^{on} or Else Where Could Quiet him, M^r B^lodgett has Purchased Will^m and Robert Reads Rights to One of Which let his Farm be put—I Shall Soon Wait on you at Ports^o, and in the mean time make needfull Enquiries

I am Gent^m with Great Respect

y^r most Obed^t

June 26th 1749

J Blanchard

To the Prop^rs of Mesons Grant

P. S. if any of Cap^t Blodgets Children, Other than the Present Actor, (Seth) Should Clamor & be troublesome Which Phaps you may meet with I know the Circumstances, And will be Answerable for the Justice of his Covering the farm, And no Disadvantage to y^e prop^ry

Y^{rs} ut Supra J B—

[*Motion for Amendment of Writ.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 86.]

Province of } BE IT REMEMBERED that on the first Thursday
New Hamp^t } next following the first Tuesday of September being
the Seventh day of the said Month in the Twentythird year of the
Reign of our Lord the King that now is, Comes into Court of Com-
mon pleas of our Lord the King for said Province, John Tufton
Mason of Portsmouth in said Province Esq^r by Clement Jackson,
Matthew Livermore & William Parker Esq^{rs} his Attorney's & Give

the Court to understand and be informed that the said John, Heretofore viz^t on the first, Thursday next following the first Tuesday of June in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of our said Lord the King, Prosecuted a Common Recovery in the said Court for the Docking, Barring & Cutting off all Estates Tail & Remainders in Tail of and in all that Tract of Land Heretofore Called & Known by the Name of the County of New Hampshire or New Hampshire Lying & being within the Province of New Hampshire & Containing one hundred Thousand Acres more or less Bounded & Discribed as in the Writ of Entry on Dissiezin in the Post by him Sued forth for that Purpose, which Recovery at the said Term of the Sitting of the said Court was finished & Perfected According to the Usual Course of Prosecuting Common Recoveries, for the Assurance of Lands & Tenements, in the said Court and Afterwards Executed by a Writ of Habere Facias Seisinam duly Served & Returned as by the Records of the said Court of the Term aforesaid there Remaining may at Large Appear, That in the Writs of Entry & Habere Facias Seisinam as well as in the Deed to Lead the uses of the said Recovery there was an Error Committed & Mistake made in the Discription & Boundary of the Premises on one part thereof, That is to say in the said Writs & Deed the said Boundary Runs from the mouth of Piscataqua River along the Sea Coast to the Distance of three miles North of Merrimack River & Runs Parrallel with said River at the Distance of three Miles to the head thereof & from thence Westward till Sixty miles are Compleated &c Whereas the said Boundarys should be & have Run in Manner & form Following, that is to Say Begining from or at the Middle part of Naumkege River & from thence to proceed Eastward along the sea Coast to Cape Ann and Round about the Same to Piscataqua Harbour & so forward up within the River Newichewonnock & to the farthest Head thereof and from thence North Westwards till Sixty miles are finished from the first Entrance of Piscataqua Harbour and also from Naumkege Through the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty Miles from which Period to Cross over Land to the Sixty Miles End Accounted from Piscataqua Harbour as aforesaid, and the said Writs & Deed Should also Contain the same Exemptions as therein are made—WHEREFORE the said John by his Said Attorney's Humbly moves that he may have a Rule & Order of this Court for Amending & Correcting the Mistake & Error aforesaid and making the Discription & Boundary's in the said Writ of Entry, Writ of Habere Facias Seisinam & Deed and all the Process of the said Recovery and Records thereof Agreeable to the Boundaries herein Last Mentioned and Set forth as was Intended & Designed by the

said John to have been done in the Prosecuting, Perfecting and finishing the Recovery aforesaid—

Clement Jackson
Matthew Livermore
William Parker

Which Motion being Read & Precedents Produced in Court of Such Amendments as are therein Mentioned having been Granted to be made and the Court having duly Deliberated & Advised thereon IT IS CONSIDERED by the COURT that the said Motion be & hereby is Granted and that the Amendment prayed & Moved for, be made in the Original Writ, the Writ of Habere Facias seisinam, Deed to Lead the Uses and all the Records and Process of the said Recovery in as Large, full & Ample Manner as is above Requested—

Att H Wentworth Cle^r

A Copy of Record Examined by

N Emery Clerk—

[*Letter from John Tufton Mason, Sept. 15, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 88.]

Gent/

This to Acquaint You of My health hoping You all are allso Well, & Diligent in the Province affair So far as Relateth to our Proprietorship Every Body here Speaks Well of our Scheeme Last Weeke My Great & Good Patron (The Earle of thanett) Came to town & Immediately Sent for Me & Rec^d Me With the Utmost affection & Kindness Uppon My Relateing the affair to him he hyly aprooved of My Management, and Wisheed all the Success Possesle to those Concerned, With Me and that If he Could be of any Service to the affair he Would at any & all times apear for Us ading that We Were Quite Right in Distributeing the Land our Selves Without the assembly' assistance as it Would have Been a great Charge to the Province & an Unequall Divition to the Poor; he thinks it Would be of Great Service for the Proprietors to Send Yearly a Ship or More to the North of Ireland for People to Setle our Land as they are Industrouss People, assoone as I heare there is a Setlement begun I Shall aply to him for a Minister to be Mantain^d oute of the fund for Propagating the Gospell in foraign Parts, if You thing it advizable, he Being one of the Chiefe Comisioners for that End I Pray You^{ll} Kepe Me allways Well advized, of Your Proceedings, and as the Letters Will Cost Much Postage I Desire You Will

Inclose them Under Cover (To the Right Hon^{ble} the Earle of thanett) Whitch Will frank them and Cause them to Come Safe My Lord is gone Down into Kent a few Days ago I Shall follow him tomorow as he Insists on My Living With him While I am In England & tells Me I have No ocation to Spend My Money fo Lodging & Dyat While he has a house, Whitch I think Kind & Shall Accept off he farther Says I Shall be Provided With Some Post before Long that Shall Make my Life Easey to Me M^r Thomlinson Wonders that You Dont Send the Plan & Proceeding home & So Do I my Selve because You Know that I Was So Short a Time With You that I am Ignorant of the Greatest Part of What has been Done, I have the Pleasure to Inform You that there is No great Danger of any Body Mollesting Us in our Possession, Pray Send the Copy of My Case Drawn by M^r Sharp and the attorney & Sollicitor Gen^l opinion In Casse anything Should Start, I Shall Not Come to New England this Year I hope & Expect You^{ll} Reserve as Much Land oute of the New Deed as Will Put Me on a footing With a fiveteenth Part as I Was oblig^d In honour to Part With a 30th to Comply with My Word, and as there is So Much More Left Yet that Was Not in the former Deed, if You find any thing in My absence that Will Want My Imediate apearance I believe it will be Proper to Send Me a Power of attorney In Conjunction With M^r Thomlinson, he, as also My Lord thanett Says that the governour had Beter be Easey than to Mollest us in^t the Least, M^r thomlinson is also Much Pleased that We have Not forgot him as a Propriator the great Noisse of M^r Royall Coming Governour is all a Gasconad for the Gentleman M^r Bethell Would Not Stir in the affair & if he had It Would hav had no Effect the affair with y^e governour & y^e assembly being over, as Supoass they are Convinced by this time, there is a Dam^d Noyce aboute the Governours treatment to Cap^t Sherburne and Major Gilman at all the Boards & My Lord Halifax & the Secretary at War, have Express^d them Selves Very freely on that Subject, in faifour of them So has S^r Peter Warren in So Mutch that they^{ll} get the Pay & Not the Governours Sons, I am Very Sorry that Such an Unguarded Step Was taken by the Governour otherwise it would have Been Very Easey for My friends to gather With his, to have got him Massachusetts In order to Make Way for Me in Newhampshire, although: My Lord thanett Says it is Not Worth his asking for Me, on Account of the Income, but he thinks it Will be of Infinite Service toward our Carying on our Setlement & he has Promissed Me that I Shall have it, in Casse any thing Should hapen M^r Wentworth So that I think I Shall be Powerfull Enough for M^r Royall & his Interest & Now Gentlemen as We

are all as one Man With Regard to the Propriaty I think We ought to be as Seeret In ou Private Confabulations & advizes as though it Were in a Well Constituted Lodge of Masons for Whitch Reason I Desire that these thing I have Wrote You May be a Seeret amountst You, as it Can be Service to Let others Know it: I Know You all to Be Gentelemen of Honour or Should Not have Created You Lords: Nor Laid My Selfe open to You I Should be Glad of Your Opinion of What I have hinted assoone as Convenient In the Mean time

I am Gen^t

Your Hm^{ls} Serv^t

Jn^o Tufton Mason

P S John Husk Lays Down With the Small Pox but Lik to Recover

J T M

London Sept^r y^e 15th 1749

To the Right Honob^{ls} the Lords Propriators of New Hampshire these

[*Story of the Purchase from Mason.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 82.]

S^r Being at Boston in the Winter I tho't there was reason to Suspect that design was attempting against y^e Propriety of Masons Right, and to be effected at Home Soon wherefore I took occasion on the 1st of February $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ y^e Bethel Frigate Cap^t Ross to give you a Breaif Acco^t of y^e Scituation of our Propriety Affairs, and Should only Send you a Duplicate $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ this Opp^o but not knowing of your being particularly inform'd of the Proceedings upon Mason's Right Since your Agreement with Cap^t Mason in Lond^o April 1730—I now endeavour to give you the State of y^e whole Proceedure since y^e Arival of that Agreement here to this time—You being Sensible of the Right Cap^t Mason had to the Lands of this Province as far y^e Patent Extends, and how Expedient it would be to the Wellfare of the Inhabitants to have that Right rest within the Government, and how prejudicial it might have been to be lodg'd elsewhere a weighty Inducement of your Obtaining that Agreement with him, and upon Such easy Terms, that your good Service in the Benefits to be preserv'd and the Damages that it might have prevented may not be easily rated—The first publick appear^{ce} that I can find it made in this Government was the Governour's Sending it to the Assembly on

30th October 1744 for their perusal & Consideration on y^e 9th of December following the Gov^r Send's to y^e house to desire they would come to Some Resolve about y^e Agreement between you & Mason

on y^e first of Jan^r The Gov^r Send's to y^e House to know if they had Acted upon the Indenture between you and Mason—

The next Notice taken about it, was a Memorial presented by Cap^t Mason on y^e 18th Feb^r 1745 to Gov^r Council & Assembly Setting forth y^e principal Articles of y^e Indenture and Signifying that y^e term limited for performance of y^e Covenant had expired four years, & that he was within that time ready to Comply on his part and was then also ready and willing to comply, and requested they would come to a Determination concerning the Premises—

Feb^r 22^d the memorial was read in Council and recommended—

May 7th 1746 in Council the memorial was read and Recommended again, and Sent down—the first Effect that I can Understand these Recommendations and Cap^t Mason's memorial had in the House was a Resolution that his Right should not in any Respect be mention'd in y^e Journals of the house, tho' a Com[']tee was appointed to get Counsell upon it, w^{ch} was rendered thus far, that it was the Opinion of y^e Counsell that Mason or y^e Heirs of Allen had a Right but most likely to be in Mason as no Act was known certainly to be pass'd to Dock y^e Entail of y^e Patentee's Will w^{ch} conveyed y^e Right of y^e Premises in an Estate Tail—and Stated the Affair in a familiar Simile—that the Government purchasing of Cap^t Mason's Right to Lands in this Province on y^e terms of your agreement Seem'd to be like y^e Case of a Merchant who should purchase a Vessel and Cargo at a Small Expence to Send to a certain Place where if y^e Vessel arriv'd would make an immense Profit, but if should founder by y^e Voyage y^e Loss would not be great—notwithstanding this and frequent Solicitations of Persons without Doors, anything offer'd to induce y^e Assembly could not have any Effect—Cap^t Mason Waited upon y^e Assembly After he Return'd from London in 1745 and offer'd to comply on his part with y^e Agreement but they took little notice of him y^e last time he waited upon them I think a short time before he had y^e Common Recovery pass'd he declared he should then take their Silence for a Denial of complying with your Agreement with him and should not give them or himselfe any further Trouble about the affair if not soon determined he had in Return a disdainfull Slight—In June 1746 Cap^t Mason at his own Expence had a Common Recovery pass'd at y^e court of Common Pleas to dock y^e Entail of his Ancestor's Will, and being determin'd to make Sale of his Right in New Hampshire which descended to him by that will

he generously offered to Sell it to People of New Hampshire before any others, from a just Apprehension of y^e pernicious Consequence the Selling it to our friendly Neighbors would be to all y^e Inhabitants within a short time after y^e Process of y^e Common Recovery was Completed Cap^t Mason offered to make Sale of his Said Right to Gentlemen whom he knew were Friends to the Prosperity of this Province or nearly related to Such & none refused to purchase of him, and of those Persons I beleive every man in a political or private Capacity Solicited the members of y^e Assembly to Comply with your Agreement with Mason. Cap^t Mason being then under Order to repair to his Post at Louisbourg in a few days, hasten'd y^e Coming to a Conclusion of the Sale of his Right, and a meeting was proposed at his Request to agree with him upon the affair, & when met it was propos'd to defer y^e matter, to See if y^e Assembly who were then Sitting would not comply with y^e Agreement but Cap^t Mason considered y^e length of time Since it first lay before them and more than a month after y^e Common Recovery pass'd to dock y^e entail, and y^e disdainfull Usage his personal Applications met with from y^e Assembly that he was then Resolved to have no further communication with them upon y^e affair so nothing further could be offered upon that head—there were twelve of ye purchasers present and it was proposed that you shou'd have a part equal to any of y^e purchasers and Cap^t Mason reserv'd an equal part for you and an equal part Design'd for Jn^o Rindge and the Sum in Consideration of y^e Sale was by halfe as much more than you agreed with Mason for y^e Government, then the Form of a Deed was y^e Subject of Consideration Coll^o Atkinson was to have $\frac{1}{3}$ convey'd to him one for himselfe & two of w^{ch} intended to be reconvey to Mason one of w^{ch} he design'd for you another for himselfe M H W—th $\frac{1}{3}$ his own and for Jn^o Rindge then a minor—the other ten parts to y^e Persons named—it was design'd & propos'd that many more persons should be concern'd but y^e different opinions about y^e form of a Deed of Conveyance produced a Resolution of not Admitting any other persons, least a greater variety of Opinions should occasion a delay which Cap^t Mason urg'd against as y^e Vessell he was to sail in to Louisbourg would depart in a few days and y^e necessary Buisness of his Family requiring his Attention, he desired y^e Quickest Dispatch to have y^e Deed Executed, upon which it was so concluded, and y^e Buisness of y^e Deed committed to three persons to get prepar'd—it was at this time also Considered the Occasion & Design of our Making the Purchase of Cap^t Mason—which were that the Government would not make y^e Purchase tho' they might have had it upon So reasonable terms as is express'd in your agreem^t and Cap^t Mason

was resolv'd (in Case of their Compliance at this time to make y^e Purchase, that (as he could Convey his Right to people of the Province,) not to Sell to the Assembly, & that it was very unlikely if they should now resolve to purchase that the whole Legislature would agree in y^e manner of y^e purchase within y^e short time he had to tarry, when the affair had laid so long under their Consideration—and if we did not conclude y^e Purchase at that Instant, there was no other opportunity of Saving Mason's Right in y^e hands of New Hampshire Proprietors, & Seing within four or five Miles in a neighbouring Govm^t both an Inclination, & a larger Sum than we gave was ready to make y^e purchase, (and by what I can have been inform'd there was no Small Disappointment in being prevented of y^e opportunity) So that y^e the time of Securing mason's Right within this Province was bro't to that Point of time *Now or never*—there is no need of mentioning of how great importance and how great y^e Consequence must then be thought upon by y^e purchasers to improve that critical hour of accepting Cap^t Mason's offer, of buying his Right to y^e Part of y^e Province within his claim—& It was well known y^e Advantageous Motive that occasioned your Agreement as agent to this Province with Cap^t Mason to Sell his claim & Right, to the Lands within this Province to this Government, was to quiet y^e People of the Province in a quiet & peaceable possession of their Lands and Improvements—however that Consideration was neglected by the Representatives of the Province when proposed & Recommended to them—it was a principal Design of y^e Purchasers, in their private Capacity to give So much money to Save their own properties in any of their Lands granted, or purchased under y^e Grants made by this Government also of any persons hold: under those grants within all the Towns granted, by this Govm^t, that had any Improvements made upon them, without any Reserve, of any unimproved lands within y^e Bounds limited of each Respective Township that it was no Sooner mentioned than unanimously agreed that immediately after Mason executed a Deed to us of his Right we would Execute a Deed of Quit Claim to all such Townships & in y^e manner just before mentioned—and what improvements we might make of y^e waste Lands within Mason's Claim was a Remote Consideration at that time, It was a few days after that we had a Deed drawn for Cap^t Mason to Execute to us, a Copy of w^{ch} is in y^e Case French v^s Follensby lately appealed home from y^e Judgem^t of Court of Appeals here to his Majesty in Council—which Deed being drawn when there was not time to enquire into y^e best Bounds, within so short a time, that another Deed is executed to rectify that Error Extending y^e Bounds and is viz^t

You may See our Deed of Quit Claim filed in y^e Said Case and that it bears even Date with Mason's Deed to us and that it was entered upon y^e Province Record before Mason's Deed, which Quit Claim Comprehend's every Township granted by this Gov^{mt} except two viz: Gilman Town (So call'd) and Kingswood it was debated whether the former Should be included within y^e Quit Claim or not, but it could not be made to appear that any improvement was made upon that Tract Since y^e Grant by y^e Gov^{mt} so was look't upon only as waste Lands and so excluded as to y^e other Grant of Kingswood, every Purchaser propos'd having that omitted in y^e Quit Claim upon two Considerations—That no manner of Improvement had been made upon any part of it and that it was most Extravagantly granted, (with Submission to y^e persons who granted the Same) the Grant Was made by Govern^r B—r and a Majority of y^e Council at y^e finishing of y^e Session of Gen^l Court when they Sat a Hampton Falls at y^e Time when y^e Commissioners Sot at Hampton on y^e Trial of y^e Boundary Lines between Mass^a & New Hampshire and it Seem's was calculated & Contrived to comprehend all the land between merrimack River thro Winipissiokee Pond to y^e nothern boundary line of New Hampshire joining upon y^e heads of y^e Towns before granted comprehending all y^e valueable Lands ungranted which y^e projectors desired should fall within y^e bounds of New Hampshire—and Such a Tract, including all y^e Council, except one was granted to about fifty or Sixty persons & all but one of them of this Town and Some few Persons out of y^e Province—it was generally understood that Gov^r B—r had an Instruction prohibiting his making any grants of Lands about that time, but I think I heard y^e Instruction was from some one of y^e boards at home w^{ch} his abettors said had not Authority to Supercede his Commission or Instructions from y^e King w^{ch} impower'd him with y^e Council to grant lands &c—as this grant was made Silently and a meer party Buisness and generally exploded by y^e people of y^e Province we determined to leave that Grant out of y^e Quit Claim. immediately after our Agreement with Cap^t Mason to make the Purchase &c the Report of it got into y^e House of Representatives, and then they tho't proper to Act upon the Affair and the time we appointed to meet Cap^t Mason with a Deed for him to Execute which was July 29th 1746, P: M & to pay him y^e money The Assembly at that Juncture Resolve that forthwith y^e Agreement made between you &c & Mason be complied with for y^e Benefit of y^e Inhabitants of this Prov: and that according to Said Agreem^t y^e s^d Inhabit^s be quieted in their settlements agreeable to y^e grants of this Gov^{mt} and y^e waste Lands be granted out by y^e gen^l Assembly to y^e Inhabi-

tants of s^d Prov: as they shall think proper—& Sent up to y^e Council—& a Committee from y^e Assembly y^e Speaker being one came to us, before we could enter upon Our intended Buisness and acquainted us y^e their coming there was from y^e assembly to speak with us and accordingly in a Respectfull manner they were introduced—and Soon declared their intended Buisness which was to inform Cap^t Mason and us that they were a Com^{tee} from y^e House as they understood that we had made an agreement about Selling & buying his Right &^c—and if we had not proceeded so far as Executing y^e Deed and if we Consented to release our Agreement with Cap^t Mason of his Selling to us The House would Comply with m^r Thomlinsons Agreement wth Cap^t Mason—Cap^t Mason only in Answer rehearsed when & what your Agreement with him was, the Governours Recommending it to their Compliance, his own memorial to them once and again to Comply with it, & Sundry personal Applications he made to them when he could be admitted into y^e house—and y^e particular Sights they put upon all his Applications, especially the Ridicule made of his last Address to them when he was in y^e house & y^e length of time it lay under their Consideration and then upon y^e whole concluded With a Solemn asseveration y^e he would not execute a Deed to them of his Right upon any Consideration whatever—which Application of y^e assembly & y^e Conversation between Cap^t Mason & Comittee interrupted y^e Executing our Deeds and we found Cap^t Mason was Steadfastly Resolv^d to Continue his Determination of not Selling to y^e Assembly. it was two days after, that before we could Accomplish y^e Deeds & we seem'd so dilatory that he began to think We were falling back & talk't of others elsewhere—The Assembly on y^e 30th of July A. M. Vote (agreeable to their Resolve of y^e Afternoon before—) a Committee to Join with such as y^e Councill might appoint to treat with Cap^t Mason ab^t fulfilling his Agreem^t made with m^r Thomlinson ab^t Conveying the Right s^d mason Claims to this Province to y^e Inhabitants & to draw up proper Instruments in order therefor & immediately lay y^m before y^e general assembly

at which time two of the members beg'd leave to enter their dissent to y^e vote & preceeding Resolve—July 31st A: M: Three of y^e Council go down to the house, “and said they were directed by y^e Council to inform y^e House that they had no material Objection against y^e Resolve of y^e house of y^e 29th Ins^t and y^e Vote of y^e 30th Ins^t in Consequence thereof except y^e last Paragraph of y^e Resolve (viz^t) “and that y^e Waste land be granted out by the gen^l Assembly to y^e Inhabitants of said Province as they shall think proper” for that Said paragraph was inconsistent with y^e Constitution and

Contrary to his majesty's Commission & Instructions to his Excellency y^e Gov^r nevertheless if y^e House proposes to purchase of Cap^t Mason & afterwards address his Majesty for leave to dispose of said Lands to y^e people in that manner they were Content"—

Aug: 1st The House vote a Com^{tee} to join with y^t A Comitt^{ee} of Council to Consult on y^e properest & best method for y^e Province to proceed in Concerning Cap^t Mason's Claim to this Province & make immediate Report to y^e Gen^l Assembly, the Council Concurr with y^e Vote and join four of their members in y^e Com^{tee} to which y^e Governour Assents and y^e Secretary reports to y^e house that the Com^{tee} of Council were ready to go upon y^e affair y^e Same day Said Committee of y^e Assembly Report in y^e house as follows viz^t " Pursuant to y^e aforesaid Vote they had met and Consulted on y^e Subject matter thereof & do report y^t for Quieting y^e good people of this Prov: & to prevent future Difficulties & Disputes it will be best for this Prov^{ce} to purchase y^e Said Claim for y^e Use and benefit of y^e Inhabitants of this Province if y^e late purchasers will Sell it for y^e Same sum they gave for it and Charges" which Report was Voted & Sent up for Concurrence and Concurr'd by y^e Council—and y^e next day assented to by y^e Gov^r—and then the house was advised of y^e Same by y^e Sec^y—upon w^{ch} y^e house Appoint a Committee to Join a Com^{tee} of Council "to treat with the Claimers, and if they will Sell on y^e terms mentioned in Said Report, and conclude a Bargain with them agreeable to said Report, and take advice of Gentlemen learn'd in y^e law ab^t proper Instruments to be drawn & Executed by said Claimers and get them prepared and ready to lay before y^e Gen^l Assembly at their next meeting & at y^e same time make a Report of all their doings" Sent up and Concurr'd and a Com^{tee} of Council added—and assented to by y^e Gov^r—On the 4th of Augst The last Mentioned Com^{tee} appointed a Conference with us ab^t Selling our Claim—and p^{ly} they propos'd to us if we would Sell our Claim of Mason's Right in this Prov: for y^e sum we gave for it & Charges—the first who answer'd said if y^e Gov^{mt} were agreed among themselves about purchasing & Disposing of y^e Waste Lands he was ready to Convey his Part on y^e terms propos'd to w^{ch} y^e We generally consented—and we expected to hear from y^e Committee again very Soon—but Notwithstanding we had Served the Government in Purchasing Cap^t Mason's Right and given a Quit Claim to all lands Granted by y^e Gov^{mt} and Improved w^{ch} was well known to y^e assembly & w^{ch} they afterwards pretended to imitate before they applied to us both in y^e house & out of y^e house most of y^e members cast y^e most Ignominious Reflections upon us for making of y^e Purchase, Saying that we were enemies to Gov^{mt} Villains &c and also

cast y^e vilest aspersions y^e malice of some could invent very indecent in themselves as unbecomeing y^e Authors declaring they wish'd any Persons might have the Lands rather than we, y^e Massachusetts nay even y^e French or Indians—charging us withal of taking a Bargain out of y^e Government's hands—& industriously spreading thro' y^e Province any thing they could invent to render us odious in y^e Eyes of y^e People—we were Sensible of what pass'd, and to convince y^e Assembly and y^e whole Province that our Intentions of purchasing of Cap^t Mason his Claim within y^e Province, was of a generous and benevolent Design of Serving y^e People of y^e Province & not to defeat or prevent y^e Government of making the purchase—we did on y^e 4th day of Sept^r 1746 put into y^e Council directed to y^e Committee of gen^l assembly who was treating with us a memorial Setting forth that we expected they would pursue that part of y^e Vote of Gen^l Assembly that related to their taking advice of Counsell learn'd in y^e law about proper Instruments to be drawn & executed by us to Convey to y^e Province our Right to that part of y^e Province heretofore claimed by Cap^t Mason w^{ch} after So prepared were by y^e s^d vote, to be laid before y^e assembly at their next meeting, which meeting of y^e assembly was long Since past and y^e we had not seen any Deed nor could we learn any had been prepared—and also let them know that false Reports prevailed in many parts of y^e Gov^{mt} Respecting our Conduct—and compared their Conduct about y^e affair with our own &c—and shew that our Quit Claim must refute every Slander propagated against us, and also declared We were then ready to execute a deed for our remaining interest in y^e Premises in y^e same manner we received it & for the Same Sum with our Cost attending y^e same provided it be done within one month from y^e date, & y^e Deed made to convey y^e land to y^e Gov^{mt} to be granted to such Inhabitants, offering y^e reason of limmitting y^e time to a month—w^{ch} memorial was presented to y^e board by y^e chairman of y^e Com^{tee}, was read in Council & ordered to be sent down to y^e house Sept^r 19th—The Assembly with a preamble taking notice of our Memorial—appoint a Com^{tee} to joiu with such as y^e Council shall appoint to get Instruments drawn up accordingly, to be laid before y^e gen^l Assembly for their Approbation as soon as may be, about this time y^e alarm of y^e French Fleet upon y^e Coast prevented all Other buisness but preparing for Defence as we expected a Visit of y^e Fleet—So nothing occur'd till y^e 8th Dec^r following when y^e assembly Renew'd y^e Vote about getting prepared a Deed to lay before y^e Assembly—y^e Prorogation of y^e gen^l assembly destroying y^e former vote of y^e 19th Dec^r August 20th 1747—the Assembly voted that y^e Committee appointed to negotiate y^e affair

with y^e Purchasers of mason's claim, (so called) offer the Deed (which has been read once and again in this house) to Said Purchasers in order to be Executed—we did not transact anything about the Affair of the Claim or Receive any further proposal from y^e Gov^{mt} about it being yet undermin'd, Still expecting Some Application from y^e Gov^{mt} about our Conveying to them—in August The last mentioned Committee Requested a meeting of y^e Claimers and we met them, when they produced a Deed which they Said the Assembly had directed them to offer us in order to be Executed, w^{ch} form of a Deed was Debated in y^e Assembly yet No Alter^a would be admitted which Instrum^t is a true Emblem of y^e Authors, we read it and pointed out several obstacles w^{ch} it contained to our executing y^e same, And desired a time to Consider upon it and would give y^e Assembly an Answer—the Substance of y^e Deed was viz^t for us to Convey to two Gen^l G J & E. S. Esq^r Feoffees in Trust in behalfe of y^e Inhabit^s of y^e Prov: of New Hampshire “all the Right Title Interest Claim Property Estate Possession & Demand whatsoever of them y^e said Grantors by virtue of any purchase or purchases by them made or any Deed or Deeds by them had of Cap^t Jn^o Tufton Mason of Portsmouth aforesaid Esq^r of in and unto all that Tract of land Situate in y^e Prov: aforesaid containing 200000 Acres more or less bounded as follow's viz^t” bounded with y^e bounds of Masons Deed to us—with appurtenances—To have & to hold granted &^c Premises unto them y^e Said G J. & E S their Heirs & Assigns as Feoffees in Trust for y^e Use of y^e Inhabitants of y^e s^d Prov. of N. H. and for no other use &^c whatever—y^e Deed was dated May 15 1747 being then drawn—in Considering of y^e Deed two material Objections with many others were insurmountable—first y^e Convey^a to G J. & E S Feoffees in Trust for y^e use of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Province without directing what Use to be made of y^e Premises nor any time propos'd when any thing should be transacted about them but only for y^e Use of y^e Inhabitants aforesaid, so that an Inhabitant but of day before Executing y^e Deed who never paid a Rate to Pro: would have been as fully entitled to y^e Premises as any y^e oldest Inhabit^t who had paid ever so much Taxes &^c—And under that Convey^a in Case of any Controversy every Inhabitant must join in any Transaction ab^t y^e Premises w^{ch} would be impracticable with many other Inconveniencies of y^e like nature relating to y^e Conveyance to Feoffees in Trust, in y^e form of y^t Instrument—& y^e next objection If we executed that Instrument we Conveyed to y^e Said Feoffees in Trust for y^e Use of y^e Inhabitants of y^e Province of New Hampsh^t all our Lands houses &^c comprehended within y^e Bounds of Mason's Deed to us all of which we purchased of Mason, tho' perhaps some might have a Right to

part of their houses or Lands possessed for a long time Still they were included in mason's Deed to us & would be conveyed away by that Deed, prepared and offered us to Execute by y^e Committee of y^e Assembly when Executed by us & which would at one Stroke deprive all of us of any Right, at least, within y^e new Towns Granted by this Government in all of which Some or other of Us have valuable Estates—& all our Respective Rights to Such Estates being excepted & Reserved in y^e Deed of Quit Claim we gave to Several Townships, w^{ch} you may see by that Deed—So We must for the Preservation of our own Estates recoverable by mason's Right refuse to Execute that Deed—as Men's Actions are the best Intrepreters of their Principles a Review of y^e Conduct of y^e Assembly I think will demonstrate that they had no Desigu to purchase for the Province Cap^t Mason's Right to his Claim either of him or of us after we purchased of Cap^t Mason—Considering that From October 30th 1744 y^e affair lay before y^e Assembly then recommended by y^e Gov^r and frequently afterwards & Sundry times Cap^t mason applyed to y^e Assembly by mem^o or personally and offered to make a Convey^a of Right & Claim to y^e Gov^{mt} in Comply^a with y^e Terms of s^d Agreement on his part even so late as in y^e year 1746 which Compliance was propos'd by some few of y^e members within Doors to be Complied with on y^e part of y^e assembly and Solicited by many without and all to no Effect till Cap^t Mason sold to us—and then it was propos'd & Voted by y^e Gen^l assembly but that Vote was prosecuted in such a manner y^t we were obliged also to put a memorial into y^e Court to let them know our Inclination to sell to y^e Gov^{mt} upon their own Terms & in y^e manner agreeable to y^e minds of two Branches of y^e Legislature—which method for us to sell upon many Acco^{ts} too tedious to enumerate I beleive would be thought convenient & best for y^e Interest of y^e Province in general this produced after a long time, a Deed by which the assembly would have us Execute y^e sale—tho' not in the method we propos'd to Convey our Claim of Mason's Right to y^e Gov^{mt} but least we should depart from that proposal in our memorial of Convey^s our Rights to be disposed of by Gov^r & Council as y^e waste lands are granted, y^e Instrument by which we were to Convey our Rights was so formed, as to create great Difficulties in y^e Government and also that by our own hands, we should destroy y^e Estate any of us had in any Lands within y^e Bounds of Mason's Pattennt in New Hampsh^r that y^e Right of a Long possession could not Save—and in all the Votes that pass'd, not one farthing of money was raised or propos'd to be raised to pay us the Sum we gave Cap^t Mason for his Right and our Expences about it—their own Terms w^{ch} they proposed, and for w^{ch} a Blank was left in y^e Deed they offered us to Ex-

ecute nor had y^e Committee any Money to pay us, when they presented it, and as they had treated us with so much Malignity in our names—and laid a Snare to entrap our Estates, there was no honour to be presum'd, to Credit those persons for our money if we had been So blind as to go into y^e net they had prepared & laid for us—

The Prospect of so great Loss, and y^e little probability there Seem'd to be of saving y^e Consideration money without y^e other political Considerations Were a Sufficient Bar against Executing y^e Deed to y^e Feoffees in trust—and those Obstacles to our Conveying our Remaining Right to mason's Claim to y^e Government, being laid by the Assembly we inferred they neither desired or intended to purchase of us, unless they made our incurring Such Damages as threatened, a Condition of their purchasing from us y^e Remain^g part we claimed of Mason's Right to y^e Govern^{mt} wherefore we concluded to make no more Overtures to them And give them an Answer that we could not Execute the Deed they offered & presented to us for that purpose—and that we ourselves would dispose of y^e Waste Lands as we should think proper as y^e Gov^t did not intend to buy it of us—and there ended our Conferences with y^e gen^l Assembly—about y^e 10th of may 1748 y^e Gov^t and Council were about granting three Townships on y^e head of Rochester (part of Kingswood, before mention'd) and had proceeded so far as to give orders for a Plan to be made, which alarmed us the late Purchasers of Cap^t Mason—We immediately resolved to form ourselves into a Propriety in ord^r to take care of our Interest

[Here, unfortunately, this interesting document comes to a sudden end. It is the editor's opinion that the handwriting is that of George Jaffrey, and that it was to be addressed to John Thomlinson. This original is apparently a rough draft, and it is possible that a copy may have been completed and forwarded.—Ed.]

[*State of Mason's Title.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 81.]

A STATE of the Title of the Proprietors Purchasers of the Right to the Land in New Hampshire Called Masons Right of Cap^t John Tufton Mason Esq^r the of

KING JAMES the First by his Letters Patent Granted all that Land & Territory in America, lying between the

This Patent is Dated 3rd Novr 1620 Lat. 40 and 48 Deg. North with the Seas & Islands within one hundred Miles of any Part of the Sea Coast of that Country, & also all the Soil, Ground Havens, Ports, Rivers within those limits to the Council Establish'd at Plymouth Commonly Call'd the Council of Plymouth which is a Patent well known—

This Patent is Dated 9th March 1620 but we cant find it in New Hampshire No 1 BY VIRTUE of which the Said Council made Grants of many Particular Tracts of Land, to Companies, & to Particular Persons, Among which is a Grant To Cap^t John Mason Esq^r under their Common Seal, for Divers good Considerations, beginning at the River Naumkege (now Salem) thence to proceed Eastward Round Cape Ann to the River Merrimac & up the Same to the head thereof with a Great Island called Isle Mason—&c

No 2 Dated 7 Novr 1629 See these Charters for the bounds Especially the next And afterwards the said Council by indenture under their Common Seal Granted to the Said Cap^t Mason, all that Tract of Land beginning at Merrimac runing along the Sea Coast to Piscataqua River, & up the said River, to the furthest Head thereof and from thence North Westward till Sixty Miles are Compleat from the Mouth of Piscataqua River, & in the Same manner thro' Merrimac & then to Cross over Land &c And in the Same Manner the Said Council Granted to the s^d Cap^t Mason (a third time) all the Land from the Middle of Naumkege to the Middle of Piscataqua Harbour, & up the River, to the furthest head thereof, & thence Northwestward till Sixty Miles are finish'd from the Mouth of Said Harbour, & from Naumkege up thro' the River into the Lands West-

No 3 this 3rd Grant Dated 22d April 1635 wards, till Sixty Miles are finish'd, and then to Cross over the Land from the End of this Last Line, to the other at the head of Piscataqua River, with the South half of the Isles of Shoals &c—Now it is Conceived that with Regard to the Extent of these Grants, the Inland line must be understood & Construed to Run Parallel with the Sea Coast, between the two Side Lines; because it appears to be the Intent of the Grants, (the two Latter) to give a Tract of Land the breadth of w^{ch} or (with respect to the Second Grant) the Length of which shou'd be Sixty Miles But if it shou'd be a Strait Line, the Tract would not, in Some places be (perhaps) thirty Miles into the Country from the Sea, which wou'd be Contrary to the known rule of Construing the Grant most for the Benefit of the Grantee, as well as against the Apparent Intent—and tho'

all to hold to the Said John Mason his Heirs & Assigns There were other Lands Granted to Mr Mason of wch no Notice is taken here because not within the Claim of these Proprietors

the Literal Description Seems to be a Strait Line Yet the Intent Ought to Govern the Construction—

AFTER the first, and before the Second Grant, made to M^r Mason as aforesaid, the Said Council Granted to Sir Henry Roswell & others, that Territory called the Col^o of the Massachusetts Bay, Extending from three Miles Northward of Merrimack & Every part thereof, to Charles River & three Miles to the Southward of any & Every part thereof, and from the Atlantic Ocean Westward to the South Sea, Which it is necessary to take Notice of as this Grant Interferes with, & cuts off part of Mason's & as there is a Relation of One to the Other—

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THESE Grants made by the Council of Plymouth to M^r Mason as afores^d were Soon after the Grant of the last, Confirmed by K. Charles the first, to the Said M^r Mason then Call'd Pay Master & Treasurer of His Army by the Name of New Hampshire, and in the Patents made by the Council of Plymouth it is Said that he the Said Mason Designed to Call the Said Tracts of Land by the General Name of the Province of New Hampshire—

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find it here

Cap^t Mason between the Years 1629, and 1635 Sent over about Seventy Servants, Besides Trades Men with necessary Provisions, utensils, arms, amunition Artillery for Forts, Clothing for his Servants, Entered upon the Lands at Piscataqua made Considerable Improvem^{ts} Sent over Cattel & other Supplies So that his Expencc, Exclu- sive of his Improvements was Computed at about twenty two thousand pounds Sterling. And that the Improve- ments were very Considerable for the time, appears by Several Testimonies made use of in Some Actions brôt by his Grand Son, afterwards against Some of those very Persons who had been Tenants, or Agents to His Grand- father for parcel of those Lands they So held an Extract of which is herein after Inserted—

See the In-
ventory of
Stores &c
No 5

In the Year 1635 Cap^t Mason made his Will, wherein he Devis'd (among other things) Two thousand Acres of Land in his County of New Hampshire or Mannor of Mason Hall in New England, which his Execut^r & Over Seers Should think fit, To the Mayor & Commonalty of Kingslyn.—ITEM to his Brother in Law John Wallaston three thousand Acres of Land in his County of New Hampshire or Mannor of Mason Hall where his Said Brother and Execut^r Should think fit, to hold to him & his Heirs—

This Will is
Dated Novr
26 1635
No 6

ITEM To his Grand Child Ann Tufton he Devises Masonia to hold to her and Her Heirs—ITEM to his Grand Child Robert Tufton his Mannor of Mason Hall, to hold to him & his Heirs (Excepting what he had before Devised thereof) Provided he alter his Sir Name & Sir Name himself Mason first—ITEM to John Wallaston aforesaid two thous^d Acres of Land in his County of New Hampshire, in Trust to Convey One thousand to Some Feoffee in trust towards the Maintainance of a Godly Minister in New Hampshire. And the other thousand to Some Feoffee towards the Maintenance of a free Grammar school In New Hampshire—ITEM to his Grand Child John Tufton all the Rest of His Mannors Messuages Lands Tenements & Hereditam^{ts} in his County of New Hampshire or Elsewhere in New England, To hold to him and the HEIRS OF HIS BODY Lawfully begotton, Remainder to Robert Tufton Remainder to his Cousin D^r Rob^t Mason & the Heirs Male of his body, and for want of Such Issue to Revert to the Devisor & his Right Heirs. Provided his Grand Son John Tufton Should alter His Sir Name & Sir Name himself Mason first. Provided also that the Said John pay His Sister Mary Tufton out of the Mannors Messuages Lands & Tenements afores^d Five hundred pounds Sterling, for her preferment in Marriage—This Will was Provd in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in Decemb^r 1635—

22d Decr 1635

N. B. This Testator had no Immediate Issue Surviving himself—and had no Son at all that we ever heard of—His Only Daughter Ann Married Joseph Tufton Esq^r Upon the Death of Cap^t Mason, New Hampshire by virtue of the Devise aforesaid, was the Property of his Grandson John Tufton, which he held in Tail General. but he Dying without Issue, the Limitation over to Robert his Brother took Effect, and thereupon he became Tenant in Tail, in the Same manner—But he not Arriving to full Age before the year 1650, & the Confusion of the Public Affairs then not admitting of Negotiating Private Business, he cou^d do nothing to Effect (as he had Occasion to Petition the Crown) till after the Restoration to which time was twenty five Years from the Death of Cap^t John Mason, and During which his right & Interest there had been neglected, & in the Minority of his Heir Deserted—For upon the Death of Cap^t Mason his Widow Expresly

told his Agents, She would take no Care of the Settlements in New Hampshire, and that the Tenants must Shift for themselves—Whereupon they did So—Sold off his Stock & Effects, & Soon Claim'd the Land in their own Right—For by Testimonies taken & used in Some Actions prosecuted against Some of the Said Tenants, in the Said Right, in the Year 1685 it is proved, That Cap^t Mason had many Agents, Tenants and Servants, who had built Forts houses & made Considerable Improvements here. Particularly they mention a very large house & near a thousand Acres of Land Cleared & Improved, at the Place now called Portsmouth That One of his Agents viz Francis Norton who lived in the Said House, Drove away from this Plantation about an hundred head of great Cattle & Sold them in & about Boston, at £25 Sterl apiece, which was then the Current Price for Such Cattle, they being of a Large kind & Said to have Come from Denmark—that this Norton Settled at Charlestown, & Intirely Deserted M^r Masons Plantation, & thereupon the other Agents & Servants Embezzled the Rest of his Stock & Effects, Carried away the Guns out of his Forts, many of which were Brass—That M^r Mason had another Plantation at Newichewannock, Large Buildings for habitation & Defence, two Mills, the first in New England, Built by Danes whom he had Imported with a Large Stock of Cattle—That one of his Agents viz Thomas Wannerton (or his Servant as he is called in the Testimony) about the Year 1644 Carried Quantities of M^r Masons goods & Arms from his Plantation & Sold them, to the French at Port Royal, or near that which was afterwards So Called—That M^r Mason's Improved Lands were parceled out, among his Servants, by the Select Men chosen & Qualified by Authority Derived from the Massachusetts Government.—For the People brôt here by M^r Mason Setting up for themselves, were Soon Necessitated to apply to the Said Government for Protection (there being no other then on the Spot or near them) which they Granted them, and Accordingly that Governm^t Exercised a Jurisdiction over New Hampshire for the Term of (nearly) thirty Seven Years and Claimed a Right So to do—

Soon after the Restoration M^r Robert Mason (for that was now his Name he having Chang'd it agreeable to his Grandfather's Will) Petition'd K. C. the 2^d Setting forth

No 7
See her Letters to the Agents upon this Occasion—

See the Depositions of Geo. Walton, Nathl Bolter & John Redman Francis Small Henry Langstar Robt Pike & others
No 8
about 1644

See No 9
This began about 1641 & Continued to 1679 or thereabouts

About the Year 1660

the unjust & Illegal Incroachments & usurpation, of the Governm^t of the Massachusetts over his Property, & Praying his Majesty woud by his Authority cause Justice to be done to the Petitioner—Whereupon his Title was Referr'd to S^r Geofrey Palmer, then Attorney General, who Declared that Robert Mason Grandson & Heir of Cap^t John Mason, had a good & Legal Right & title to the Lands Conveyed as aforesaid by the Name of New Hampshire—

See the Copy
of his Opin-
ion No. 10
Dated Novr
1680

1675 In this
Mr Gorge
who had the
Same Com-
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d first or
before it
was over
No 11

May 17 1675
their Report
No 12

See this Re-
port & Judg-
ment there-
on Dated 20
July 1677

this Commis-
sion Dated
18 Sept 1679
No 13
To John
Cutts Esqr
by the Title
of President

But as nothing Decisive was done upon this Petition, M^r Mason about 14 Years afterwards Presented a New Petition, Complaining of the Usurpation afores^d which Still Continued, & that all attempts to Remove it had hitherto provd fruitless, for Notwithstanding any Remonstrances, the Said Government Still persisted—and Praying as aforesaid—Hereupon M^r Mason's Title was again Referrd, now to the Attorney & Solicitor General Sir William Jones & Sir Francis Winnington who after Reciting the Several Grants made as aforesaid, Declare their Opinion to be That the Petition^r Robert Mason Grandson & Heir to Cap^t John Mason, had a Good & Legal Title to the Lands afores^d conveyed by the Name of New Hampshire —upon this the Government of the Massachusetts was Notified to Answer this Complaint, who accordingly Sent over Agents, after whose Arrival the Matter was Referrd to the Lords Chief Justices before whom the Said Agents Disclaimed any Right to Soil or Government of Lands Claimed by the Petitioner farther than three Miles Northward of Merrimack River, and thereupon their Lordships Report to his Majesty in Council that the Patent of the Said Government having the Advantage in time must first take place but that it Extended no farther on the Petitioners Claim than three Miles Northward of said River following the Course of the River So far as it Runs —which Report His Majesty in Council Confirmed & Judgment was Enterd Agreeable thereto—And thereupon a Commission was Issued, under the Great Seal, Erecting a Government over New Hampshire Immediately under the Crown, in the Same form it Still Continues—In which Commission there are these Remarkable Words in favour of M^r Masons Claim, viz—“ It Appearing unto us that the “ Ancestors of Robert Mason Esq^r Obtained Grants from “ our Great Council of Plymouth, for the Tract of Land “ aforesaid, (meaning New Hampshire) *and were at very*

*Great Expence upon the Same until Molested & finally
 Driven Out, which hath Occasion'd a Lasting Complaint
 for Justice by the Said Robert Mason, ever Since Our
 Restoration—However to Prevent in this Case any
 unreasonable Demands which might be made by the
 Said Robert Mason, for the Right he Claimeth in the
 Said Soil, We have Obliged the Said Robert Mason
 under his hand & Seal to Declare, That he will Demand
 nothing for the time past, until the four & twentieth
 Day of June last past, nor Molest any in their posses-
 sion for the time to Come, but will make Titles to them
 & their Heirs forever, Provided they will pay unto him
 upon a Fair Agreement, in Lieu of all other Rents, Six
 pence in the Pound According to the Just & true
 Yearly value of all houses built by them, & of all Lands
 whether Gardens, Orchards, Arable or Pasture, which
 have been Improved by them, which he Will agree
 Shall be bounded out unto every of the parties Con-
 cern'd, and that the Residue may Remain unto himself
 to be Disposed of for his best Advantage” &c—Here is
 a most Explicit acknowledgment of the Crown, Several
 times Repeated, that the property of the Soil here, was in
 M^r Mason And hereupon he Comes over & takes Personal
 Possession, but met with many Turbulent People on the
 Spot who bid him Defiance, & drove him to the Necessity
 of Commencing Suits at Law against them, in many of
 which he Recoverd Judgment, which Induc'd many
 others to Agree with him—He Transported his family,
 brôt with him a Mandatory Letter from King Charles the
 2^d to admit him into the Council here, wherein his Title
 is also Expressly acknowledg'd—he lived, at New Casle in
 New Hampshire—he left two Sons John & Robert, Who
 having bargain'd with Samuel Allen of London Merch^t, to
 Sell him their whole Right, Sue out a Fine & Recovery in
 Westminster Hall, to Dock the Intail of Lands in New
 England fifty Years after their had been Courts of Jus-
 tice upon the Spot, under the Government of the Massa-
 chusets from 1641 by which every mans property &
 Inheritance was bound, & ten or twelve Years After a
 Government had been Erected over New Hampshire, &
 Courts of Justice Establishd under that Government,
 and in these Courts many Actions had been Maintain'd
 by their father, for parcel of these Lands. 'tis therefore*

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In 1684 he bro't
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 Wm Vaugh-
 an Esqr &
 Recoverd
 Judgmt Mr
 Vaughan
 Appeal'd to
 the King in
 Council
 where the
 Appeal was
 Dismiss'd.

Dated 11 Octo-
 br 1686
 No

See No. 18

Strange they could not as well prosecute a Common Recovery in a Court here for Lands here, as well as So many Adversary Suits for the Same Land—but be that as it will, after this, they Convey their Right to the Said M^r Allen for the Consideration of £2700 Sterling tho' £1250 Remains unpaid as we are told to this Hour—

April 27 1691

About this time the Agents for the Massachusetts were Soliciting for a New Charter, (That Government having lost their Charter, at a time Remarkable for the Dissolution and Destruction of Such kind of Instruments)—And Succeeded in their Attempts. Accordingly a New Charter past the Seals, Erecting & Incorporating the Province of Mayn with the Massachusetts, & Colony of Plymouth, into One Real Province by a New Description & Name, but by a Particular Clause the Right of Samuel Allen, (who now had purchased Masons Right) is Reserved, in these Words viz Provided also that Nothing herein Contained, Shall Extend or be understood, or taken, to Impair, or prejudice, any Right, Title, Interest, or Demand, which Samuel Allen of London Merchant, Claiming from & under John Mason Esq^r Deceased, or any other Person or Persons, hath or have, or Claimeth to have hold or Enjoy, of into, or out of any part, or parts of the Premises, *Situate within the Limits above mentioned*; But that the Said Samuel Allen, & all & every Such Person & Persons, may & Shall have hold & Enjoy, the Same, in Such Manner (and no other than) "as if these Presents had not been had or made." Here this Title is again taken notice of in Particular, by the Crown—After this Purchase made by M^r Allen he Came Over, Settled here, made Search after the Judgments Recoverd by Rob^t Mason ag^t the Ter Tenants, and tis Said found four or five and twenty Leaves of the Records Cut or torn out—However he Set on foot Several new Suits against Such as Oppos'd his Title, among others one against M^r Waldron, but at this time the Popular Prejudice ran So Stong, against this title here, that 'twas Impossible to have a fair Trial, the Judges and Jurors being Parties, or at least Affected by the Event, & therefore Judgment of the Court was against him, from the last of which he Appealed home, But while this was in Agitation M^r Allen Exhibited a Petition to Queen Ann, Setting forth his Title, the Difficulty he Labourd under,

with Regard to the trial of his Title here, the Long time this had been in Suspence, &c And finally praying that her Majesty would put him into Possession of the Waste Lands. Whereupon the Title of M^r Allen was Referrd to the Board for Trade & Plantations, & that Board took the Opinion of Sir Edw^d Northy then Attorney General, (which was the third time this Title had past Examination in this manner) and he Reported, That Samuel Allen Esq^r by virtue of the afores^d Grants to Mason had a good & Legal Title to the Province of New Hampshire, and that her Majesty might Safely put him the Proprietor in Possession, of the Waste & unimproved Lands, but in Regard to the Lands the Inhabitants had in Possession, he thôt it not Convenient for her Majesty to Interpose therein, but that the Proprietor might bring his Writ of Ejectment, & the Board Acquiescing, Reported to the Queen Agreeable thereto, and thereupon the Queen Sent an Order to the Governor of the Province, viz Joseph Dudley Esq^r, to put him into Possession accordingly, & in any future Trial to Demand a Special Verdict, & So Refer the Point to her Majesty for a final Determination of the matter in Law—Governor Dudley Soon after the Reception of this Letter, Communicated her Majesty's Pleasure to the Assembly of New Hampshire, who answer, that the Inhabitants Claimed no more Lands, than was within the bounds of their Towns, which “they Say was Less than a third part of the Province, of which they had been in possession more than Sixty Years, but had nothing to Offer as a Grievance, if the other two thirds Should be Adjudg'd to M^r Allen, & Should be glad to See the Same Planted & Settled for the better Security of the whole.” with more to the Same purpose—

After this there was a Judgment before the Queen in Council, upon M^r Allens Appeal in favour of M^r Waldron, in Consideration of the Def^s Long possession, & the Want of the proper Evidence of the Pla^{ts} possession, But this Very Judgment by the Special Wording of it, was in favour of Allen's title, as to Recent possessions & the Waste Lands—

After this M^r Allen Died Intestate, leaving a Son & four Daughters—Thomas Allen y^e Son Enters, & brings his Action of Ejectment de novo against M^r Waldron, (we

See this order
20th April
1703

See this Answer
Febry 11, 1703 No
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only with
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12 Years &
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many in-
habts
the Day of
1707
No

He died about
the Year
1715

Suppose for Some other Tract of the Said Land, but this Came to Nothing as he Died pending the Suit.—

1719 to 1727

About four or five Years after his Decease, there being no Stir made, Allens Daughters being under Coverture, & Masons Heir in Minority, the Governor & Council begin to make Grants of Townships, close upon & joining to the Towns Settled as afores^d, & Continued that Practice for ten or twelve Years within thirty Miles of the Sea, tho many of the Townships So Granted, are Still a Wilderness, & nothing of Improvements, made in the Course of twenty five or thirty Year.—This proceeding carries a bad face, as the Queens Letter & the Assembly's Disclaimer were matters of Public Record in the Council

This was Evidently a great Injury to those who had Mr Masons right, as it had been So Often & with So much Solemnity Examd and as often in the Same manner declared to be good, & finally the possession ordered by the Crown to be Delivered, & those in possession had Disclaim'd & Surrender'd.

Books; and to make Grants of these Lands As the Right of the Crown, was (as we take it) Somewhat Extraordinary, Since every Crown'd head from K. Charles the first, to Q. Ann Inclusively had Recognized this Title in & under Mason—having found upon Reiterated Consultation, & Advisement, that the Crown had Effectually Divested it Self of the Right & Title, to the Lands within M^r Masons Patents—That the Right had been Well Convey'd to M^r Mason, that by the Expence he was at to Settle it in his time, he had paid a Valuable Consideration for it, & Considering the after Charge his Descendants were at, in Contesting the Right with the Colony of the Massach^{ts}, and with their own Servants, or the Serv^{ts} of their Ancestors, and how Small a part they have ever Yet Enjoy'd; to this if we add M^r Allens Expence to Recover Possession (which is Still in the Same Right) it may with truth be Said, that the Grantee & those who hold under him, have had a Dear Bargain, which will Still be Augmented to a very Considerable Degree, if we add our own Expence the purchase Sum, the Daily Charge of making Grants & attending Settlers—with the Small part Reserved to our own use, the Quit Claims given to the Towns, even those which are far from having done any thing worthy of Notice in Settling, & which have been Granted Since Queen Ann's Mandate—We Say bring all this into a Capital Sum, it will appear the Land Remaining to those who hold under Mason, at this Day, is the Dearest Purchase of any in America, were they to hold in Peace hereafter. But that is not the Case they are like to be Involved in much Controversy Still, &

Consequently farther Expence—tho' they Doubt not of a Successful Event—which leads us to Observe, that by the Late Settlement of the Boundary between this Province & the Massachusets, it Appears that, that Government, had a great part of the Land in their possession, which was M^r Masons Right. for that Settlement Reduces their Charter to its True Limits & then M^r Mason's Patent of 1635 takes in all the Land within Sixty Miles from Naumkege Westward which the Massachusetts Charter does not Comprehend—But before this Settlement that Government, had made many Grants of Lands really without their Patent, & yet the Grantees, Pretend to hold, notwithstanding they have no Pretence of title nor Possession, and with Some of whom we Expect we must Contend or give up our Right—But We have Still another Dispute to Encounter, there are those who rise up now in the Right of Allen, & pretend the title is in them which gives rise to two Questions first Whether Robert the Grandson of Cap^t Mason the Grantee, held this Estate as Tenant in Tail. 2ly if he did whether this Intail was Legally Dockt, by his Sons, So as that they Could Convey the Fee Simple of this Estate to M^r Allen—as to the first of these, tho' it is a Question which has been Stirrd here, Yet we think it will hardly bear a Serious Debate—the words of the Will are Explicit, & So it has always been taken, why else did they Endeavour to Cut off the Entail, if there was none—

Especially considering the Reservation in the Massa Charter. Its plain the Crown had no land Reserved between these Patents & wherever one Terminates the other joins.

The other is a Question Material, the Objection to what was done for the docking the Entail is, that it Should have been done in the County, at least the Province where the Land lies, it being a Local Action cannot Legally be prosecuted elsewhere, while there are Courts there as there was in this Province at that time & had been as is above hinted for fifty Years before and therefore the Process Referrd to, was a Nullity, or void ab' initio—and in that Case upon the Death of Tenant in Tail who Sold to Allen, the Next Heir in Tail of M^r Mason, was let in: We have good proof that Cap^t John Tufton Mason of whom we Purchased, is that Heir, who has Executed Sufficient Conveyances of the Estate to us—who before he did it Sued out a Common Recovery here to the use of himself his Heirs & Assigns. So that he could as we take Lawfully Convey the Fee but as to this

Point tis Sufficient (while we are in possession) to Say He is Still Living, and if he is Tenant & Tail, of which We think there is no Doubt, tis time Enough to move any Question Relating to the Operation & Effect of his Conveyance when the next Heir in Tail Inquires—

Upon the whole we have granted, & are Granting the Lands to the Inhabitants, & Such as We think are likely to Settle them; on Such Easy terms & under Such Limitations, as will most Effectually promote & Advance that End. So that if we meet with no Discouragements Respecting Allen's Claim & have not too many Adversaries besides, we doubt not in the run of a few Years most of these Lands will be under Considerable Improvements in this right, At least we would Venture to forfeit all, if any of our Townships Remain as Long unsettled, as Some of those made by the Government as afores^d have, if we have Opportunities Equally or but half so Favourable for Subduing the Lands. and the Principal Reason why there will be Such a Difference (as we See already is like to be) is the Different & more Vigorous manner of Prosecuting the Design which must be attended with a Proportionable Expence—We therefore hope to hold our purchase & think it will be a hard Case, if they who hold in Masons Right, a Right So well Convey'd. So often Confirmed, & So Dearly Purchased, after One hundred and twenty Years Pursuit, Should not be permitted to Enjoy that Pittance of this Estate now Remains in their hands.—

Nothing but Envy can make us Enemies in this Scheme, which has been & Still is a Great & Growing Expence, & the Lands are much better Settled, the People more generally served, & Husbandry likely to be more improved than if the Government had Granted them as the Lands of the Crown.

[Deed, Mason to Proprietors, Sept. 30, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 89.]

TO ALL PEOPLE To whom these Presents shall Come John Tuffton Mason of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire Esq^r By Clement Jackson Matthew Livermore and William Parker all of Said Portsmouth Esq^r Sendeth GREETING—WHEREAS the said John Tuffton Mason by his Certain Writing or Letter of Attorney under his hand & Seal Duly Executed Dated the fourteenth Day of June 1749 and in the twenty third year of his Majesty's Reign Amongst Other things therein Contained Did Authorize & Impower us or any two of us to make Sign Seal and Execute any Deed or Deeds of Conveyance of Certain Lands therein Refer'd to unto Such Person

or Persons as he should afterwards Direct or to any Such Person or Persons as we should think proper to hold to them Respectively and their Respective Heirs and Assigns as may at Large Appear by Said Instrument Reference thereto being Had—NOW KNOW YE that the Said John Tufton Mason in Consideration Of the Sum of twenty Shillings to him in hand paid before the Ensealing and Delivery hereof By Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird Samuel Solly John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Jotham Odiorne Joshua Peirce Thomas Packer Nathaniel Messerve George Jaffrey Esq^r John Wentworth jun^r Daniel Peirce Paul March Gentⁿ Mary Moore Widow all of Portsmouth aforesaid John Thomlinson of London Esq^r Thomas Wallingsford of Somersworth in Said Province Esq^r Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable in Said Province Esq^r Clement March of Greenland in Said Province Esq^r and Joseph Green of Boston in the County of Suffolk in the Province of the Mass^a Bay Merch^t the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged HATH by us his said Attorneys given granted Bargained and Sold and by these Presents DOTH give grant Bargain Sell Alien Enfeoff Convey and Confirm unto the said Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird Samuel Solly John Moffatt Mark Hunking Wentworth Jotham Odiorne Joshua Peirce Thomas Packer Nathaniel Messerve George Jaffrey John Wentworth jun^r Daniel Peirce Paul March Mary Moore John Thomlinson Thomas Wallingsford Joseph Blanchard Clement March and Joseph Green by us his Attorneys in the Several parts and Proportions herein after Declared twenty-Nine thirtieth Parts of all the Right Title Interest Estate Inheritance Claim Challenge Property and Demand of him the said John Tufton Mason which He now hath or Ought to have by any ways or means whatsoever in and unto any & all the Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever Contained Lying and being within the Province of New Hampshire Bounded as Follows Viz Beginning at the Sea three Miles North from Merrimack River thence running Parallel with Said River at the Distance of three Miles to the head thereof from thence Westward till Sixty Miles are Completed thence a Cross the Land to the Inland or Northerly End of a Line running from the Mouth Of Piscataqua River up the Same to the farthest head thereof and thence North Westwards till Sixty Miles are Completed from the Mouth of Said River then Beginning again at the Place three Miles Northward of Merrimack where it first began runs along the Sea Coast to Cape Ann & Round about the Same to the Middle of Naumkeek through The River thereof up into the Land West till Sixty Miles are Completed thence a Cross the Land to the Inland or Northerly end of the Line running from the Mouth of Piscataqua

River as aforesaid—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted and Bargained Premises with all the Privileges and Appurtenances thereto belonging Or in any wise Appertaining to the said Grantees and their Respective Heirs & Assigns in the following parts and Proportions that is to Say to the said Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird John Moffatt Jotham Odiorne Joshua Peirce Thomas Packer George Jaffrey Thomas Wallingford John Wentworth jun^r Each One fifteenth Part to the Said Mark Hunking Wentworth two fifteenth parts thereof to the Said Samuel Solly Nathaniel Meserve John Thomlinson Daniel Peirce Clement March and Mary Moore each One thirtieth Part thereof To the Said Joseph Blanchard One Sixtieth part and to the Said Paul March & Joseph Green Each One hundredth & twentieth Part thereof to them and their Respective Heirs and Assigns as aforesaid—IN TESTIMONY whereof the said John Tufton Mason by us his Said Attorneys hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal And We also have hereunto Set Our hands & Seals as his Attornies the thirtieth Day of September ANNO DOMINI 1749 and in the twenty third Year of His Majesty's Reign—

John Tufton Mason	[seal]
Clem ^t Jackson	[seal]
Matthew Livermore	
William Parker	[seal]

SIGNED SEALED and Delivered

In Presence of us the words *of the*
being first Interlined

Esther Harvey
Ann Harvey

Province of } January the 17th 1749 then the above named
New Hampshire } Clement Jackson Matthew Livermore & William
Parker Personally appearing acknowledged this Instrument in their
Said Capacity as their free Act & Deed Before me

Robert Boyes Justice of the Peace

KNOW ALL MEN By these Presents that I Anna Elizabeth Tufton Mason wife of the above named John Tufton Mason do hereby give Grant And & Surrender unto the above & within named Grantees all my Right of Dower & power of thirds of in & unto the Premises Granted & Conveyed in & by this Deed for & in Consideration of the Sum therein Mentioned to hold to them their Heirs & Assigns In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the first Day of May 1750—

Anna Elisabeth tofton Mason [seal]

Tes^t Ruth Gains
Samuel Metlin

Province of } Portsmouth May the first 1750 then the within
 New Hampsh^r } Named Anna Elizabeth Tufton Mason Personally
 appeared & being Privately examined Owned her hand and Seal to
 this Instrument Set And affixed that her Renouncing Granting &
 Surrendering her Right of Dower as therein Declared was her free
 Act & Deed without any Coercion Constraint or any undue Influ-
 ence whatsoever Before me

Tho^s Wibird Jus^{es} Peace

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents That I John Tufton Mason
 Esq^r Named and mentioned in the foregoing Deed having Read &
 Duly Considered the Contents and Tenor thereof do hereby approve
 of the Same & in Consideration of five Pounds to me in hand paid
 by the Grantees in the said Deed Named Have given granted Sold
 Ratified and Confirmed & by these Presents DO give grant Bargain
 Sell Convey Ratify and Confirm unto the Said Grantees in the Pro-
 portion therein Declared all & Singular the Premises Contained
 Mentioned & Named in the Said Deed according to the true Intent
 & meaning thereof—IN WITNESS thereof I Do hereunto Set my hand
 and Seal the Eleventh Day of December 1750 and in the twenty
 fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign

Jn^o Tufton Mason [seal]

Signed Sealed & Delivered

In presence of us

James Kielle

Noah Emery

Province of } December y^e 12th 1750 then the above Named
 New Hampshire } John Tufton Mason Esq^r Personally appearing
 acknowledged this Instrument to be his free Act & Deed Before me

Tho^s Wibird Jus^{es} Peace

[Endorsed]

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[*Benjamin Pratt Asks for Information, Jan. 5, 1749-50.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 82.]

Jan^y 5 1749

S^r

As I have now Ingaged for the Gentleman who lately Purchased
 M^r Masons Right One material Thing there is I want Information

in & that is whether any Part of New Hampshire antiently went by the Name of Mason Hall or Mannour of Mason Hall or whether these Terms of Mason Hall & New Hampshire meant the same Information in this Point will be a Satisfaction to y^r

Benj. Prat

To M^r Jeffrey

[*Report of Committee on Importing Settlers, July 2, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 93.]

Pursuant To a Vote of the Proprietors of the lands within the Province of New Hampshire Purchased of Captain John Tufton Mason Authorizing us to Treat with Henry Wallis Gentleman Relating to the Importing Husbandmen & Labourers from Europe to Settle & Cultivate Part of Said Lands—We have Conferred With him & also William Smith Esq^r & W^m Jones Gent all Late of Great Britain Now Residing at Portsmouth in said Province & have Agreed with Them & Each of them Respectively That for every Such family or Single Free Man Which They or either of Them Shall So Import or Cause to be Imported & Transported & Landed here or Else Where Within this Province at their Joint or Several Expence or at The Expence of the Persons Respectively to be So Transported Who Will Engage to Settle on said Lands the Said Proprietors Shall Grant & Convey to the Master of Each Family & to Each Single Man as afores^d all the Right Title Interest & Demand of said Proprietors to one hundred acres of Land Within their Claim to be Laid out in Some Place Which may Give them Encouragement to Settle thereon And the s^d Wallis Smith & Jones or either of them to have a Grant & Conveyance as afores^d of Fifty acres of s^d land for every Family or Single man as afores^d Which they or Either of them Respectively Shall so Transport or Cause to be Transported between this & The first of June 1752—not exceeding oue hundred Families or free men

Portsmouth 2^d July 1750

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Province of } At a Meeting of Said Proprietors at Portsmouth
New Hampsh^r } the ninth Day of August: 1750 by Adjournment
The Report above Written was Read & Consider'd & thereupon
Voted that the Same be Receivd Accepted & Confirmed and that

Grants Shall be made Agreeable to the Tenor Intent and meaning thereof—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Propr^{rs} Clerk—

[*Mason's Power of Attorney to Proprietors, Dec. 12, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 95.]

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents That I John Tufton Mason of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire in New England Esq^r have constituted ordain'd & made & in my stead & Place put & by these Presents do constitute ordain & make & in my Stead & Place put Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird Samuel Solly John Moffatt Mark Hunk^s Wentworth Jotham Odiorne Joshua Peirce Thomas Packer Nathaniel Meserve George Jaffrey John Wentworth jun^r Daniel Peirce, all of Portsmouth aforesaid Esq^{rs} Thomas Wallingford of Somersworth in said Province Esq^r Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable in Said Province Esq^r & Clement March of Greenland in Said Province Esq^r jointly & severally or any Number of them to be my true sufficient & lawfull Attorney or Attorneys in all Causes moved or to be moved for me or against me Touching & concerning or any Ways relating to my Right Title Estate Inheritance Interest Property Possession & Demand whatsoever in & to any Lands Tenements & Hereditaments in the Province aforesaid derived to me from Cap^t John Mason formerly of London Esq^r Deceased in my Name to appear plead & pursue to final Judgment & Execution with full Power of Substitution as they or either of my S^d Constituents shall think proper & the same again at Pleasure to revoke And generally to say do Act transact & accomplish all matters & Things whatsoever relating to the Premises as fully amply & effectfully to all Intents & Purposes as I ought or might personally altho' the matter should require more special Authority than is herein comprised I ratifying & holding valid all & whatsoever my said Attorney or Attorneys or his or their Substitutes shall lawfully do or cause to be done in & about y^e Premises by Virtue of these Presents In Witness whereof I do hereunto Set my Hand & Seal this twelfth Day of December Anno Domini 1750

Jn^o Tufton Mason [seal]

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of us the word
Esq^r being interlined
Tho^s Wibird
Rob^t Traill

Province of New Hampshire } John Tufton Mason Esq^r appeared
 Portsm^o Dec^r y^e 12th 1750— } before me and acknowledged the with-
 in instrument to be his voluntary acc^t and deed

[Endorsed]
 Rec'd 13th Octo^r 1752

Tho^s Wibird Jus^{es} Peace

D Peirce Recd^r

[*Letter to John Thomlinson, March 7, 1750-1.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 96.]

Portsm^o March 7th 1750—

John Thomlinson Esq^r

Sir—

This accompanies the State of y^e Case & sundry Papers as ^{is} the following Mem^o relating to our right in Mason's Claim, We have been constantly at the Business & have made some Considerable Progress both in granting new Lands & making agreements with those Towns that are settled & settling w^{ch} were formerly granted by the Massachusetts, & were taken in by running the Province Line, & all them Towns except one have deliverd & agreed to deliver up to us ab^t $\frac{1}{2}$ some $\frac{1}{2}$ Except a Town farr up called Rowley Canada who still keep of we think this is the only town or at most but one more that we have any Dispute with & as to the Wastes We have granted almost all the land within the Claim sav^g to the Society in some $\frac{1}{2}$ & in some $\frac{1}{2}$ & almost all the Inhabitants here are pleas'd with & Engag'd in y^e thing, it has cost us much Time & considerable Money, but if that will make y^e People easy & we can extend the Settlements, we shall think we have served our King & Country, & w^{ch} we trust will be lookt on in that light at home, & considering the Pains we have been at & the Progress made, wou'd it be unlikely that the Crown wou'd make (if Petitiond for) us a Grant at the head of this Claim from the West Line to y^e North that is a Curve Line Parallel to our Former of Twenty miles deep or of Thirty or fourty Miles so as to meet Connecticut & so to go half Way over to our north Line as we find there is some fine Land in this last Description, of this you'll please to let us know your Judgment as to the Title of Mason's Claim you'll be better able to Judge in London, than our selves on the Spot, the chief things in Dispute we presume are whether the Estate was entail'd or not, & if entail'd whether it cou'd be dockt in any Part of England or any where else, except in this Province where the Land lies, we have been sometimes

alarm'd with the Title of the million acre Grant so Call'd, & sometimes with Allen's Claim, but as yet no Action Brought—The Heirs of Allen have frequently offer'd us Terms of Accommodation to which we have given no Positive Answer But on the whole judge they have no Right—We are in the Behalf of the Society—
your most H Serv^{ts} at Command

Letter from Governor Wentworth to the Board of Trade, March 23, 1750-1, State Papers, Vol. 18, p. 390.

[*Letter, Thomlinson to Peirce, July 24, 1751.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 98.]

London y^e 24th of July 1751

M^r Daniel Peirce

Sir

I have Your fav^r of y^e 20th of May now Before me, Incloseing me Sundry papers respecting M^r Mason's right &c, I have but just had time to look them over but there are not Amongst them the papers which I mentioned to You, And which were Among these papers When I Sent them to Your Province, The first Was a Case drawn by M^r Sharpe, fully Setting forth John Tuffton Masons Claim, and had been Laid before the Then Soll^r General for his Opinion, As to Masons right only, And the Soll^r Generals Opinion at the foot in fav^r of Mason, the other was a Bond Given by M^r Allen to M^r Mason for a Large part of His purchase Money, And which had not been paid And discharge, And their are Some other Material papers not here, And One particularly, that proves the present John Tuffton Mason to be the decendant And Heir of Mason the Original proprietor.

You Say in Your Said Letter, that You are Come to this resolution (if I Think it Feazible) to piti'on the King, I am So far from thinking Any Attempt of that Sort right, that I think it would be the wrongest Step that Could be taken, And could only tend to imbarass and Confound the affair, and at Monstrous Expencc of time, Trouble, & Money, And after all, the grand question will remain Just where it is; That is, Whether the right is with You, or the Heirs of Allen, Who Are So far from Being a Sleep, that they are at this very time in treaty wth Some Gentlemen here for the Sale of

their Said right, beside, how would an Application of this Sort be lookd upon By his Majesty in Council, in Oposition to Allen's right, which has niver regularly been impeached or Call'd in question, but Stands reserve'd in Express terms, in the Charter of the Massachusetts Bay, and has allways been reserved in the proceeding on the Settlement of the Boundarys, and all other proceedings, No Sir, Your first & principal point must be, to Make good & Establish Your right and Title beyond Contrivery, And then I make no doubt, but You will Easily Obtain Every Encouragement the Crown can give You, in preporition to your proceeding in the Settling the province.—

Since I Set down to write this Letter, I have been with a Friend of mine, who is also a particular Friend to the Heirs of M^r Allen, And has desired him to Endeavour to get them to postpone the finishing of the Treaty they are upon, for the Sale of their right in this affair, untill I can hear from Your Self and Company, And I have Learn'd from him that John Hobby of Barbados has a right to one Half of M^r Allen's Claime, And that M^r John Adams of Barbados (who is now in Boston) is Attorney to the Said M^r John Hobby, Therefore, if I might Advise, it Should be That You Emedately Apply to the Said M^r John Adams, and let him know properly, how the thing Stands as to the precariousness of Allen's Title, as You have Set forth in Your Case, and also, that the purchase Money was niver paid by Allen to Mason, as will appear by the Bond I have mention'd, if You can find it, and Endeavour (for the Sake of Avoiding a Long & Troublesome and Expensive Littigation) to Buy of him M^r Hobbys right to his one half of Allen's right, and then give me directions to purchase of M^r Allen here the Other half, This is in My opinion the only way You Can Succeed in, And Suppose it Should Cost You Two Thousand pounds'(or More) Sterling Yet I think it would be the very Best Method You could take to Obtain an Absolute quietous, and Such a perfect Title, So that You might Apply to the Crown for Any Indulgence You may want, and this will not only be the Best method You Can take, but in the Long run the Cheapest as well as the Safest, for by the Method You propose, You may Spend some Years, and As Much money as I have Mention'd, and be glad to Sett down where You now are, for I cannot So far flatter You, as to Say that Any thing that comes from Your province, or its inhabitants, can hope for much indulgence, I cannot Say that I meet with any disrespect in my private Capacity, But as Agent for Your province, I frequently meet with reproach, and altho I am Satisfied as well as You Can be, that You are not all rebels, Yet I am often told So, and by Some of the first in the Administrat-ion, Nay and even worse than this, And it is not in my power to

help, or to avoid it, or Can I intermedle in this affair farther than to Endeavour to Excuse the Bulk of the Inhabitants from Such hard names, I have long Expected that Something would have been done to have Set you right, and I Still expect it will Soon be done, but in what manner I cannot Say—And now I have only to hope, that upon the receipt of this, that You will purchase M^r Hobby's right of M^r Adams, and give me directions to treat with M^{rs} Allen, and Limitt the Sum I am to give her for her half, and let me have Your order's as Soon as may be, for the person's in treaty with her, are Such as I or You, would not Care to have any dispute with, and Such as the Inhabetants of the Province would not care to have Lords over them—

Sir Your most hum^l Ser^t

John Thomlinson

To M^r Daniel Peirce

Letter about Masonian title, Oct. 16, 1751, State Papers, Vol. 6, p. 898.

[*Letter, Atkinson to Thomlinson, Oct. 19, 1751.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 100.]

Sr

Upon Daniel Peirces Com'unicating your Letter (to him) of the 24th of July Last to the Purchassers of Masons Right We were by them Appointed to give you their thanks for the Trouble you had taken in that affair and to Acquaint you that we Can't but flatter our Selves we have an undoubted right to all the Land mentioned in Cap^t Mason's Deed to us which Includes all the Land his Predicesor Cap^t John Mason had in this Province Excepting Some Trifle he had before Convey'd to the Government of the Mass^a & what we by Vertue of our Purchass have by Quit clame & Grant Divested our Selves of, By our Quit claim we have Quieted all the old towns & by our Grants a great Part of the residue We have now Engaged Some of the best Council in New England & Soon Expect A more compleat & minute State of the Case than has ever yet appear'd which we Shall Soon forward you & Doubt not but you with the rest of mankind will be thereby Convinced that We & we only have the right to the Premisses as to the heirs of Samuel Allen Esq We Suppose they & we Shall Agree in this Viz. John Mason Esq was Seized in fee of the Premisses & that by his will they were Intaild upon his Grandson John Tufton (he Changing his name & taking the name

of Mason) & the heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten remainder to Robert Tufton, younger Brother to John—Remaind^r to &c^a &c^a &c—

these Two John & Robert when their Grandfather Died being very young Remain'd in England till they both came of Age (During this Time their Grandfather's Tenants rose up with every thing) when they came over here met with a Cold & bad reception Could get nothing unless the wast & unimproved Lands So that nothing material was done by him, he Dies here & without Issue, Robert his Brother & next Heir intail, also Dies here (without Doing any Memorable thing) & Leaves Issue John & Robert his Sons—So far Allen & we Agree & here we part these Last John & Robert both Joyn In Docking the Intail (as they call it) by Sueing out a Com'on recovery or fine & recovery or both at Westminster in England this done they Sell the whole to Samuel Allen of London Merch' the Purchass Consideration or far the greatest part Still Unpaid & now due by bond & in our Hands Now this we Say is illegal those recoveries by Law being local & must be Sued out in the County where the Land Lyes, and at that time & near Twenty years before we in this Province had a Civil Government Established & Courts of Com'on Pleas & Judicature regularly Appointed & in full Exercise So that John & Robert (the Intail in John Mason's Will being unaffected) could Sell only their right which was only for Life—Pause here—for here we stand & Say that Mangre all that was done by John & Robert the Estate by the Will afores^d Decends to John Tufton Mason Who regularly Sues out a Com'on recovery in the Court of Com'on Pleas here takes Possession in form & Sells to us the whole, we Imediatly Quit claim to all the Inhabitants then regularly in Possession by Grants from this Province—then take actual Possession of the residue & Grant it in Townships reserving Each of us a Single right in Each Town in

Com'on with the Grantees & ^{two three} 2 or 3 Publick Lotts for Ministry &c^a &c^a thus we have Settled all those Lands on the West side of Merrimack river heretofore granted & in Some measure Settled by the Massachusetts Governm^t before the runing the Divideing Line of y^e Governments & We think y^e People here in general are tollerably Quiet we have now Several thousand People Settled on these Lands by Virtue of our Grants & y^e wee have quit claimd & we have not a great deal of Land Left for our Selves Considering the Quantity we have Generously Quit claim'd to & given away without ever haveing receiv'd one farthing Consideration from the Settlers we have Spent great Part of our Time for Three years past in granting & Settling those Towns haveing Seldom Misst one Week meeting to transact those affairs & when we ever paid the whole Expence never

Suffering Any Petitioner to pay A Penny we have now at Least Ten Towns under Actual Improvements & Settlers upon them Some have 50 or 60 families on them these together with our Surveys & Plotts Plans &c^e you must be Convinced have Cost us a very great Deal of Pains & money by which we a Compleat Actual Possession & in few Years Shall have (baring an Indian Warr) Ten thousand Inhabitants on this Wilderness land thus you have A General View of our Title & Transactions—now to recurr to Allens Pretentions—Sam^{ll} Allen Esq^r mentioned above was by King Will^m & Queen Mary about the year 1690 appointed Governour of this Province Accordingly he come over & Com^{en}ced Several Law suits but failed here & in England & never recovered any thing he Died at New Castle while Governour he Left one Son & four Daughters Three of his Daughters now Liveing here Viz the Widow of y^e Late Leu^t Govern^r Usher M^{rs} Walton wife to George Walton Esq^r & a maiden the other is Dead but has Left a Numerous Issue She was Married to Cap^t Steel of Boston who is also Dead Now all these by the Law of our Province are heirs to Samuel Allen Esq^r Deceased Intestate & all Lands So left in this Province by Law are Subject to the payment of Debts & are Divisible to & amongst All the Children of the Deceased the Eldest Son only having a Double Portion this is our Law by which every Estate has been ever Settled tis remarkable that the first & only Law for this Division was Enacted here when Governour Allen was Governour of this Province & therefore is in a very Perticular manner his will as well as his Act if this be So & So it is you^l Easily See that Thomas Allen the Son of Sam^{ll} could have but $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Estate the Other $\frac{3}{4}$ must go to the four Sisters & their representatives now tis Plain by Deeds upon our records that this Thomas Allen Sold by 2 different Deeds one half of the whole by Meets & Bounds (that is Bounds out the whole Tract) to Carleton Vandbrough agent for S^r Charles Hobby one $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the Whole & by one other Deed Directly to S^r Charles he Sells one $\frac{1}{4}$ part more & mentions in this Last Deed the Deed to Vandbrough & Compleats the Sale of one $\frac{1}{4}$ So that if the Allen you mention is the Son of Thomas & Granson of Sam^{ll} his father under Whom he Claims has Sold A greater Shear than he had in the Premises & therefore his Son can have no right As to the 4 Daughters of Sam^{ll} now here or three of them & the representatives of the fourth we Expect no Trouble from them for we must tell you further that Samuel Allen Esq^r Did in his Life Time by Deed Mortgage the whole by Meets & Bounds from Naumkeeg to Piscataqua to his Son in Law John Usher Esq^r for £1500 every farthing now Due this Deed regularly upon record here near fifty Years ago & in Consequence hereof Possession

& Seizen taken of all the Wast Lands before Wittness in the most regular manner & the wittneses Sworne & all this recorded with the Deed of Mortgage & by our Law the Equity of redemption has been Lost about forty Seven years now after this what Pretentions can any of the heirs of Allen have & all this is really fact & may be Prov'd from the records here; as to M^r Adams who Appeared for M^r Hobby the Grandson of S^r Charles he is now gone to the West Indias Again & we believe he never will make Any Attempt we have offerd to Shew him a Defend^t & a Piece of Land to Comence a Suit against where we will Pinn the Issue upon one Single Point whether the Tittle is Still in Mason & So in us or in Allen's family but he, we think is Convinced & will give us no Trouble—S^r Charles Died Intestate & Left one Son & Two Daughters all three now Dead but Left Issue Each of them So that they would be greatly Perplexed to finde their Perticular Intrests if they could hold what S^r Charles bo^t of Thomas Allen—We have now got Possession of Every Inch of the Premises & make no Doubt of holding of it Against any Claimer We Should be Sorry if we Should meet any new start in our title but fear Little from the old—If these hints which you may rely on as matters of fact are worth your takeing notice of So as to get the Oppinion of Abler Council than we here can Pretend to, it answers our End if not we Shall have as mentioned above a State of the Case Soon to forward to you Pray Let us hear from you on Each of the heads above mentioned in the mean Time we cannot See our way Clear in makeing Any Proposals Either to Allen or Hobby how ever we may be Induced to Alter our Oppinions upon Any New or further Information

Our Attorneys recommend it to us to beg y^e Favour of you, to stay mrs Allen's Proceedings if you can 'til you & She sees y^e above mention'd State which is now preparing & will We hope be ready to go by the Wilmington when you shall also have a Plann of y^e Province with all y^e Towns laid down which were granted either by y^e Governments or our Selves by which you & others will See how much we are possessd off—Our Attorneys also recommend that you would not mention y^e Council you design to advise with—D. Peirce sent you last Spring by y^e Wilmington in a Seperate Letter a State of Mason's Claim underwrote (we think) by M^r Sharpe & if that is not y^e Paper you mean we despair of finding of it—Gov^r Allen's Bond or a Copy of it & y^e Proof of y^e present Cap^t Masons being Linially and lawfully descended from Cap^t Mason y^e original Patentee you may depend upon by y^e above mentiond Ship—

We are Yours &c^t

T A: D P:—

Sent Via Boston in Cap^t Phillips—

S^r the above is Copy of what we wrote $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Philips we have not as Yet been able to get the Sate of the Case we mentioned in our Last our Council at Boston not haveing finished it but hope Soon to forward it to you—as to M^r Allens Bond to Robert Mason that Did not belong to us if worth Any thing So tis now in Cap^t Masons Custody we have Some Agreements now by us between those Parties wherein Allen was to Pay Mason Sund^r Sums of Money &c^a &c^a but as they (we think) cannot Effect the Title do not Copy them for your Perusal We have now Selected Some of the many Testimonies we have to Prove the regular Decent of the family of the Tufton Masons Down to Cap^t John Tufton Mason of whom we Purchased & have it unquestionably Proved by many more & with many more Perticulars than in those we now Send & if necessary can now have fifty Liveing Evidences to the Same how ever we think that matter will never be Disputed—we Now to make the matter at first View more Explicit Send you A Copy of y^e Detail of Cap^t Masons Pedigree which we found Amongst his Papers with the other evidences—we also now send you a Plan of the Province in which youl Easily See what Towns & Tracts we have Quieted our right to being a long time Settled before we Purchased also those Tracts or Towns granted by the Mass^a before the runing the Province Line with whom we have also Comprimized Matters & they now hold under us—you will also observe by the S^d Plan what New Tracts we have granted to new grantees the greatest parte of those Towns are Actually Settled & have many Inhabitants on Each of them which will be greatly Increased this winter & every one of the Others Entred upon &c^a—we Shall Soon do our Selves the Pleasure of writing you again & hope to forward the State of the Case &

Are your Very Humble Ser^t

T A—

Copy $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ y^e Wilmington
Cap^t Penny—

- Mem^o with this Letter Sent
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| N ^o 1 | Copy of Coll Waltons Evidence | } D ^o |
| 2 | D ^o Henry & Sarah Shervurne
& Susanna Johnson | |
| 3 | D ^o Cap ^t Jos: Sherburnes D ^o | |
| 4 | Copy of the Pedigree in Links | |
| 5 | A Plan of y ^e whole Prov ^e | |

[*Letter from John Thomlinson, March 6, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 1.]

London y^e 6th of March 1752—

Sir's

Your Favours of y^e 19th of Oct^r & 29th of Nov^r, are now both before me, and I Should be very glad to See the case You have long promised to Send me, and Then I could Soon have Such opinions upon it That would Satisfie me, with respect to the Right of Mason, or Allen, for all the long Accounts of What You have done, or are about to do, will not Avail you a Rush, without first Establishing Your just & Legal right, and the Single point is, Whither, or no, the Fine & Recovery Sued out in Westminster hall was legall, or not, if it was legal, You have no right, if (as You Say) it was illegall, Then for Any thing I at present know off, You have a right—

You Say You have in Your hands a Bond unpaid, for the purchase money, or for the Greatest part of it, If your right is defective on the other point, I cannot Say how far that May avail You, But I believe that Bond is not for the Whole, or the greatest part of y^e Purchase Money, besides, it has been Sujested here that, they (I mean the Heirs of Allen) will be able to prove the payment of y^e Whole, notwithstanding this Bond, But I cannot Say any thing to that Matter, But at present I cannot help Expressing My Fears, That Your grand point will fail You, That is, the Fine Sue'd out in Westminster hall will be deem'd legal, or how Should Allens right, And not Masons, be reserved in the Charter granted afterward to the Massechusetts Bay, as Certainly the Ablest Lawyers in the Kingdom, were Consulted & Employ'd in Settling that Charter, And undoubtedly Allen Must than have been Calld upon, to Make good & prove his right, before Such reservation could be introduced, However, I Shall be glad to have Your Case And one or two good Opinions upon it, And let it be as it may, I am Still of Opinion, that my advice to You to purchase of the Allens & others Claimers Under Allen, if they can be Come at, and it could be perfectly done for £1500 or £2000 Sterling, would be the Best Method You could Take, for I think if this affair comes to be Litigated, it may Cost Each party (at Least) that Sum and one Side must at last Set down with the Loss, and this Must be the Case, And I Suppose Soon, for I find By M^r Samford & M^r Adams, that Gibson has Now Actually purchased of M^{rs} Allen, be half for £750 Sterling, And to Make the payment, and finish at Lady day Next, and I am told that Some person's of Consequence are Concern'd with him, This I hinted to You Some time since,

would be the Case, and that I Endeavourd to keep it off as Long as I could, This is the Best account of this Matter, as well as the Best opinion I can have of it at present, And am with great Truth
Gentlemen Your Most hum^l Ser^t

John Thomlinson

To Mess^{rs} Theo: Atkinson Daniel Peirce

[*Receipt for Papers, Sept. 4, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 3.]

Portsm^o Sep^r 4th 1753 Rece^d y^e under written Papers of Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r viz^t

N ^o 1.	The Charter—the Plan—& Schedule
2.	The Charter—the Plan—Schedule and Vote
Peterborough slip	The Charter—the Plan—Schedule & Vote
Middle manadnack or N ^o 2—	} The Charter the Plan—schedule & Vote & Vote
North manadnack or N ^o 3—	
Manadnack N ^o 5—	The Charter—the Plan— & Vote
Manadnack N ^o 6—	The Charter—the Plan— & Vote
Manadnack N ^o 7—	The Charter—the Plan—Schedule & Vote
New Concord or N ^o 8—	The Charter the Plan— & Vote
Dantzick—	The Charter the Plan— & Vote
Hiedlebourg—	The Charter—the Plan— & Vote
Alexandria—	The Charter—the Plan— & Vote

Cap^t David Baldwins Counterpart for his farm
for which gave S^d Blanch^d Rece^t

¶ G J P^r Cl

[*Lords of Trade to King, 1753.*]

[From “Lords of Trade, 1753.” etc., in office of secretary of state.]

Copy of a Representation of the Lords of Trade to King George II respecting New Hampshire, 1753—

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

Having in Our Representation to their Excellencies the Lords Justices dated the 9th of July 1752 laid before their Excellences the disordered State of Affairs in Your Majestys Province of New Hamp-

shire in America, And also a State of the difficultys and Obstructions Your Majestys Governor of the said Province have Met with in the Administration of Government and in carrying into execution Your Majesty's Orders and Instructions for the better Ordering and Ruling the same, Arising from the Assemblys, having refused to pay a due Obedience to Your Majestys Additional Instruction Dated the 9th of June 1749, relative to the Right of certain New Towns and districts to send Representatives to the said Assembly; We shall now humbly beg leave to lay before Your Majesty a State of several Other difficulties and disputes, which have lately Arisen within the said Province with respect to the property of Lands, by which the Peace and good Government of it, have been Affected, And its further Improvement and Cultivation greatly retarded and Obstructed.

The Points which have principally given rise to these difficultys and disputes are

1st A Claim lately set Up to the waste and Unimproved Lands in the said Province by John Tufton Mason, One of the Surviving Grandsons of Robert Mason to whom the said Province devolved Upon the Death of his Grandfather John Mason, who held the same Under a Grant from the Council of Plymouth in the Year 1629.

2^d Grants made by the Provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut of certain large Townships or Tracts of Land, which Townships or Tracts of Land, by the Boundary Line drawn between that Province and the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in the Year 1738, Appear to have been, At the very time of making the Grants by the Massachusetts and Connecticut Colonies, a part of the Province of New Hampshire

3^d The Uncertainty of the Western Limits of the Said Province of New Hampshire, Arising from the Boundary Line or Line of Division between the said Province and the Province of New York not having been as Yet Settled or ascertained

As several Questions have Occurred to Us Upon a Consideration of the Two former of these Points, relative to the Property of Lands, Upon which it was Necessary to take the Opinion of Your Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General before we could make Our report; We lost no time in preparing proper States to be laid before them; And having lately received their Answer, We shall humbly beg leave to Lay before Your Majesty a full State of every Circumstance which has come to Our knowledge with respect to the Several Afore Mentioned Points, together with Our Opinion of what may be proper to be done to remedy this evils Complain'd of—

King James the first by Letters Patent dated the 3^d of June 1620 granted all that Tract of Country since called New England lying

between the Latitudes of 40 and 48 Degrees of Northerly Latitude, to Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Thirty Nine Other Adventurers Under the Name of the Council established at Plymouth in the County of Devon for the planting, ruling and Governing New England in America.

By Virtue of this Grant and Under the Powers and Authorities therein contained the Council of Plymouth did by Letters Patents at different times parcel out their Territory to Associate'd Companies and private Adventurers from which Patents the several Provinces and Colonies, of which New England is Now composed, have Arison—

The Limits and Boundary Lines described in these Patents which are either Merely imaginary or which depend Upon the Courses of Rivers at that time very little, if at all known, are so exceedingly Vague and Uncertain, and the Limits of the Province interfere so much with those of another that it is not to be wondred that very Vexatious and expensive Controversies and disputes, with respect as well to property as Jurisdiction, soon Arose, and all tho' the Limits of each Colony were Ascertained and the different Claims of the Proprietors Adjusted in the Year 1665 by Commissioners Appointed for that purpose, Yet, as the judgments and Decrees of those Commissioners were not finally Confermed here, such determinations had little or no Effect to putting an end to these Disputes.

It is partly Owing to the Controverses and disputes, which are still subsisting in some of these Colonies, and in perticular in New Hampshire And partly to the incapacity of the proprietors and their Neglect to Comply with the Terms and Conditions of those Grants, that this part of America, where there is an inexhaustable Fund of Naval Stores of all sorts and Many Other Valuable Productions, has not been Improved to that extent it is capable of; and the largest and most fertile part of New Hampshire lies at this Day an Useless waste, and rather a Burthen than Any Advantage to the Publick.

The Council of Plymouth, by Indenture Under their Common Seal dated 7th Nov^r 1629 granted Unto Captain John Mason, his Heirs and Assigns all that part of the Main Land in New England lying Upon the Sea Coasts, begining from the Middle part of Merrimack River, and from thence to proceed Northwards along the Sea Coast to Piscataway River, and so forwards Up within the Said River and to the farthest Head thereof, and from thence Northwards Untill Threescore Miles be finished from the first entrance of Piscataway River, and also from Merrimack thro' the said River and to the farthist Head thereof, and so forwards Up into the Land Westward Until Threescore Miles be finished, and from thence to cross Over

Land to the Threescore Miles End Accounted from Piscataway River.

This Tract of Country was in Consequence and by express Direction of the Patent called NEW HAMPSHIRE, and the Grantee Obligated himself to establish such Government therein As should be Agreeable, As Near as might be to the Laws and Customs of the Realm of England, with Liberty of any Person Aggrieved to Appeal to the said Council of Plymouth.

In consequence of this Grant Captain Mason was (as is Alledged by him) At considerable expence in sending Over Persons to plant and Settle in this Country, And in erecting Forts and Other Buildings and Habitations; And it does Appear from several Testimonies Made Use of in some Actions brought by his Grandson Against the very Persons he had sent Over, that Considerable Improvements were Made.

In 1635 the Council of Plymouth by Letters Patents dated the 22^d of April Confirmed their former Grant of New Hampshire to Captain Mason with an Extension of Limits, which in the Said Letters Patents are described in the following words " All that part Part and Portion of the Main Land of New England beginning from " the Middle part of Naumbeck River, and from thence to proceed " Eastward along the Sea Coast to Cape Anne, and round about the " same to Piscataway Harbour, And so forwards Up within the River " of Newickwannock and to the furthest Head of the said River, " And from thence Northward till Sixty Miles be finished from the " first entrance of Piscataway Harbour; And Also from Naumkeak " thro' the River thereof Up into the Land West Sixty Miles, from " which Period to Cross Over Land to the Sixty Miles end Accounted " from Piscataway thro' Newickwanock River to the Land North- " westward as aforesaid.

The eastern Limits of the Second Grant Appear to be the same As those described in the first, but are extended to the South west as far as the River Naumkeak, which is about Twenty Miles to the Westward of Merrimack, the Western Limit of the former Grant; which Tract of Country lying between the said two Rivers and extending to Three Miles North east of Merrimack, had been Granted by the Council of Plymouth to the Massachusetts Colony in the Year 1628 prior to the first Grant to M^r Mason and is Now part of that Colony.

It is alledged that this last Grant to M^r Mason was ratified and Confirmed by the Crown by Charter dated the 19th of August 1635 with full power of Civil Jurisdiction and Government; but *No Such Charter as this Appears Upon Record.*

In the year 1635 Captain Mason having No immediate Issue then

Living (his Daughter who had Married Joseph Tufton Esq^r being Dead) by his Will dated the 26th of November devised amongst Other things to his Grand Child John Tufton and his Heirs all his Mannor, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in New Hampshire, except some inconsiderable Legacies Upon Condition of his Changing his Name to Mason; the remainder to Robert Tufton, the Brother of John Tufton and Other persons mentioned in the Will.

Upon the Death of Captain Mason in the same Year or soon after, New Hampshire by Virtue of the Afore mentioned Devise came to his Grandson John Tufton, but he Dying without Issue, the Limitation Over to Robert Tufton took Effect; but he being at that time a Minor, and not coming of Age till 1650 the Servants and Agents which his Grandfather had sent Over to New Hampshire taking Advantage thereof, And of the Confusion of Affairs of England At that time, when No redress could be had, embezzled and sold his Stock and Effects, and put themselves Under the Government of the Massachusetts Colony, who then exercised Jurisdiction in New Hampshire.

Soon after the Restoration M^r Robert Mason (for Robert Tufton the Younger Brother had now taken Upon him that Name In Compliance with his Grandfathers Will) presented a Petition to King Charles the Second, Setting forth the unjust and illegal Encroachments of the Massachusetts Colony Over his property and praying that Justice Might be done him; which Petition was referred to Sir Geoffry Palmer, then Attorney General, to Consider of his Title to the Country who reported that his Title was good: And Nevertheless in 1675 We find M^r Mason presenting a second Petition to the same Effect as the former; Upon which his Title was again referred to the Consideration of Sir William Jones and Sir Francis Winnington, the then Attorney and Solicitor General, who Upon consideration of the Several Patents Under which Mason Claimed, reported that he had a good and legal title to the Lands conveyed by them.

In 1679 the Crown took the Government of the Province of New Hampshire into its Own Hands; and a Commission passed the Great Seal Appointing a President and Council to Govern the Province in which Commission M^r Masons Title is Mentioned in the following words,

“ And whereas the Inhabitants of the Country have long been in possession and are said to have Made Considerable Improvements on the Lands they hold, but without any Other Title than what have been derived by the Government of Boston in Virtue of their “ Imaginary Line, which Title as it has by the Opinion of the Judges

" here been altogether set a side, so the Agents of Boston have con-
 " sequently disowned any right either in the Soil or Governm^t from
 " the three Miles line aforesaid: And as it Appeared that the Ance-
 " ters of M^r Mason Obtained Grants from the great Council of Ply-
 " mouth for this Tract, and were at very great Expences Upon the
 " same till Molested and finally driven Out which hath Occasioned a
 " lasting Complaint for Justice by the said M^r Mason ever since the
 " Restoration: However to prevent in this case any Unreasonable
 " Demands which may be made by M^r Mason for the Right he
 " alledged to the Soil, we have Obliged M^r Mason Under Hand and
 " Seal to declare, that he will demand Nothing for the Time past
 " Until the 24th of June 1679, nor Molest Any in their possessions
 " for the Time to come but Make out Titles to them and their Heirs
 " for ever; provided they will pay Unto him by fair Agreement in
 " lieu of all their Rents Sixpence in the Pound According to the
 " just and true Yearly value of all Houses Built by them, and of all
 " Lands whether Gardens or Orchards Arable or pasture, which have
 " been improved by them which he will agree should be Bounded
 " Out unto every of the said Parties Concerned And that the Resi-
 " due might remain to himself to be disposed of for his best Advan-
 " tage: But if Notwithstanding this Overture from M^r Mason which
 " seems so fair Unto Us Any of the Inhabitants there should refuse
 " to agree with his Agents Upon these Terms, You are impowered to
 " interpose and reconcile all differences if You can; but if Not, You
 " are to send home such cases fairly and impartially Stated together
 " with Your Opinions that we may at Our Council Board, with
 " regard to M^r Masons Antient Right and the long possession,
 " Improvements or any Other Title of the inhabitants, determine
 " therein according to Equity."

In 1680 M^r Mason went Over to the Province to prosecute his
 Title, and altho' many of the Inhabitants at first Appeared willing
 to Submit to it, Yet as the Members of the Council were proprietors
 of the greatest part of the cultivated Lands, they Made Use of all
 their Interest and the Influence which their Situation and Charac-
 ter gave them to prevent his getting possession And they so far
 prevailed that he was at length Obliged to commence Suits in the
 Courts there against some of the principal Proprietors; while these
 Suits were depending, M^r Mason in Order to Strengthen his Interest
 at home made a Surrender to the Crown of all Fines and forfeitures
 in New Hampshire, and of One fifth of the Rents and Revenues for
 the Support of Government.

In 1681 a Commission passed the Great Seal Appointing Edward
 Cranfield, Esq^r Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire, in which

Robert Mason Stiled therein Proprietor And Eight Others are Appointed Councillors; and there is a Clause inserted in it recognizing M^r Masons Title in the same words as that inserted in the former Commission

It does not Appear that the Authority or Influence, which it might be Supposed would be derived to M^r Mason from this Commission had any Effect to reinstate him in the possession of his property, the Inhabitants still continue to contest his Title, tho' Several Judgments were given in his favour in the Courts there, One of which was Upon an Appeal Confirmed by his Majesty in Council.

In about the Year 1685 M^r Mason returned to England, where he Died,* leaving the Province of New Hampshire to his two Sons John and Robert Mason who in 1690† Sold it to Samuel Allen of London for Two Thousand Seven hundred pounds, having first Sued Out a Fine and Recovery in Westminster Hall in Order to bar the Entail.

The first Mention Made of M^r Allens Title after this purchase is in the Charter granted by King William to the Massachusetts Bay in 1691, where his Right is reserved in the following words, viz^t. "Provided also that Nothing herein contain'd shall extend or be "Understood or taken to impeach or prejudice any Right, Title, "Interest or demand, which Samuel Allen of London Merchant "Claiming from and under John Mason Esq^r deceased, or any Other "person or persons hath or have, or Claimeth to have, hold or enjoy "of into or out of any part or parts of, the premises Situated within "the Limits Above Mentioned, but that the said Samuel Allen and "all and every such person and Persons may and shall have hold "and enjoy the Same in such Manner (and no Other than) as if these "presents had not been made.

In 1691 M^r Allen was Appointed Lieutenant Governor of this province who brought Many Actions in the Courts of Justice there against the Inhabitants in the possession of the Lands he Claimed, but a Verdict was given against him by the Jury in every Action.

In 1697 Lord Bellomont was Appointed Governor of all New England, by which M^r Allen's Commission as Governor of New Hampshire was Superseded.

In 1702 Col^o Allen brought an Appeal to her Majesty in Council from a Verdict and Judgment given against him in the Superior Court of Judicature in New Hampshire the 13th of August 1700 in favour of Richard Waldron who at that time possessed the largest Quantity of Land in New Hampshire; which said Judgment was Upon an Hearing of all Parties Affirmēd. But in regard the Judg-

*In margin, This is a mistake, He died at Esopus in New York 1688.

†In margin, "1691."

ment was Not final in its nature, the Order directed that the defendants should be left at Liberty to bring a New Action in Ejectment in the Courts in New Hampshire in Order to try his Title to the Propriety of the Lands in question or certain quit Rents Payable Out of the same and that in case Upon such Trial any Doubt in Law should Arise, the Jury be directed to find the Matter Specially, that is, what Title the Appellant And Defendant do severally Make Out to the said Lands in question and that the Points in Law should be reserved to the Court before which the Same should be tried, or if Upon Such Trial any Doubt Should Arise concerning the Evidence given at such Trial such Doubts Should be specially Stated and taken in Writing to the end that in case either party Should think to Appeal to her Majesty in Council from the Judgment of the Court therein Her Majesty might be more fully informed in Order to a final determination of the Said Case.

While this Appeal was depending before her Majesty in Council, M^r Allen presented a Petition praying to be put in possession of the waste and Unimproved Lands in the said Province; And on the 28th of January 1702/3 his Petition was referred to the Attorney General for his Opinion 1st whether M^r Mason had a Right to the Waste Lands in the Province of New Hampshire, 2^{dly} What Lands in that Province were to be reputed waste Lands, and 3^{dly} By what Methods her Majesty might put him in possession. Upon the 5th of April 1703 the Attorney General reported his Opinion "that Samuel Allen had a good Title to the Waste Lands of the Province of New Hampshire; that all Lands lying Uninclosed and Unoccupied were "to be reputed waste; And that M^r Allen Might enter into and take "possession of the same; and that if he should be disturbed in the "possession thereof, it would be proper to him (her Majesty having "Courts of Justice within the Said Province) to assert his Right and "punish the Trespassers by Legal Proceedings in these Courts; and "that it woud not be proper for her Majesty to interpose in this "Matter, Unless the question concerning the Right Should come "before her Majesty by Appeal from the Judgements that Should "be given in the Courts in the said Province, save it might be "reasonable as he conceived to direct, that (if M^r Allen insisted on "it) on the Trials that might be had for Settling his Right to the "said Province that the Matters of Fact relating to his and the "Titles of Others Claiming the same Lands might be specially "found by the Juries that Should be impannelled in the same Trials, "that the Matters of Fact might Appear before her Majesty, if "Appeals should be made from the Judgments that should be given "in the said Province

In consequence of this Opinion of the Attorney General Col^o Dudley, then Governor of New England was directed by a Letter from the Queen, that, in case M^r Allen should be Opposed by the Inhabitants and hindred from entering quietly into possession of the waste Lands, or should be disturbed in the possession thereof where upon any Trial or Trials should be brought before her Majesty's Courts there for Settling the Title to the Waste Lands, and that on such Trial or Trials the said Allen did insist that the matters of Fact Should be specially found by the Juries; that he should do all which in him Lay that the Matters of Fact should be Specially found Accordingly.

On the 20th* of Feb^r 1703/4 Col^o Dudley Acquainted the Assembly of New Hampshire with the Orders he had received relative to M^r Allens Title. Upon which the Assembly Addressed him to represent to her Majesty, that they were sensible of her regard to Justice in the late Trial, between M^r Allen and M^r Waldron which had for ever Obligated them to a Sense and resolution in their Duty and Obedience to her Majesty, that they only Claimed the property of such Land as was Contained within the Bounds of the Towns, which was less than one Third part of the Province, and had been possessed by them and their Ancestors for more than Sixty Years, and that they had No Objection to the Other Two Thirds being Adjudged to M^r Allen

On the 3^d of May 1705 the Inhabitants and Terre-Tenants of the Province at a general meeting held at Portsmouth came to the following resolution with respect to M^r Allens Title;

[This resolution is printed on pp. 165-167 *ante*.]

These Propositions having been finally Settled and agreed to, were ordered to be presented to M^r Allen for his Acceptance; but his Death, which happened on the Next Day prevented it.

Upon the Death of Col^o Allen, his Son Thomas Allen petitioned the Crown that an Appeal brought by his Father to the Governor and Council against a Judgment given in the inferior Courts in favour of Waldron Might be received; which Petition having been referred to the Attorney General for his Opinion whether it might be proper for her Majesty to grant the Prayer thereof, the Attorney General on the 23^d of March 1705/6 reported his Opinion that by the Plaintiffs Death the writ of Error was Abated and could not be revived.

Upon M^r Allens suing for writs of Ejectment in his Own Name he was cast with Costs, whereupon he Appealed to her Majesty in

*In margin, "10th."

Council, but died before the Appeal was determined, having first by Deed of Sale dated the 23^d of August 1706 Conveyed one half of his Lands to S^r Charles Hobby of Boston in New England.

Upon the Death of M^r Allen the half of New Hampshire, which remained unsold devolved to two infant Sons, but it does not appear that any Application was ever made since that time, by them or any one in their behalf or any Claiming Under them to be put in possessions, and in the year 1716 Colonel Shute was Appointed Governor of New England with a Power in his Commission of Granting Lands in New Hampshire, in consequence whereof several Townships were laid Out; nor does it Appear that any Claim of propiety was set up until the Year 1746 when John Tufton, who had taken Upon him the Name of John Mason and who is one of the surviving Grandsons of Robert Mason, pretending that the Fine & recovery Sued out in Westminster Hall by John and Robert Mason 1699 previous to the Conveyance of them to Samuel Allen was illegal, as it Ought to have been done in the Courts there, himself Sued Out a Common Recovery in the Courts of New Hampshire in consequence whereof the Sheriff put him in possession and he sells his Right by Deeds to sundry Persons in the Province who have taken Upon them to Grant Lands and lay Out Townships.

The question arising Upon a consideration Upon this state of the Cause was whether the uniform Silence and Discontinuation of all sorts of Claim to the waste and Unimproved Lands within the Province of New Hampshire for more then forty Years Successively, during the greater part of which time the Crown has Occasionally made Several Grants of the Unimproved Lands of the said Province without Exception or Complaint from any Person or Family, does not prescriptively Vest the waste Lands of the said Province in Your Majesty? how far any private Claim to these Lands so long deserted can now be revived against such an Exercise of Power Over them in the Crown? If these waste Lands Are not in Your Majesty, to whom do they belong? and what will be the regular and best Method of bringing this matter to a final and Legal determination?

Upon this question Your Majestys Attorney and Solicitor General have reported to Us "That it is Impossible to give an Answer to it "without knowing Many Circumstances which do not Appear Upon "the State of the Case, 1st That it is Asked to whom the Lands "belong That they were Originally granted to Mason and after- "wards Conveyed to Allen That whether that Conveyance be good "depends Upon the Will of John Mason and Upon the Fine and "Recovery said to have been levied and Suffered which were not "particularly Stated in the case, Upon the Usage or Laws in New

“hampshire in relation to barring Estates Tail not Stated to all,
 “and Upon the Infancy or Other Disability of the Issue in tail, his
 “Acquiescence and the Acts of Limitation in New hampshire None of
 “which Matters were before them”

“ 2^{dy} That it is Asked whether these Lands belong to the Crown,
 “Upon this ground as they Suppose that Neither the Masons nor
 “Allens for 40 Years past have done anything till 1746 that this
 “depends Upon a Variety of Circumstances Such as the Nature and
 “causes of the Acquiescence the Acts done by the Crown in the
 “Mean time the kind of possession taken in 1746 and what has been
 “done since; That they can Only say that where Persons Under
 “Grants from the Crown have quietly possessed and Improved so
 “great a regard is always had to Persons who have Settled Lands in
 “America, that it is hardly possible for a State Title to be so cir-
 “cumstanced as to prevail against them; but that in such Cases the
 “length of time during which they have been permitted to improve
 “is extremely Material That Upon the whole they cannot Advise
 “anything so proper, as that the Parties if any Suits should be com-
 “menced in New hampshire, Should take Care to have the Evidence
 “so laid before the Court as to be transmitted to England in case of
 “an Appeal to Your Majesty in council.”

Whereupon we beg leave to represent to Your Majesty that as
 Your Majestys Attorney & Soliciter General have not been Able to
 give a Satisfactory Answer or Opinion on this matter, for want of
 fuller Information in Several particulars which is not in Our power
 to State to them with that Precision which is Necessary in so Com-
 plicate a Cause, we did Immediately on the Receipt of the Said
 Report, write to Your Majestys Governor of the said Province of
 New hampshire, directing him to transmit to us as soon as possible
 the fullest information he can Obtain Upon the Several points
 therein Mentioned together with what ever else may have any rela-
 tion to or may Serve to explain the question in dispute, and also to
 take care in the Meantime that, if any Suits are Commenced in the
 said Province the Parties have their Evidence so laid before the
 Court as to be transmitted hither in case of an Appeal to Your
 Majesty in Council Confirmable to the Opinion of Your Majesty's
 Attorney and Solicitor General—

all which is humbly submitted

Whitehall Feb^y 2nd 1753

signed Dunk Halifax
 Charles Townshend
 James Oswald
 Fran^s Fane

Lords Comm^s of trade & Plantations

indorsed 7th Feb^y 1753 refer'd to a Comm^{ee}

[*Opinions of Nicholas Fazakerley, May 21, 1754.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 6.*]

Qu' Whether a Fine Sur Cognizance &c levied at Westm^r of Lands lying in New England, by Fiction suppos'd to be in England, will bar the Heir in Tail by Comon or Statute Law?

I am of opinion that the Heir in Tail will not be barr'd or affected thereby.

Qu' Whether a Com'on Recovery suffer'd of such Lands will be a Bar to the Heir in Tail?

N B: there was a proper Court in the plantation where a Fine might have been levied & a Recovery suffer'd and the Service of the Writ in the Comon Recovery was upon the Heir in Tail then in England

I think the Heir in Tail will not be barr'd or affected thereby.

Qu' Whether such a Fine & Recovery will bar the Heir in Tail in a plantation where such Heir has a Right to the Jurisdiction and Prerogatives us'd by the Bishop of Durham in the County Palatine of Durham, tho' he did not exercise his Right at that Time and there were Courts there under the Appointm^t of the Crown?

If the facts relating to this Question had been stated I might have been able to have given a direct answer to this Question However this General Answer may probably answer the Intent of the ? , for I am of opinion that a fine or Recovery cannot operate upon any real Estate or Interest lying out of the Jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas and consequently cannot bar or affect any Estate Tail in any foreign Colony or Plantation. And In my opinion such a Law would be of most dangerous Consequence to Estates in those Countries and introduce great Incertainty & confusion, if the Estates of the Inhabitants were to be affected by Records privately made up in this Country, which may be laid in one Country as well as another.

Qu' Whether any Judgm^{ts} have been given at Westm^r upon the Validity & Force of Such Fines & Recoveries & what are they?

I know not that there has been any such Judgem^t but a few years ago, when the present Lord Chancellor was Chief Justice of the King's Bench, there was a writ of Error brought to reverse a fine levied in the Common Pleas and the Error assign'd was that it appear'd upon the face of the Record that the lands lay in partibus

transmarinis and the Deft, in Error was so sensible of the objection that he mov'd the Court of Common Pleas to amend by striking out the words in partibus transmarinis, which put an End to the Cause. And I don't know of any other Judgem't, But as to Recoveries How can a writ of seisin be awarded or return'd for the sheriff cannot give seisin of lands out of his Bailiwick.

N: Fazakerley*
21: May. 1754.

[*Judgment, Buswell v. Ordway, June 5, 1754.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 9.*]

Province of } At his Majestys Superior Court of Judicature
New Hampshire } held at Portsmouth within and for his Majesty's
Province of Newhampshire on the second tuesday in March by
adjournment from & next ensuing the first tuesday in February
immediately preceeding, in twenty seventh year of the reign of his
Majesty King George the second Annoque Domini 1754

Present

The honorable Meshech Weare }
George Mitchel } Esq^{rs} Justices
Joseph Simpson }

William Buswell the third of Kingstown within the Province of Newhampshire husbandman Appellant against James Ordway of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Yeoman Appellee From the judgment of the Inferior court of common pleas held at Portsmouth in & for the province of Newhampshire on the first thursday next following the first tuesday in June 1751 In an action of trespass commenced and prosecuted by the said William Buswell against the said James Ordway at said Inferior court of common pleas In the following words namely In an action of trespass for that the defendant on or about the twenty ninth day of March last with force & arms entered into & upon a certain close of the Plaintiff in his possession containing by estimation four acres of land situate within the bounds of a certain tract of land equal to six miles square lying & being within our said Province of Newhampshire but not within any town parish or vill granted by the proprietors of the right of John Tufton Mason Esq^r to Ebenezer

*Nicholas Fazakerley was a noted lawyer of London, a specialist in conveyancing and the transfer of real property, also in constitutional law. He was elected a member of parliament for Preston in January, 1782, and retained his seat as long as he lived. He died at his house in Grosvenor Street, London, in February, 1787.

Stevens Esq^r dec^d & others said close being the lot numbered twenty one bounded easterly by Merrimack River southerly by a lot of land of Joseph Clifford westerly by land left for an high way and North-erly by a lot of land of Samuel Bean as may at large appear by the records of the said Proprietors and then & there in manner aforesaid did cut down & destroy six trees of the Plaintiffs then and there standing and growing of the value of ten shillings each tree and other enormities the defendant then & there did against our peace and to the damage of the said William as he says the sum of five pounds—At which said Inferior court of common pleas Judgment was rendered that the defendant recover against the Plaintiff cost of court—From which judgment of said Inferior Court of Common pleas the said William Buswell appealed to the then next Superior Court of Judicature when & where the appeal was entered but continued from term to term to this term when the parties being fully heard by their Counsel learned in the law the case was committed to the jury sworn according to law to try the issue who made return of their verdict thereon upon oath & say The Jury find for the Appellant five shillings damage and costs of courts—It is therefore considered that the former judgment be and hereby is reversed and that the said William Buswell recover against the said James Ordway five shillings new tenor bills of credit damage and costs of courts taxed at the sum of twenty three pounds eleven shillings six pence like bills of credit.—

Execution issued June 5th 1754—August 1754 Ret^d not satisfied
Alias issued May 1st 1755—Returned not satisfied August 1755

Copy of Record examined by

Nath^l Adams Clerk

Letter, Theodore Atkinson to John Thomlinson, Jan. 27, 1758,
State Papers, Vol. 18, p. 469.

[*Mortgage, Clements to McHard, Sept. 22, 1758.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 14.*]

Know all Men by these Presents, That I Timothy Clements of Haverhill in the County of Essex in y^e Prov^e of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman For and in Consideration of the Sum of three Hundred Pounds New Ten^r Bills of the Prov^e of New Hampsh^r To me in Hand before the Delivery hereof well and truly

paid by James McHard of Haverhill afores^d Esq^r—the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge. HAVE given granted bargained and sold, and by these Presents DO give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff convey and confirm unto the said James McHard his Heirs and Assignances forever all that my moiety or one half Part of that Tract of Land Lying in the Province of New Hamp^r afores^d containing twenty five Hundred & Seventy Six Acres more or less which we the S^d James McHard & Timothy Clements purchas^d of John Moffatt Daniel Peirce & George Jaffrey Esq^r a Committee of the Proprietors of Mason's Patent by Deed bearing equal Date with these Presents & filed on record on this 22^d of Sep^r 1758.—*To Have and to Hold*, the said Granted Premises with all the Privileges and Appurtenances to the same appertaining to him the said James McHard his Heirs and Assigns to his & their only proper Use and Benefit forever. And I the said Timothy Clements For my Self my Heirs Executors and Administrators do hereby Covenant Grant and Agree to and with the said James McHard his Heirs and Assigns, that until the Delivery hereof I am the lawful Owner of the said Premises & am lawfully seized and possessed thereof in my own Right in Fee Simple, and have full Power and lawful Authority to grant and convey the same in Manner aforesaid: That the said Premises are free and Clear of all and every Incumbrance whatsoever. And that I my Heirs Executors and Administrators shall and will Warrant the same to him the Said James McHard his Heirs and Assigns against the lawful Claims and Demands of any Person or Persons whomsoever. Provided Nevertheless & these Presents are upon this Condition any Thing herein containd to y^e contrary thereof Notwithstanding That whereas the S^d James McHard & my Self are this Day become jointly & Severally bound unto George Jaffrey of Portsm^o in y^e Prov^o of New Hamp^r afores^d Esq^r for y^e Payment of the Sum of two Hundred & Eighty Seven Pounds ten Shill^l New Tenor Money of the Prov^o of New Hampsh^r afores^d for y^e use of the S^d Prop^r of Mason's Patent which is the Proper Debt of me the S^d Timothy Now if I my Heirs Exec^{rs} or Admat^{rs} or any of us shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto y^e S^d George Jaffrey the aforementioned Sum of two Hundred & Eighty Seven Pounds ten Shill^l New Ten^r according to y^e Tenor true Intent & Meaning of Said Bond or otherwise entirely indemnify & Save Harmless the s^d James McHard from all Costs & Damage that may ensue in Consequence of his being bound with & for me in Manner afores^d then y^e foregoing Deed of Mortgage & every Clause thereof, to be utterly void & of none Effect but if otherwise then to remain in full Force & Virtue In Witness whereof I hereunto Set my Hand

& Seal this twenty Second Day of September Seventeen Hundred & fifty Eight

Timothy Clements [seal]

Signed Sealed & Deliver'd
in Presence of
Thomas Peirce Jun^r
D Peirce

Prov^e of New Hampsh^r 22^d Sep^r 1758
Then Timothy Clements Acknowledged this Instrument by him
Subscribed to be his free Act & Deed—

Cor^m D. Peirce Jus Peace

[Endorsed] Re'd Nov^r 13th 1766

D Peirce Red^r

Prov^e of New Hamp^r
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D Peirce Record^r

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents That I the within named James M^cherd do for & in Consideration of five Shillings to me in hand paid by John Moffatt Daniel Peirce & George Jaffrey all of Portsm^o in the Province of New Hampshire Esq^r the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Do give grant Assign Set over Transfer & Convey by these Presents unto them the said John Daniel & George in trust for the use of the Proprietors of Masons Patent all my right Title Interest Claim property and Demand in & unto the within Mortgaged Lands and all right & Demand which I have or Ought to have by any ways & means whatsoever to the within written Mortgage and all advantages that does or may arise thereby TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to them the said John Daniel & George in trust & for the use aforesaid their heirs Exec^{rs} Admin^{rs} & assign forever In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the 13th Day of Nov^r 1766—

James M^cHard [seal]

Witnesses W^m Parker
George Libbey

Province of } Nov^r 13th 1766 then James M^cherd Esq^r person-
New Hampshire } ally appearing acknowledged the above written
Assignment to be his free Act & Deed before me—

William Parker Just. Pacis

Letter, Theodore Atkinson to John Thomlinson, May 13, 1763,
State Papers, Vol. 18, p. 550.

Letter, Theodore Atkinson to John Thomlinson, 1763, State Papers, Vol. 18, p. 551.

[*Deed, McHard to Proprietors, Aug. 13, 1766.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 25.]

KNOW *all Men by these Presents That* I James Mchard of Haverhill in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esq^r for a Certain Tract of Land granted to me and For and in Consideration of the Sum of five Shillings Lawful Money to me in Hand paid before the Delivery hereof, by John Moffatt Daniel Peirce and George Jaffrey all of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire Esq^r a Com^{tee} of the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have given granted bargained and Sold, and by these Presents do give, grant, bargain sell, aliene, convey and confirm to them the said John Daniel & George their Heirs and Assigns, in trust & for the use of Said Proprietors all my right Title Interest Claim & Demand which I have or Ought to have of in & unto all that Tract of Land which the said Committee by their Deed Dated the twenty-Second day of Septemb^r Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & fifty Eight granted & Conveyd unto me and One Timothy Clements duly Executed & Recorded as may at large appear by Reference thereto *To have and to Hold*, the said granted Premises, with the Appurtenances thereof, to them the Said John Moffatt Daniel Peirce & George Jaffrey their Heirs and Assigns, to the proper Use, Benefit and Behoof for ever; of the Said Proprietors their Successors & Assigns forever—

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 13th Day of August in the Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign. Anno Domini 1766—

James McHard [seal]

SIGNED SEALED & Delivered

In presence of us
W^r Langdon
John Storer

Province of— } August 13th 1766 then the above named James
New Hampshire } McHard Personally appearing acknowledged this
Instrument to be his free Act & Deed before me

William Parker Just Pacis

Recd 12th Nov^r 1766
 Prov^o of New Hamp^r
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[*John Quigley's Certificate, Sept. 17, 1767.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 26.*]

This is to Certify that I attended 7. days at Sep^r Court in the Year 1766. & I attended three days at Dec^r Court following & six days in March 1767. & three days in June 1767. & Seven days in Sept^r 1767. —it being on the following it being in the Cause of John Thomlinson Esq^r of Great Britain and George Oughterson & William Aiken

Likewise three days in June 1767. in a Cause between James Aiken & George Jaffrey Esq^r—

and three days in June 1767, in a Cause between George Oughterson & Clem^t March Esq^r & others.

& seven days in Sep^r 1767. in a Cause between George Jaffrey Esq^r & Will^m Smith & James Aiken—

& seven days in Sept^r 1767. in a Cause between George Oughterson & Clem^t March Esq^r—

As Witness my hand &c. this 17th day of Sep^r 1767.—

John Quigely

[*James Richey's Request.*]

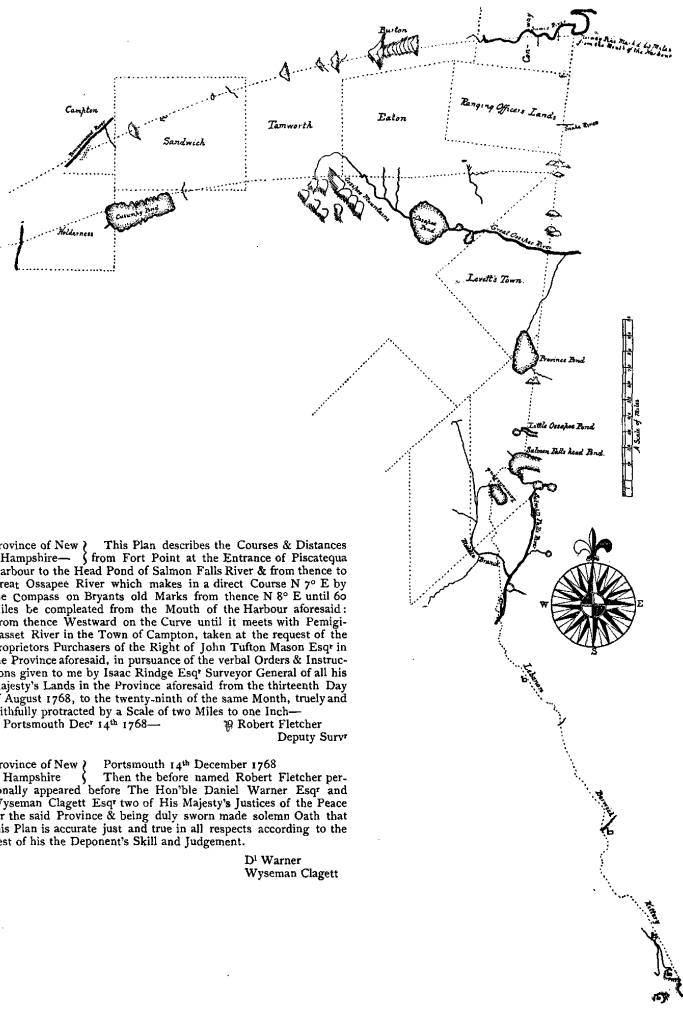
[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 26.*]

Sir as I was sumenosed by John Quigely in the actans aganst pery and Aiken I pray you would be so Good as to send the money with the berer for my travel and atendance in two Actions on the said kase Living Savinty five Milds from Portsmouth & in so Doing you will very much obledg your frand and very hombel Sarvent and this Shall be your descherg

James Richey

To Geo Jaffry Esq.
 two travels £2-10. 0

[*Endorsed*] James Richey Demand for Service in Trial Jaffrey v^s Smith &c

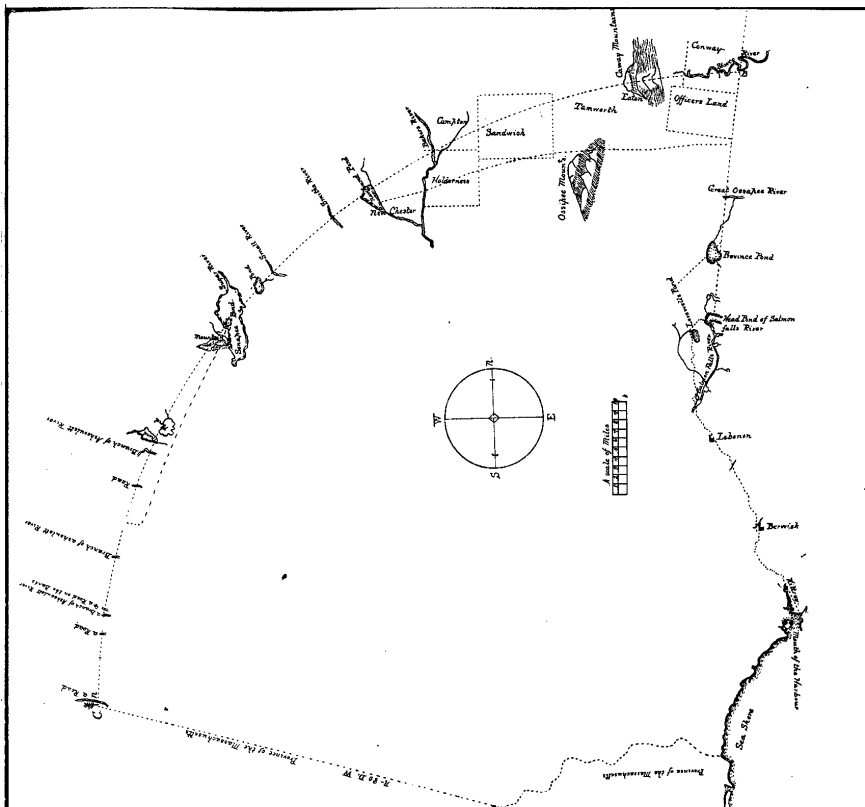


Province of New Hampshire— } This Plan describes the Courses & Distances
 Harbour to the Head Pond of Salmon Falls River & from thence to
 Great Ossagee River which makes in a direct Course N 7° E by
 the Compass on Bryants old Marks from thence N 8° E until 60
 Miles be completed from the Mouth of the Harbour aforesaid:
 From thence Westward on the Curve until it meets with Pemig-
 wasset River in the Town of Campton, taken at the request of the
 Proprietors Purchasers of the Right of John Tufon Mason Esq^r in
 the Province aforesaid, in pursuance of the verbal Orders & Instruc-
 tions given to me by Isaac Rindge Esq^r Surveyor General of all his
 Majesty's Lands in the Province aforesaid from the thirteenth Day
 of August 1768, to the twenty-ninth of the same Month, truly and
 faithfully protracted by a Scale of two Miles to one Inch—

Portsmouth Dec^r 14th 1768— } Robert Fletcher
 Deputy Surv

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth 14th December 1768
 Then the before named Robert Fletcher personally
 appeared before The Hon^{ble} Daniel Warner Esq^r and
 Wyseman Clagett Esq^r two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace
 for the said Province & being duly sworn made solemn Oath that
 this Plan is accurate just and true in all respects according to the
 best of his the Deponent's Skill and Judgement.

D^l Warner
 Wyseman Clagett



Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth July 28th 1769. This Plan Describes the Courses & Distances from Fort Point at the Mouth of Piscataqua Harbour to the Head Pond of Salmon-Falls River, & Thence to the Great Ossapee River, which Makes in a Direct Course N. 7. Degrees East by the Compass, & thence Northwardly to the Mouth of the Harbour Aforesaid at .B. And from thence Westwardly & Southwardly On the Curve Until it Meets with The Northwardly Boundary Line of the Province of the Massachusetts at .C. 109.4 Miles as the Curve Runs from B.

That at The Receipt of The Proposition Purchasers of The Royal Province of New Hampshire in the Province of the Massachusetts to the Honourable Isaac Mison Esq; in the Province Aforesaid—in Pursuance of the Verbal Orders Given Me by Isaac Rindge Esq; Surveyer General of All His Majesties Lands in the Province Aforesaid—from the 13th Day of August 1768. to the 29th day of the same Month —Truly & Faithfully Protracted & Laid Down By A Surveyor of our Whites in an Inch by Robert Fletcher Daniel Warner

for Particulars see y^e Journals

Province of } Portsmouth July 29th 1766
 New Hampshire }
 That at The Receipt of The Proposition Purchasers Personally Appeared Before The Hon^{ble} Daniel Warner Esq; One of His Majesties Justices of Peace for Said Province and being Duly Sworn Made Solemn Oath that this Plan is Accurate Just & True in All Respects According to the best of his the Deponents Skill and Judgement

Cor. D^r Warner, J. Peace

[*Deposition of Jonathan Farwell and John Kendall, Oct. 13, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol 2, p. 27.]

Mess^{rs} John Kendall & Jonathan Farwell Testify & Say that in the Fall of the Year 1751 they Together with Joseph Blanchard Josiah Brown Oliver Blodget & John Stearn's and *Jonathan Snow Samuel Butterfield Isaac Patch & James Whitney* Who are Since Dead went to Run the Curve Line of Mason's Patent So Called that Six of their Company with Joseph Blanchard the Surveyor went from Dunstable to Wonomanack ponds so Called in Bellows's Town (the Other hands went to Meet them with a supply of Provisions near the Apper Ashuelot) where they found the Dividing Line Between the Province of New Hamp^r & Province of the Massachusetts Bay and Pursu'd that Line till they found the South West Corner of Bellows's Town then they Run & Measurd about Six Miles further Westward & made a Corner from thence they Run North, & Measurd five Miles Marked the Line thick & Well & made a Corner for a five mile Mark & Cut into the Trees a large K. on the Westerly Side & M. on the Easterly Side, then the Surveyor Turned & they Run Some Degrees to the East of North five Miles more on that point Marked the Line thick & Well & made a Corner & put on the Letters K. & M. as aforesaid and So they Continued Runing & Marking & at the Period of Every five Mile Made a Particular five Mile Mark & altering their Course more to the East till they Got to Newfound or Bakers pond So Called about Sixty five Miles from the Province Line aforesaid, they Shou'd ave Gone further but some of the hands were Worried & the Provisions faild, that they were Obligd to Return, they Were all Men that were well Acquainted with the woods & Said Service & had Daily Caution from the Surveyor who was as Exact & as Careful as Possible, all the hands Labourd Very hard & Were Diligent & Exact as far as they the Depon^{ts} Cou'd Perceive and two men Were Constantly appointed to Mark & Letter & upon the hands Returning home said Farwell Says that Whitney & himself made Oath Before Col^o Blanchard to their Fidelity in Said Service—and the Deponants further Add that they have not the Least Doubt but that was they now at the Corner they made on the Province Line they Coud follow the Line by them Run & Marked to the pond aforesaid about Sixty five Miles Without a Compass unless Extraordinary Hurricanes or fires have been there, they further Declare that any Representation or Insinuation that the Line aforesaid is not well Run &

Mark'd to all Intents & Purposes is false Scandalous & without the Least foundation—

October y^e 13, 1767

Jonathan Farwell
John Kendall

Province of } October the 18th 1767 then the above Named
New Hamp^r } Jonathan Farwell & John Kindall both personally
appear'd (& after Due Caution & Careful Examination) made Sol-
emn Oath to the Truth of the Deposition Before Written
Before me Ezek^l Chase J^s Pacis

[*Instructions to Robert Fletcher, June 1, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 30.*]

Province of } Portsmouth May 19th 1769
New Hampsh^r } At a Convention of the Proprietors of the land
purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in New-Hampshire—

It was determin'd and Concluded by Said Proprietors That y^e Committee who employ'd Rob^t Fletcher to run y^e 60 mile Line from y^e mouth of Piscat^a River and part of y^e Curve line from y^e end of y^e 60 mile line be and are request'd and desired to employ Said Fletcher to continue y^e Said Curve line to y^e westerly corner of the Southern boundary line of Mason's Patent to make Such marks and monuments on Said Curve line as may be proper and Suitable to make it known and evident and as soon as may be—and make a Plan thereof to be returned and filed—and to give such other directions to Said Fletcher as may be of Service to y^e Interest of Said Proprietors—to be done at y^e Expence of Said Proprietors

M^r Robert Fletcher

Your Letter by Cap^t Jon^s Lund of y^e 28th may is come to hand advising you intend next monday to Set out on your Journey to Compleat y^e Curve line of Mason's Patent—and requesting to be Sent to you by Cap^t Lund forty or fifty dollars to pay y^e men and for Stores for y^e Service—We desire you would Set out on y^e Service at y^e time you propose and compleat y^e curve line as exactly as you can as you are to render it upon oath—in pursuing thereof you are desired to have y^e line well marked and to mark on your Plan y^e most remarkable monuments you meet with on y^e line, and of every Township granted by y^e Government, any part that comes within y^e Curve, and extend on y^e line, as also those granted by y^e Proprietors of masons Patent—and also to note any peices or Tracts of land

between any of our Granted Townships, and y^e line, or between the Towns we granted. and also to get certain Information of what number of Settlers are on our granted Towns—which we desire you will not omitt—agreable to your Request we Send you forty Dollars ^{of} Cap^t Lund for y^e purpose you mention—and wish you a prosperous Journey and Speedy Return and are

your Hum^l Serv^{ts}

M H. W

Com^{tee}

G J—

Portsm^o June 1st 1769

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[House Journal, March 21, 1771.]

The House took under Consideration the Petition of Com^{tees} of Masons Proprietors, Barnstead And Chichester. And the Parties being Partly heard thereon The further Consideration of the Petition was put off till to Morrow.

[House Journal, March 22, 1771.]

The House Resumed the Consideration of the Petition of the Com^{tees} of Masons Proprietors &c: And the Parties being fully heard thereon & their Pleas fully Considered

Voted That the Petion be Dismissd

[*Letter from John Quigley, March 26, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 33.]

Gentlemen

I have this day Drawn an order upon you as a Committee for the Purchasers of the Claim of John Tufton Mason Esq^r payable to M^r Nehemiah Wheeler for £10.—I shall Esteem it as a Singular favor if you would be so good as to see it Paid, as it will save me a Journey to Portsmouth.—Also hope you will settle my Acco^t I last Exhibited; I have found out that I tended Seven Different Courts, tis 75 Miles from New Boston to Portsmouth, and tis attended with a Prodigious Expence upon the Road to go to Portsmouth so often besides the Difficulty of Travelling & Expence of Horse hire—I

think you can have no reasonable objection to my Acco^t tis Certainly worth 50/ Lawful Money to Travel 75 Miles from home.—However Gentlemen I Rely upon your known Goodness & Unblemished Honour to do me Justice, I have done you the best service in my power & Expect reasonable Satisfaction, & remain Your Very Humble

Serv^t too Command
John Quigly

New Boston March 26th 1771

To Peter Pearce & }
Penhallow Esq^r— }

[*Minutes of Meeting, May 1, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 34.*]

May 1st 1771—at the Proprietors Meeting

Resolved that y^e Com^{tee} appointed June 13th 1770 to transact any matter relative to y^e boundary lines of y^e Gore so called between Barnstead Gilman Town &^e be desired to prosecute any Infringement on y^e Gore

Resolved That Sam^l Livermore Esqu^r Jn^o Sullivan & Jn^o Pickerin be retained in behalf of this Propriete in all Cases—

Resolved That Some Person in behalf of the Proprietors be appointed to reassume their Right of y^e Tract of land called Hereford as it lay's forfeited

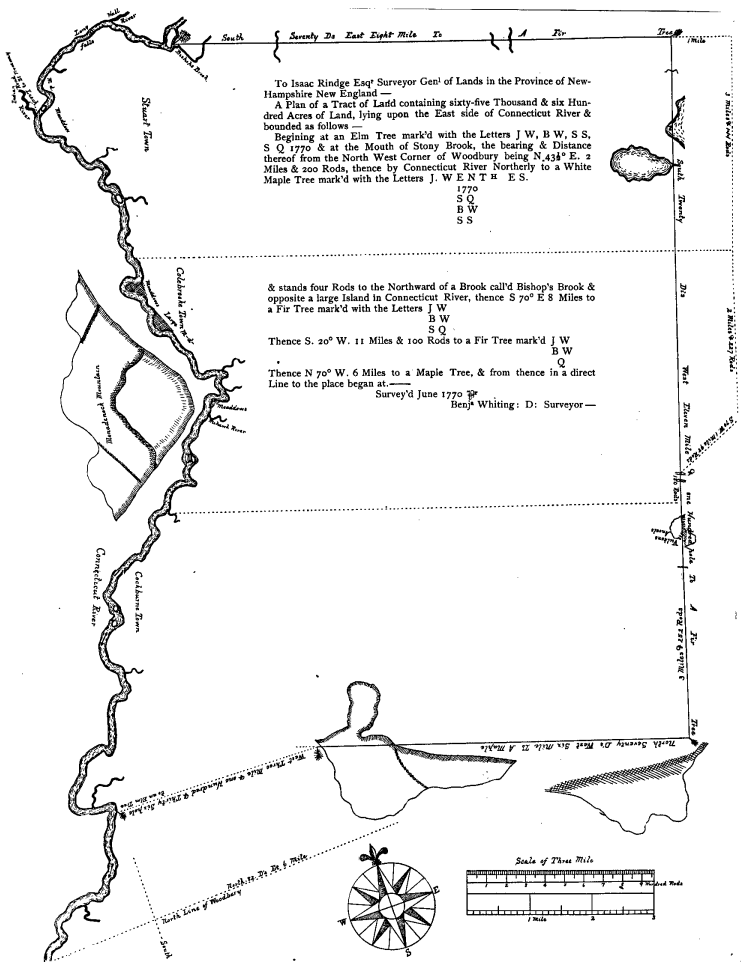
Mr Packer made a motion to y^e Proprietors respecting a Law Suit he has had with y^e Grantees of Weare and to know if the Proprietors will be at y^e Expence of y^e Same as they had been at in Respect to other Lawsuits of y^e Proprietors—resolved that they would be at y^e Expence

[*Report from John Shepard, Jr., Aug. 24, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 38.*]

Sir/

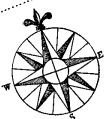
I have Measured the Land mentioned in yours to me of the 25th of June last past according to your desire employ'd indifferent men to Carry the Chain, found the old lines well marked, renewed them, & have sent a True plan of the whole—



To Isaac Rindge Esq^r Surveyor Gen^l of Lands in the Province of New-Hampshire New England —
 A Plan of a Tract of Land containing sixty-five Thousand & six Hundred Acres of Land, lying upon the East side of Connecticut River & bounded as follows —
 Beginning at an Elm Tree mark'd with the Letters J W, B W, S S, S Q 1770 & at the Mouth of Stony Brook, the bearing & Distance thereof from the North West Corner of Woodbury being N 43^d E. 2 Miles & 200 Rods, thence by Connecticut River Northerly to a White Maple Tree mark'd with the Letters J. W E N T H E S.

1770
 S Q
 B W
 S S

& stands four Rods to the Northward of a Brook call'd Bishop's Brook & opposite a large Island in Connecticut River, thence S 70^d E 8 Miles to a Fir Tree mark'd with the Letters J W
 B W
 S Q
 Thence S. 20^d W. 11 Miles & 100 Rods to a Fir Tree mark'd J W
 B W
 Q
 Thence N 70^d W. 6 Miles to a Maple Tree, & from thence in a direct Line to the place began at. —
 Survey'd June 1770th
 Benj^o Whiting: D: Surveyor—



From the Mouth of Stony Brook to the North West Corner of Woodbury N 43^d E. 2 Miles & 200 Rods
 From the North West Corner of Woodbury to the White Maple Tree N 43^d E. 2 Miles & 200 Rods
 From the White Maple Tree to the Elm Tree S 70^d E. 8 Miles
 From the Elm Tree to the Mouth of Stony Brook S 70^d E. 8 Miles

I believe there are Seventeen or Eighteen Acres under Actual improvements of the Land Discribed in said Plan; which Land is claim'd by one m^r Caleb Jones—I have extracted from certain Deeds said Jones has as follows viz by a Deed Signed by the late Col^o Joseph Blanchard dated 1757 mentioning a tract of Land Bounded as follows viz begining at a heap of Stones the Northwest Corner of Charlstown School Farm and the Northwest Corner of the Antient Town of Dunstable, by Souhegan river and runing from thence South by the Needle in Dunstable old line one hundred rods, then turns and runs West by the Needle twenty four rods from thence North by the Needle about one hundred rods to said river, then Easterly by said river to the first bounds mentioned—

In and by a Deed Signed by m^{rs} Blanchard (Widow of the deceased) Express'd as follows that is to Say all the property and Demand which Joseph Blanchard late of Dunstable Esq^r Deceased had at the time of his decease to that part of the mile Slip (so call'd) lying at the head of Charlstown School Farm (so called) Reserved and not Granted by the Lord Proprietors the said deceaseds Interest in said tract of Land being about forty acres more or less, in Com'on and undivided—one Signed by Jonath^a Blanchard Esquire, thus all my Title and Demand of in and unto the tract of Land called the mile Slip aforesaid which I bought of Joseph Green of Boston Esq^r Containing by Estimation twenty acres more or less lying in Com'on and undivided with Theodore Atkinson Esq^r and others purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq

By this Method I think I have given a clear Idea relative to the affair You wrote me about, & apprehend it will appear so to you, and the other Respectable Gentlemen concern'd—

I am Sir—

Your Obliged Hum^l Ser^t
John Shepard junr

Aug^t 24th 1773—

The Hon^l George Jaffrey Esq^r—

[*Proxy, Peirce to Atkinson, Sept. 30, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 39.]

Know all men That I Daniel Peirce of Portsm^o in y^e County of Rockingham in the Prov^e of New Hampsh^r Esq^r Have constituted &

in my stead & Place put The Hon^l Theod^r Atkinson of Portsm^o afores^d Esq^r to be my sufficient & lawful Attorney for me & my Name & Stead & on my Behalf to appear at y^e present meeting of y^e Prop^s of Mason's Patent & on my Behalf to vote in any Matters to be transacted at Said Meeting as to him my s^d Attorney shall seem meet & proper for my Interest—In Witness whereof I have hereunto my Hand & Seal this thirtyeth Day of Sep^r 1773—

Rich^d L^r Nelson

D Peirce [seal]

W^m Whipple

[*Directions for Surveyor.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 40.]

DIRECTIONS for Laying out all that Tract of Land lying between the following Towns, and encompassing Kysarge Mountain—Viz Parry's Town, Alexandria addition, Alexandria, New Chester, New Brittain, Salisbury, Boscawen and New Almsbury. To begin on the Easterly side of Parry's Town where Almsbury corners upon it, thence running to the North Easterly corner thereof, then on the North Westerly side line of said Town till it meets the corner of Alexandria Addition, then on the Easterly side line of that Tract to the corner of Alexandria, or untill you Meet y^e Corner of New Chester then on the Easterly side of Alexandria to the corner of New Chester, then on the Southerly side line or end line of New Chester to the corner of New Brittain then on the Southerly end line & South Easterly side line of New Brittain to the corner of Salisbury, then on the South Westerly Southerly & Easterly lines of Salisbury to the corner of Boscawen, then on the lines of Boscawen to New Almsbury and then on the line of Almsbury to the place set out from, on the line of Parry's Town

N B To make the best observations on th Quality of the land and the extent of the Mountain ; also the distance of it from the lines of the several Towns. That we thereby may determine the best way of Laying it out, in order for a division—

wrote to Jn^o Sheppard Esq^r March 14th 1775—to request his making y^e Survey of y^e above land—

[*Jonas Minot to George Jaffrey, May 3, 1780.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 44.*]

Sir. I Recd yours of March 28 observed y^e Contents. have Advertised Meril Ardeway & Day who mean to Comply with the Terms & will Send Down Soon: I find People are about Going on the Best Land in that Goar: & will Soon Take it all up unless Prevented—as I have an Interest in that Land. would Submit it to the Better Judgment of the Proprietors, wheather Cap^t Atkinson will Not Make Terms: Respecting Said Goar—which will be to our advantage I think the Sooner the Survey of that Land is Completed the Better thes from Sir your Mos^t humble Sev^t

Jonas Minot

To the Hon^{ble} George Jeffrey
Concord May 3^d 1780

[*Defence against Allen Title, April 12, 1785.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 45.*]

april 12 1785

A Committee of the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, in April last, published in the New Hampshire Gazette, a Caution to any Person against purchasing or entering upon the lands of said Proprietors within their Claim, by pretence of the State Claim of the Heirs of Samuel Allen Esq^r notwithstanding that Caution there are reports that Some Heirs of Allen, or their Agents have given or Sold Sundry parcels of land of Said Proprietors, under the pretended Title of Allens Claim, and that Some persons have accepted their Grants, and others inveigled to make purchases of the land, at very low Rates to prevent the Deception increasing, and of unwary Persons from purchasing and entering upon the lands of Said Proprietors, & for Quieting the minds of those Persons who hold their possessions by grants of the Proprietors a brief State of the Right and Titles of the Claimers of the Heirs of Samuel Allen Esq^r to lands in New Hampshire and that of the Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq^r is presented—In respect to the Title claimed by Allen's Heirs, it is declared—That John Mason of London Esq^r, the original Grantee of the Lands in New Hampshire, from the Council at Plymouth, in the County of

Devon in great Britain; by his Will devised said lands in New Hampshire, to his grand Child John Tufton and to the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and for want of Such issue, to Robert Tufton his grand Child, and to the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten; and required, that they should alter their Sirname and take the Sirname of Mason, which they accordingly did: In the year 1690 John and Robert Tufton Mason Sue a common Recovery in the County of Kent in great Britain, to dock the Entail of the lands in New Hampshire, devised in the Will of their Grandfather John Mason Esq^r In the next year, 1691—John and Robert by one deed, Sell to Samuel Allen Esq^r those Lands in New Hampshire—a few years after, John the elder Brother died without issue—Samuel Allen Esq^r was commissioned Governour of New Hampshire, and came to his Government about the year 1700—and in a few years he died in New-Hampshire, leaving one Son, Thomas, and four Daughters—in 1706 Thomas Allen Sold to S^r Charles Hobby one fourth part of the lands in New-Hampshire which his father purchased of John and Robert Tufton Mason. About twenty five years past, a Gentleman arrived here as Attorney to the Heirs of Sir Charles Hobby, to take Care of their Interest in the Lands Sir Charles purchased of Thomas Allen; upon enquiry and examining Allens Title, and the Title of the Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq^r, he ackno^leged that Title under Allen could not be Supported, relinquished his pursuit & went off—Governour Allen and his Son Thomas had conveyed the greater part if not the whole of the land he claimed in New Hampshire; However it does not appear that any part of the land which Allen purchased of John & Robert Tufton Mason in New Hampshire is held or possessed by any person in y^e Right or Title of Allen or his Heirs or of those to whom Allen or his Heirs had made a Conveyance of their Right nor could be held against the Heirs in tail of John Mason Esq^r after the decease of John and Robert his Grandsons, as the fine & Recovery Sued in the County of Kent in great Britain could not bar the entail of lands in New Hampshire in New England and more especially when the Court in New Hampshire Subsisting before the year 1690—where it must be Sued with Effect to dock the entail of those Lands in New Hampshire—the mention of one reason is Sufficient to shew the Absurdity of the docking of y^e entail to be effectual as it is necessary that the Sheriff of the County, where the common recovery is Sued should put the Party recovering into possession of the Premises, which the Sheriff of y^e County of Kent in great Britain had no Authority to put any one into possession of Lands in New Hampshire in New England being out of his Bailiwick—In Respect to the Right and Title of John Tufton Mason Esq^r to the

Lands in New Hampshire, which the Proprietors claim by purchase from him, Some facts are alleged to evince, that he was the right Heir and Proprietor of the lands in New Hampshire, which the Heirs of Allen pretend to Claim.—In the tenth year of the reign of George the Second 1737 a Commission issued under the great Seal of England, constituting principal Gentlemen of Several Provinces, a Court, to hear and determine the Disputes of the boundary Lines betwixt the Provinces of Massachusetts Bay and New-Hampshire—The Committee of the Province of Massachusetts Bay consisting of the most eminent Gentlemen of their general Court, and of two of y^e greatest Lawyers in New England; when that Committee laid their Claim of the Northerly boundary line of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, before the Court of Commissioners They claimed as their north boundary line a line no farther Northward, than three miles north of Merrimack River; which line was also claimed by the Committee of New-Hampshire as the Southward boundary line of the Province of New Hampshire, and was also a boundary of Mason's Grant which was nearly similar to new Hampshire line: The Townships of Salisbury, Almsbury, Haverhill, Dracutt, and Methuen, bounding Southerly on Merrimack River, and their northern Boundaries extending, much more than three miles north of Merrimack River, as the Massachusetts Bay could not exercise claim or Jurisdiction more than three miles north of Merrimack River; and those five Townships being bounded and Settled by that Government, they were desirous of confirming the Property of the Soil in those Townships, to the Inhabitants, that lay northward of their line of Jurisdiction, and within the bounds of those five Townships; to accomplish that Intention, they had recourse to the Heir and Proprietor of Mason's Grant from the Council at Plymouth, of the Lands in New-Hampshire—and applied to John Tufton Mason, then resident at Boston, as that Heir & Proprietor; who for the valuable Consideration of five hundred pounds conveyed his Right to the land within the Bounds of Said five Townships to the massachusetts and his Deed was recorded in the Records of New-Hampshire. The Court for determining the boundary lines betwixt these Provinces rendered their Judgement of the Boundary lines betwixt the two Provinces, from which Judgement, both Provinces appealed to the King in Council, for the Determination of their Boundary lines about that time, the Province of Massachusetts Bay, at the Expence of the Province, Sent John Tufton Mason to the Court at London on some other purpose than respected the boundary Lines of the Province furnished with Sufficient Certificates of his being the right Heir, and Proprietor of the Lands in New Hampshire, granted by the

Council at Plymouth in great Britain John Mason Esq^r his ancestor for these purposes the Government of Massachusetts Bay made no Application for the Purchase of lands in those five Town, to the Heirs of Allen or to any person, to whom Allen or his Heirs had made a Conveyance, of y^e whole or any part of the lands in New-Hampshire, within the Grant to Mason—at that time the Right and Title of Allen to those Lands, was as well, or better understood by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay as by any persons at any time Since—That Government by their Transactions with John Tufton Mason have fully manifested their Opinion and Sense that John Tufton Mason was the right Heir, and Proprietor of the Lands in New-Hampshire, that was granted to his Ancestor John Mason Esq^r—

John Tufton Mason being in London the sixth day of April 1739 —when John Thomlinson Esq^r was then Agent for the Province of New-Hampshire from his knowlege of Masons Right to the lands in New-Hampshire, and knowing the Importance of having that Right in that Government, without Instructions from his Constituants entered into an Agreement with Mason to sell his Right and Title to the Lands in New Hampshire, to the Government of New Hampshire, The Governour Benning Wentworth laid that Agreement before the Assembly—And Sends to the house to desire they would come to Some Resolve about the Agreement between Cap^t Thomlinson and Mason The Assembly resolved that Said Agreement be forthwith complied with on the Part of this Government, and that the Right that Said Mason claim's, be purchased, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of this Province—agreeable to this resolve the assembly appoint a Committee to join Such as may be appointed by the Council to treat with Cap^t John Tufton Mason about fulfilling his agreement made with m^r Thomlinson, of conveying the Right Said Mason claims to this Province the Result was that The diferent Opinions in the Branches of the Legislature in the disposal of the unimproved Lands prevented the Purchase being made of Mason which put an End to that agreement—At the Term of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas held at Portsmouth in N Hampsh^r in June 1746. John Tufton Mason Esq^r Sued a Common Recovery to dock the entail of the lands in New-Hampshire which he held in the Right and Devise of his Ancestor John Mason Esq^r at which Court Judgement passed to dock the Intail of those lands and accordingly livery and Seizin of those lands was given to him by the Sheriff—After the Process of Docking the Entail, and entry and Seizin was compleated —John Tufton Mason Esq^r by his Deeds conveyed his Right and Title to those Lands (except one thirtyeth part which he reserved to him-

self) to a number of Gentlemen for a Consideration in Money (by one half more than he contracted with John Thomlinson Esq^r to sell to the Province)—when the Purchasers were possessed of Masons Right, they executed a Deed of Quit Claim of their Right to all the Towns granted by the Government of New-Hampshire where any Settlement had been made, upon no other Consideration than quieting the Inhabitants who possessed the land under the Grant of the Government of New-Hampshire and the Proprietors continued in quiet and peaceable Possession of the lands they purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq^r—In the year 1746 the Council and Assembly of the Province of New Hampshire resolve, that for quieting of the People of this Province and to prevent future Difficulties and Disputes it will be best for this Province to purchase Mason's claim for the use and Benefit of the Inhabitants of this Province, if the Purchasers will Sell it for the Same Sum they gave for it, and Charges, and application was made to the Proprietors by a Committee of both Houses, with the Governours assent to know if the Proprietors would Sell their Right they had purchased of Mason for the Sum they gave for it and Charges—to which proposal they agreed, and were ready to perform what they had agreed to, and desired the committee would prepare a Deed for executing the Conveyance, as proposed—The Proprietors were in expectation of having the Deed presented, soon after but waited from 1746 to 1748 for it, adjournments of the general Assembly or Some Accidents the Proprietors conceived prevented a deed being presented sooner, in the meantime many Applications were made to the Proprietors for Grants of their Lands, after long waiting for the deed they expected they requested the Assembly would finish the affair of the Purchase, not making any grants before the Matter of Conveyance from them to the Government was determined—at length a Deed was presented by a Committee of Council and Assembly to the Proprietors for perusal and to execute to which many Objections were made and one of Such Weight, that it appeared the Deed was calculated to prevent the Proprietors of conveying their Claim to the Province, and they were informed, it was so contrived from the Same Motive that hindred the Purchase from Mason by the Government, prevented the Purchase from y^e Prop^{rs}—and So the Treaty of Sale ended—Petitions to the Proprietors for Grants of Land for Townships &c multiplied, from Persons of the Massachusetts Bay & of New Hampshire; and Grants were accordingly made, in Consequence of those Petitions—And as there were no other Claimers of ungranted Lands in New Hampshire, but the Crown and the Proprietors of Mason's Claim in order to have the proper boundaries fixed—to prevent encroachments by Grants

under the Crown or of the Proprietors and any Disputes of persons under the Grants of either Application was made to the Surveyor General of the Crown lands in New-Hampshire to have the Same effected, and By his Authority, andirection the Same was ascertained and marked by a skilfull Surveyor, and Chainmen under Oath, and a Plan of the Same was returned under Oath and attested by the surveyor general—and all the Grants made by the Government, and by the Proprietors of the lands adjacent to any boundary line of Masons Grant were conformed to those Boundaries as they were ascertained and marked and the lands adjacent to the western boundary line of Masons Grant as ascertained and marked by the Authority of the Surveyor General, the eastern bounds of the Townships-granted by the Government, and y^e western bounds of the Townships granted by the Proprietors, were bounded and limited by that line, or intended to be so bounded and limited, both by Government and Proprietors in those Grants—and Grants of Townships have been made bounding both on the eastern and western side of that line almost upon its whole extent from South to North, and the Grantees on both sides of that line have Settled and made great Improvements on their lands in those Townships for many years—The townships granted by the Proprietors have been made Some of them more than thirty five Years past and nearly all above thirty years, the Grants of those Townships were made held and Settled under the Approbation of Government and the Towns were enfranchised as other Towns, in the Government and the Grantees and their heirs have quietly enjoyed their Grants without any Claim being made of the Soil by the Crown, or Government of New Hampshire, or any Persons whatever; And the Grantees and their Heirs at great Expencc and Labour have reduced a Wilderness to fruitfull fields producing fruits to their Own Emolument and Benefit to the publick, without the least Molestation, till within fifteen months past and expected the Right & Title of John Tufton Mason Esq^r under which they hold their Grants was good and valid, and to be relyed upon as it had been, amply declared by the Transactions of the Government of Massachusetts Bay with Mason; and by the carefull regard to the Wellfare of the Province of New Hampshire of their worthy Agent, who contracted with John Tufton Mason to convey his Right to the Lands of New-Hampshire, to the Province of New Hampshire. And three branches of the Legislature of the Province recognizing his Right by their resolves and Votes to purchase the same for the Province of John Tufton Mason Esq^r And the Same Legislature ackno'leged the Same Right to those Lands to be in the Gentlemen who purchased of Mason—Any one of these

Authorities considered singly is a Strong inducement to conclude that the Right and Title of John Tufton Mason Esq^r to the lands he claimed in New Hampshire, was good and valid ; but taken together, a Presumption so forceably possesseth the minds of unprejudiced persons not easily to be resisted, and will Scarcely admit of a doubt & also that the Proprietors, who purchased of him had an undoubted Right to those Lands When Occasion may require, full and Sufficient Evidence can be produced to prove and confirm their Right and Title to these Lands, they claim in New Hampshire by purchase of John Tufton Mason Esq^r—

The Proprietors from the time they made the Purchase, have been at great expence both of time and money, necessarily required respecting their Grants, and Settling the lands—in which, a conformity to the Regulation of Government, in those matters, was carefully regarded—Ever since the lands of non resident owners have been taxed in this State, The Proprietors readily paid that Tax, when they were not prevented by clandestine and fraudulent Practices of the Collectors of those Taxes and their confederates, in Selling of large Quantities of their lands for very inconsiderable Sums, and managed in Such manner that the Sales could not be prevented by the owners of the lands paying the Taxes—however the Proprietors have been injured in that manner, they have contributed in payment of Taxes on their non resident-lands, large Sums for the Support of the Government of this State—

From the year 1746, the Proprietors, and those who hold under them have been unmolested in their Property of these Lands, till about fifteen months past, when the pretended Title of the Heirs of Allen, appeared in the publick prints, who by their Conduct, and the Proceedings of their Agents are making Attempts to intrude upon their Property—which Title of Allen or his Heirs, has been Scarcely mentioned till lately, in New Hampshire, within the memory of any man living—It is certain the Government of New Hampshire had no regard to it, for more than Sixty years past, they granted and continued granting Townships within Masons claim and no Application was made to Government by Allens Heirs or of any Person under them, to assert their claim to the lands the Government were granting—& the Grantees entered upon their Grants, and improved the lands, and were never molested, or a claim ever pretended to those lands by any of Allens Heirs—But when John Tufton Mason Esq^r appeared in New Hampshire, and asserted his Right and Claim of Sixty miles of the lands in the Province of New Hampshire, the Government made no more Grants or intended to make any Grant of the land within his Claim ; but acknowledged

his claim to be good and Valid, and also of the Right and Property of the Proprietors who purchased of him, as manifested by their Resolves and Votes, before mentioned—for these and other good Reasons, the Proprietors have not the least conception that the Heirs of Allen can Support a legal Title, to the lands they pretend to claim in New Hampshire; but are concerned for the People Settled in the lands on their Grants, it being reported that lately they have been put in Terrour, of their property being Subverted, and the peace of their minds greatly disturbed in respect to their Estates, which they have long possessed, improved and quietly enjoyed, without the least molestation, till lately, Allens Heirs have published a Claim to their lands, and they and their Agents going from Town to Town advertizing making Grants, and offering to Sale the Lands of the Proprietors at low rates, under Allens Title—doubtless there are Some persons of that principle, who would take the opportunity under any pretence of Title, however groundless, by Grants, or Sales of valuable land at low rates, to Seize them for their own use—and others of a better mind, may be inveigled and tempted to take Grants, and purchase valuable land, at rates much under their Value—all Such persons and any others, are again cautioned against entering upon, improving or making waste in any of the lands of the Proprietors which they purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, for they may rely upon a Prosecution of any Tresspass, they make upon any of the Proprietors Lands—

[*Rough Drafts of Warning to Allen Heirs.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 87.]

It being reported that the Claimers of the pretended Right to the Lands in New Hampshire, purchased of Cap^t John Mason by Samuel Allen Esq^r by themselves or Agents have given or Sold Several parcels of land of the purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in divers places in New Hampshire within his claim, Notwithstanding the caution given by the Committee of the Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq^r of April 12th 1785 published in the New Hampshire Gazette, in consequence of the pretended Claim of Allens Heirs published in Said Gazette by Samuel Lauchlen, and another by John Sullivan Esq^r as attorney to said Heirs, That caution had not fully the intended Effect of preventing persons being deceived, but that the claimers under Allens pretended Right and their agents,

continue to inveigle and deceive the unwary to purchase the lands Owned by the Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New-Hampshire, and Some persons whose Principles are Such, that if they can get the land for their own use, care not whether it be by right or wrong they obtain it, who have taken grants from the Claimers under Allens Heirs—as many of y^e Claimers and asserters of Allens right, are Generals in the New Hampshire militia, it Seems as if they depended upon military manœvers to establish that Stale and pretended title of Allen to the lands in New Hampshire than any Legal right or title, to the disturbance of the peace and civil Government of the State—as many persons, may be tampered with to be induced to make purchases or accept grants under the Claim of Allens heirs, who are unacquainted with the Right & Title of John Tufton Mason Esq^r to the lands he sold in New Hampshire, some brief Sketch of that Right and the pretended Claim of Allens Heirs may be of Use to prevent deception—wherefore they may be informed—That in the year 1691 John & Robert Tufton Mason Grandsons to Cap^t John Mason by their deed did Sell unto Samuel Allen Esq^r of london their right to the lands in New Hampshire, to which they were entitled by the Will of their Grandfather Cap^t John Mason who by this will entailed the Same to the heirs lawfully begotten of their Body—to dock the entail, a process was had in the year 1690 in the County of Kent in great Britain for that purpose—which Process in great Britain is well known and aserted by eminent Lawyers could be no bar to the entail of his lands in New Hampshire, so that Samuel Allen Esq^r could not hold the Estate, by the Conveyance of John and Robert Tufton Mason no longer than during the life of John & then of Robert devisees in tail nor is it known that any Estate of land in New Hampshire is held by any person claiming under Allen by virtue of his purchase made of John & Robert Tufton Mason nor from any of the Heirs of Allen since his Decease—and that any Title or claim under Allen, for more than Sixty years past has not esteemed of any Validity by the Government of New Hampshire, as many grants of Townships were made within Masons Claim by y^e Gov^r & Council of that Province untill John Tufton Mason Esq^r appeared to assert his claim to the lands in New Hampshire extending Sixty miles from Stated boundaries as heir to Cap^t John Mason his Ancestor and when Occasion may require, full and Sufficient Evidence can be produced to confirm and establish his Title to those lands—as also of the Right and Title to the Same Lands to be to the Gentlemen to whom he made the Conveyance—and that Allens Claim or title under Mason was as well known in the Mass^a Government forty or fifty years past as lately, is

without any doubt and ever Since the lands of non Residents owners have been taxed in this State the Proprietors readily paid that Tax assessed on Such lands, when they were not prevented by clandestine and fraudulent practices of y^e collectors of those Taxes in Selling a large part of their valueable lands for less than a twentyeth part of their value—Though they Suffered much by that means The Proprietors have paid large Sums in those Taxes for the Support of of y^e Government of this State—in the year 1737—a Commission issued under the great Seal of England constituting Commissioners to try and determine the boundary lines betwixt the Provinces of Massachusetts Bay & New Hampshire—the Massachusetts Government thought it expedient in the course of that trial before it was finally determined to find and employ the right owner of the Claim and right of Cap^t John Mason, to the Sixty mile grant in New Hampshire, to be employed for certain purposes, for their Service in the dispute—The Com^{tee} of the gen^l Court of Massachusetts, with the advice of eminent counsellors of law—who were as well acquainted with the State of Allens Claim, as any persons now in being, made no Application to Allens heirs for their purpose, Some of them reside in Boston or near—but that Com^{tee} applied to and produced John Tufton Mason as heir and right owner of the Sixty Mile Grant in New Hampshire to John Mason his Ancestor, and as the Limits of the Townships call'd Salisbury Almsbury Haverhil Dra-cut & Methuen were partly more than three miles from Merrimack river—they purchased that part which lay within the Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, of John Tufton Mason and put his Deed of Conveyance on the Records of New Hampshire, by w^{ch} was manifested the Opinion of the Government of the Massachusetts Bay of the Owner of the Right of John Mason Esq^r of the Sixty Mile Grant in New Hampshire and said John Tufton Mason was Sent to London at the Mass^t Governments Expence, as Proprietor and Owner of the Lands of his Ancestor John Mason Esq^r in New Hamp^t with proper certificates of his being the right heir in tail to John Mason his Ancestor—In the year 1746 John Tufton Mason prosecuted a common Recovery in the Court of Comon pleas held at Portsmouth in the Province of New-Hampshire, to dock the Intail in the Will of Cap^t John Mason his Ancestor, by which the lands New Hampshire of his Ancestor was rendered his Estate in fee Simple—and possession of the Same was delivered to him in form of law—Soon after the Said John Tufton Mason by his deeds conveyed to Sundry Persons, his Right to the lands in New Hampshire, excepting one thirtieth part which he reserved for his own use, and those purchasers have never been molested in their Claim and Right

purchased of John Tufton Mason in right of the Crown of great Britain or by Government of New Hampshire at any time Since they Purchased—but granted Lands for Townships and quitclaimed sundry and smaller Tracts of land—and the grantees under the Proprietors & Purchasers of John Tufton Mason from the year 1748 have quietly enjoyed their Grants without any Molestation, and they and their Heirs have made many and great Improvements on those Grants and rendered a Wilderness fruitfull and beneficial to themselves, and the State—nor hath appeared any person to dispute the Right under John Tufton to any part of their purchase except a Gentleman as an Attorney to the Heirs of Sir Charles Hobby, to the right, he purchased of Thomas Allen of London Esq^r only Son of Samuel Allen Esq^r—upon Examining the State of Allens Right and conversing with y^e present Proprietors upon their Claim he, made no Attempt to make any demand for Charles Hobby's Heirs—there were one or two Townships which were claimed under Grants of y^e Government of Mas^a Bay, where the Right of John Tufton Mason was disputed and two Actions were com^enced and prosecuted & Verdicts & Judgements of the Superiour Court were given in favour of the Right of the Purchasers of Jn^o Tufton Mason and y^e grantees of those Townships have ever Since quietly and peaceably enjoyed their Grants of Said Purchasers—as the Claimers under John Tufton Mason in all Proceedings have taken no Steps respecting the Lands they purchased has been conformable to law & the Rule and Authority of Government—they expected to be quiet under the present Constitution of Government of this State—but find a number of Persons, under pretence of the Stale Claim Allen, are Subverting Right and Property, to the disturbance of many of the good Subjects of this State and to great Injury of many persons—Any Persons who enter upon the lands of the Purchasers of John Tufton Mason in the State of New Hampshire, whether by grant or purchase under the Right of the heirs of Samuel Allen Esq^r may rely upon their being prosecuted in the law for any Such Trespass

Notwithstanding a Committee of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, in April last, published in the New Hampshire Gazette, had given caution to any persons of purchasing or entering upon the lands of Said Proprietors within their Claim—by virtue of the Stale Claim of Samuel Allen's Heirs—there are reports that Some Heirs of Allen or their Agents have given or Sold Sundry parcels of land of Said Proprietors within the Bounds of Mason's Claim y^t Some Persons have accepted Grants under Allen's Title, who care not how they obtain the land, by right or wrong, if they can get it for their own use;

and others inveigled to make purchases at very low rates under Allens Title—to prevent the Deception encreasing & unwary persons from purchasing & entring upon the Lands of the Claimers under the Title of John Tufton Mason Esq^r a brief State of the Titles of Right claimed by the Heirs of Samuel Allen Esq^r, and that of John Tufton Mason Esq^r, are herein declared—in Respect to y^e Claim of Allens heirs it may be Said that Cap^t John Mason of London the original Grantee of these lands in New Hampshire granted to him by the Council at Plymouth in the County of Devon, by his Will devised Said lands to his grand Child John Tufton and to the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for want of Such issue, to Robert Tufton his Grand Child, and to the Heirs of his body lawfully begotten—who were to alter their Sirname and take the Sirname of Mason—which they did—in the year 1690. John & Robert Tufton Mason in the County of Kent in great Britain, Sue out a common Recovery to dock the Entail in the will of their Grandfather Cap^t John Mason—in the next year 1691. John and Robert, in one deed Sell to Samuel Allen Esq^r the whole of these lands in New Hampshire. Some few years after John the elder Brother died without issue and Samuel Allen Esq^r was Commissionated Gov^r of New Hamp^r came into y^e Province in y^e year 1700 & resided in New Hampshire, but a few years before his Death, leaving one Son Thomas & four Daughters, Thomas died about the year 1715 leaving two Sons one daughter—in 1706 Thomas Allen Sold to Sir Charles Hobby oue fourth part of his father's purchase, in New Hampshire—and Governour Allen had before conveyed the greater part if not y^e whole of the lands he Claimed in New Hampshire to others, however, it does not appear that any part of the land in New Hampshire which Allen purchased of John & Robert Tufton Mason, is possessed or held under him or his Heirs—nor could be held against the other Heirs in tail of Cap^t John Mason after the decease of John and Robert his Grandsons—as the fine and Recovery Sued in the County of Kent in great Britain could not bar y^e entail of lands in New Hampshire in New England, especially when the Court in New Hampshire was Subsisting before and Since, the year 1790—where it must be Sued with effect to dock the entail of lands in the Province of New Hampshire In respect to the Title of John Tufton Mason Esq^r to the lands in new Hampshire claimed by the Proprietors Purchasers, and of his Right to those lands some Facts are alledged to evince that John Tufton Mason Esq^r was the right heir and Proprietor of the lands in New Hampshire claimed by Allen's Heirs—That in the year 1737 a Commission issued under the Great Seal of England constituting principal Gentlemen of sev-

eral Provinces, to hear and determine the Dispute of the boundary lines betwixt the Provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire—when the Committee for the Province of Mass^s Bay consisting of the most eminent Gentlemen of their General Court with two of the most noted Lawyers in new England laid their Claim before the Commissioners, of their Northern boundary line, they could extend their Claim no farther northward than three miles north of Merrimack River, & which is the Southerly boundary of Masons Grant, of New Hampshire from y^e Council at Plymouth and as the Towns of Salisbury Almsbury Haverhill Dracut and Methuen bordering on Merrimack river northward boundaries extended more than three miles north from Merrimack River, to Save the Property of the Inhabitants of those Towns within their Limitts as they were then bounded, that Committee for a valuable Consideration purchased the land within the limitts of those Towns, which lay without their line of Jurisdiction, of three miles north of Merrimack river, of John Tufton Mason as the right heir of his Ancestor Cap^t John Mason and Proprietor of his lands in N Hamp^t—and had Masons Deed recorded in the Records of New Hampshire, about the time of Trial Of the boundary lines of Jurisdiction betwixt the two Provinces was before Commissioners & before the Determination of the boundary lines was ever made, the Government of the Massachusetts Bay at their Expencc for some purpose respecting his being S^d Proprietor of the lands in New Hamp^t Sent John Tufton Mason to London with Sufficient certificates of his being Proprietor of the Sixty mile grant of Lands in New Hamp^t to his Ancestor Cap^t John Mason, and of his being the right Heir and Proprietor of those lands, at this time and Occasion The Government of Massachusetts bay, never applied to y^e Heirs of Allen for their Right in Masons Grant in New-Hampshire, or of Usher's Heirs who purchased of Allen or any Person holding the land in the right of Allen or his Heirs—The Right & Title of Allen was then as well or better understood in the Government of the Massachusetts Bay, as any time Since—who by their Transactions with John Tufton Mason have fully manifested the opinion and Sense of that Government that John Tufton Mason being then the right Heir and Proprietor of the lands in New Hampshire granted by y^e Council of Plymouth to his Ancestor Cap^t John Mason—About the year 1744 The Government of New-Hampshire was in treaty with John Tufton Mason Esq^t about purchasing the Lands he Claim'd in N Hamp^t and afterwards proposed to purchase of the Purchasers Now Prop^r of Mason's Claim, at which transactions his Title was fully acknoleged by y^e Government of N. H, but In the year 1746

John Tufton Mason Esq^r Sued a common Recovery in the Court of Common pleas held at Portsmouth in the Province New Hampshire, to dock the entail of the lands in New Hampshire, devised in the Will of Cap^t John Mason his Ancestor—which was effected, and he put into possession of the lands in a fee Simple Estate—After docking the Entail by his Deeds he conveyed all his right to those lands in New Hampshire, excepting one thirtieth part which he reserved to his own use, to Sundry persons and those purchasers possessed the Same quietly and unmolested by any demand of the Crown or having their boundaries ascertained by the order & direction of Government of New Hampshire, nor had any Person in Allen's Right or any other made any Claim of the lands they purchased of J. T. Mason Esq^r, for near forty years, till within a twelve month past some of Allens Heirs have published a pretended Claim to the lands in New Hampshire that was Cap^t John Mason's—many Petitions from Persons of the Massachusetts, and New-Hampshire being made to the Proprietors holding the lands in New Hampsh^r under John Tufton Mason Esq^r for Townships &c they granted many Townships to y^e Petioners within their Claim in which the Grantees and their Heirs have quietly enjoyed their Grants under the Protection of Government many years and made many & great Improvements in them by reducing a Wilderness to fruitfull fields beneficial to themselves and this State, but the Grantees are now alarmed by a Stale Claim of Allens Heirs. how groundless that Claim is in the Opinion of the ablest Counsell in Massachusetts & New Hampshire & not being on any Solid foundation to support it's Title may appear by the above Sketch of it's State—and as long as the Constitution of the Civil Government of this State shall continue, there is no danger of Estates being So long possessed and improved under so good a Title as the Grants made by the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire which Title has been approved by Government Massachusetts Bay and of New Hampshire, and the ablest Counsellors in Law both of those Governments but if military Methods are to be used by Allens Heirs to establish their Claim to lands in New Hampshire, another Constitution must take place in this State than that we have, and then no Property can be Safe, it being reported that four Generals of the Militia of New Hampshire are engaged to Support the Claim of Allens Heirs; and a number of Agents are employed to go from town to town to inveigle Persons to purchase the Lands of the Proprietors at a Small part of their Value, these Agents may be justly esteemed Barrators more especialy by the People, whom they attempt to deceive by Subverting Right & Property of a con-

siderable of the State of N Hamsh^r—any persons who shall enter upon the land of the Proprietors which they purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire either by grant or purchase under y^e Claim of Allens heirs, may rely on their being prosecuted as Trespassers.—

[*History of the Title, and Caution.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 88.]

A Committee of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire in April last published in the New Hampshire Gazette a caution to—Persons against purchasing or entering upon the lands of said Proprietors within their claim, under colour of pretence of the stale claim of the Heirs of Samuel Allen Esq^r. Notwithstanding that caution, according to report some heirs of Allen, or their Agents have given, or sold sundry parcels of land of said Proprietors, under the pretended Title of Allens; and some persons have accepted their Grants, and others have been inveigled to make purchases of the land at very low rates. To prevent therefore the deception from increasing, and unwary persons from purchasing and entering upon the lands of said proprietors, and for quieting the minds of those, who hold their possessions by grants of the Proprietors, a brief State of the right and title of the Claimers under the Heirs of Samuel Allen Esq^r to Lands in New Hampshire, and that of the purchasers from John Tufton Mason Esq^r is presented. In respect to the Title claimed by Allen's Heirs it is declared, that John Mason of London Esq^r the original Grantee of the Lands in New Hampshire from the Council at Plymouth in the County of Devon in Great Britain, by his will devised said Lands in New Hampshire to his Grandchild John Tufton, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue, to Robert Tufton his Grandchild, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and required that they should alter their Surname and take the Surname of Mason which they accordingly did. In the year 1690, John and Robert Tufton Mason brought common recovery in the County of Kent in Great Britain, to doek the entail of the lands in New Hampshire, devised in the Will of their Grandfather John Mason Esqr. In the next year 1691, John and Robert by one deed sold to Samuel Allen Esqr those lands in New Hampshire. A few years after John the elder brother died without issue; Samuel Allen Esqr was commissioned Governor of New Hampshire and came to his Government

about the year 1700; and in a few years he died in New Hampshire leaving one son Thomas and four daughters. In 1706, Thomas Allen sold to Sir Charles Hobby one fourth part of the lands in New Hampshire which his Father purchased of John and Robert Tufton Mason. About twenty five years past a Gentleman arrived here as Attorney to the heirs of Sir Charles Hobby to take care of their interest in the lands Sir Charles purchased of Thomas Allen: upon enquiry and examining Allen's title, and the Title of the purchasers from John Tufton Mason Esq^r the agent acknowledged the Title under Allen could not be supported, relinquished his pursuit, and went off. Governor Allen and his son Thomas had conveyed the greater part if not the whole of the land they claimed in New Hampshire: However it does not appear that any part of the land which Allen purchased of John and Robert Tufton Mason in New Hampshire, is held or possessed by any person in the right or title of Allen, or of those to whom Allen or his Heirs had made a conveyance of their right; nor could it be holden against the heirs in tail of John Mason Esqr after the decease of John and Robert his grandsons: as the Fine and Recovery sued in the County of Kent in Great Britain, could not bar the entail of Lands in New Hampshire in New England: and more especially when the Court in New Hampshire was subsisting before the year 1690 where it must have been sued in order effectually to dook the entail of those lands in New Hampshire.

The mention of one reason will suffice to shew the absurdity of supposing that Recovery to be effectual. The Law makes it necessary that the Sheriff of the County where the common recovery is sued should put the Party recovering into possession of the premises; and the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* in *Great Britain* had surely no authority to put any one into possession of Lands in *New Hampshire in New England*; a place rather out of his Bailiwick!

In respect to the right and title of John Tufton Mason Esq^r to the lands in New Hampshire, which the Proprietors claim by purchase from him, some facts are alledged to evince that he was the right Heir and Proprietor of those Lands, which the Heirs of Allen pretend to claim. In the tenth year of the Reign of George the second, 1737, a Commission issued under the Great Seal of England constituting principal Gentlemen of several Provinces a Court to hear and determine the disputes respecting the boundary Lines betwixt the Provinces of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire. The Committee of the Province of Massachusetts Bay consisted of the most eminent Gentlemen of their General Court and of two of the greatest Lawyers in New England. When that Committee laid their Claim of the northerly boundary Line of the Province of Massachu-

setts Bay before the Court of Commissioners, they claimed as their north boundary line a line no farther northward than three miles north of Merrimack River; which Line was also claimed by the Committee of New Hampshire as the southward boundary line of the Province of New Hampshire; and was also a boundary of Mason's Grant. The Townships of Salisbury, Almsbury, Haverill, Dracutt, and Methuen, bounding southerly on Merrimack River, and their northern Boundaries extending much more than three miles north of Merrimack River, as the Massachusetts Bay could not claim or exercise Jurisdiction more than three miles north of Merrimack River, and those five Townships being bounded and settled by that Government, they were desirous of confirming the property of the Soil in those Townships to the Inhabitants that lay northward of their line of Jurisdiction, and within the bounds of those five Townships. To accomplish that Intention they had recourse to the Heir and Proprietor of Mason's Grant from the Council at Plymouth of the Lands in New Hampshire; And applied to John Tufton Mason then resident at Boston as that Heir and Proprietor; who for a valuable consideration of Five hundred pounds conveyed his right to the *Land* within the bounds of said five Townships containing many thousand Acres to the Massachusetts Committee; and his Deed was recorded in the Records of New Hampshire. The Court determining the boundary Lines betwixt these Provinces rendered their Judgement in that cause, from which Judgement both Provinces appealed to the King in Council. About that time the Province of Massachusetts Bay at the expence of the Province sent John Tufton Mason to the Court at London, on some other purpose than respected the boundary Lines of the Province, furnished with sufficient Certificates of his being the right Heir and Proprietor of the Lands in New Hampshire, granted by the Council at Plymouth in Great Britain to John Mason Esqr. The Government of Massachusetts Bay made no Application for the purchase of Lands in those five Towns to the heirs of Allen, or to any person to whom Allen, or his heirs had made a Conveyance of the whole, or any part of the Lands in New Hampshire, within the Grant to Mason: Although at that time the pretended Title of Allen to those Lands was at least as well understood by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay, as by any persons at any time since. That Government by their transactions with John Tufton Mason have fully manifested their opinion and sense that John Tufton Mason was the right heir and proprietor of the Lands in New Hampshire, granted to his Ancestor John Mason Esqr.

John Tufton Mason being in London in the year 1739 when John

Thomlinson Esqr was then Agent for the Province of New Hampshire, the latter from his knowledge of Mason's right to the Lands in New Hampshire and of the importance of purchasing that right for the Government, without instructions from his Constituents, entered into an Agreement with Mason, by which he (Mason) was to convey his right and title to those Lands to the Government of New Hampshire in Consideration of a certain sum of money &c. The Governor laid that Agreement before the Assembly, and sent to the House to desire they would come to some resolve about the Agreement between Cap^t Thomlinson and Mason. The Assembly resolved that said Agreement should be forthwith complied with on the part of this Government, and that the right that said Mason claims should be purchased for the benefit of the Inhabitants of this Province. Agreeably to this Resolve, the Assembly appointed a Committee, to join such as might be appointed by the Council, to treat with Cap^t John Tufton Mason about fulfilling his Agreement made with M^r Thomlinson, of conveying the right said Mason claimed to this Province.

The Result was, that the different Opinions in the Branches of the Legislature in the disposal of the unimproved Lands prevented the purchase being made of Mason: which put an end to that Agreement. At the Term of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas held at Portsmouth in New Hampshire June 1746, John Tufton Mason Esqr sued a common Recovery to dock the entail of the Lands in New Hampshire which he held in the right and by the devise of his Ancestor John Mason Esq^r; at which Court Judgment passed to dock the entail of *those Lands*, and accordingly livery and seizin of the same was given by the Sheriff. After the process of docking the entail, and entry and seizin was compleated, John Tufton Mason Esqr by his Deeds conveyed his right and title to those Lands, (except one thirtieth part which he reserved to himself) to a number of Gentlemen, for a consideration in money by one half more than that for which he contracted with John Thomlinson Esqr to sell to the Province. When the purchasers were possessed of Mason's right, they executed a Deed of Quit Claim of their right to all the Towns granted by the Government of New Hampshire where any Settlement had been made, upon no other consideration than quieting the Inhabitants who possessed the Land under the Grants of the Government of New Hampshire; and the Proprietors continued in quiet and peaceable possession of the Lands they purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr. In the year 1746, the Council and Assembly of the Province of New Hampshire resolved, that for quieting of the people of this Province, and to prevent future difficulties and disputes, it would

be best for this Province to purchase Mason's Claim for the use and benefit of the Inhabitants of this Province, if the Purchasers would sell it for the same sum they gave for it, and charges. And application was made to the Proprietors by a Committee of both Houses, with the Governor's assent, to know if the Proprietors would sell their right they had purchased of Mason for the sum they gave for it, and charges; To which proposal they agreed; and gave it under their hands, that they were ready to perform what they had agreed to, and desired the Committee would prepare a Deed for executing the conveyance as proposed. The Proprietors were in expectation of having the Deed presented soon after, and waited from 1746 to 1748, for it. Adjournments of the General Assembly or some Accidents, the proprietors conceived, prevented a Deed being presented sooner. In the mean time many Applications were made to the Proprietors for grants of their Lands: after long waiting for the Deed they expected, they requested the Assembly would finish the Affair of the purchase, not making any grants before the matter of conveyance from them to the Government was determined. At length a Deed was presented by a Committee of the Council and Assembly, to the Proprietors for perusal, and to execute; the Deed was liable to many objections, which were made, and *one of such weight*, that it appeared, the Deed was *calculated to prevent* the Proprietors from conveying their Claim to the Province; and they were informed that it was so contrived; and that the same motive which before had hindered the purchase from Mason by the Government, now prevented the purchase from the Proprietors; and so the Treaty of Sale ended. Petitions to the Proprietors for grants of Land for Townships multiplied, from Persons of the Massachusetts Bay, and of New Hampshire. and Grants were accordingly made in consequence of those Petitions, and as there were no other Claimers of ungranted Lands in New Hampshire but the Crown and the Proprietors of Mason's Claim, in order to have the proper boundaries fixed, to prevent encroachments by Grants under the Crown, or of the Proprietors, and any disputes of persons under the grants of either, application was made to the Surveyor General of the Crown Lands in New Hampshire, to have the same effected, and by his Authority and direction, the same was ascertained and marked, by a skillful Surveyor and chainmen under oath, and a plan of the same was returned under oath and attested by the Surveyor General. And the Lands adjacent to the western boundary line of Mason's grant, as ascertained and marked by the Authority of the Surveyor General, the eastern bounds of the Townships granted by the Government, and the western bounds of the Townships granted by the Proprietors, were bounded and limited by

that Line, or intended to be so bounded and limited, both by Government and Proprietors, in those Grants. And Grants of Townships have been made, bounding both on the eastern and western side of that Line, almost upon its whole extent from south to north. And the Grantees on both sides of that line have settled, and made great improvements on their Lands in those Townships for many years. The Townships granted by the Proprietors have been made, some of them more than thirty five years past, and nearly all above thirty years. The Grants of those Townships were made, held and settled, under the approbation and protection of Government, and the Towns were enfranchised as other Towns in the Government were, and the Grantees and their Heirs have quietly enjoyed their Grants without any claim being made of the Soil by the Crown, or Government of New Hampshire, or any person whatever, 'till of late. And they and their heirs, at great expence and labour, have reduced a Wilderness to fruitful Fields; producing Fruits to their own emolument, and benefit to the Public, without the least molestation 'till within fifteen months past. The right and title of John Tufton Mason Esqr, under which they held their Grants, had been publickly and without controversy held up as good and valid, and to be relied on, it had been amply declared to be so by the transactions of the Government of Massachusetts Bay with Mason; and by the careful regard to the welfare of the Province of New Hampshire shewn by their worthy Agent who contracted with Mason to convey his right to these Lands to the Province of New Hampshire; and by the recognition of that Right by the three branches of the Legislature of the Province in their resolves and votes to purchase the same in the manner before mentioned. And the same Legislature has also acknowledged the same right to those Lands to be in the Gentlemen who purchased of Mason.

Any one of these Authorities considered singly, is a strong inducement to conclude that the right and title of John Tufton Mason Esqr to the Lands he claimed in New Hampshire were good and valid, but taken together the presumption is so forcible as scarcely to admit of a doubt—. And that the Proprietors, who purchased of him, had an undoubted right to the Lands, when occasion may require, full and sufficient evidence can and will be produced.

The proprietors from the time they made the purchase have been at great and necessary expence, respecting their Grants, and settling the Lands, in which a conformity to the regulation of Government in those matters, has been always carefully regarded.—Ever since the lands of non-resident Owners have been taxed in this State, the Proprietors readily paid their Tax when they were not prevented by

clandestine and fraudulent practices of Collectors, and their confederates, in selling large quantities of their lands for very inconsiderable sums; which has been managed in such an artful manner, that the sales could not be prevented by the owners of the lands paying the taxes. However the Proprietors have been injured in that manner, they have contributed in payment of taxes on their non-resident lands large sums for the support of the Government of this State.

From the year 1746 the Proprietors, and those who hold under them, have been un-molested in their *property* in these Lands 'till about fifteen months past, when the pretended Title of the Heirs of Allen appeared in the public prints: who by their conduct and the proceedings of their Agents are making attempts to intrude upon *that property*.—which title of Allen, or his Heirs, has been scarcely mentioned 'till lately in New Hampshire within the memory of any man living. It is certain the Government of New Hampshire had no regard to it; for more than sixty years past they granted and have continued granting Townships within Mason's claim, and no application has been made to Government, by Allen's Heirs or any person under them in the way of asserting their claim to the Lands the Government were granting. The Grantees have entered upon their Grants, and improved the lands, and were never molested, or a Claim ever pretended to those lands by any of Allen's Heirs. But when John Tufton Mason Esq^r appeared in New Hampshire and asserted his right and claim of sixty miles from the Sea of the lands in the Province of New Hampshire, the Government made no more Grants, or from that time intended to make any Grant of the land within his Claim, but acknowledged his claim to be good and valid, and have also admitted the right and property of the Proprietors who purchased of him, as is manifested by their votes, and resolves before mentioned. For these and other good reasons, the Proprietors have not the least conception that the Heirs of Allen can support a legal title to the lands they pretend to claim in New Hampshire, but are concerned for the people settled in the lands in their Grants, it being reported that lately they have been alarmed by Apprehensions artfully raised of their property's being subverted, and that the peace of their minds has been greatly disturbed in respect to their estates, which they have long possessed, improved, and quietly enjoyed, without the least molestation 'till lately when Allen's heirs have published a claim to their Lands, and they and their Agents have been going from Town to Town, advertising the making of Grants, and offering for sale the Lands of the Proprietors at low rates, under Allen's Title. Doubtless there are some persons of no more principle than to take the opportunity, under any pretence of title, by Grants or

sales of valuable land at low rates, to seize them for their own use. And others of a better mind, may be inveigled, and tempted to take Grants, and purchase valuable land, at rates much under their value. All such persons, and any others, are again cautioned against entering upon, improving, or making Waste, in any of the lands of the Proprietors, which they purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr in New Hampshire; for they may rely upon a prosecution for any Trespass they make upon any of the Proprietor's Lands.

[Endorsed] History of the Title by M^r Humphreys

[*Request of Elijah Frink, Aug., 1785.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 46.]

Lemster Augst 1785

Sir according to your Request I have hereinclosed the minds of our Propriety and what we Request of yours to Remove the Curve Line or the in Combranc thereof from these towns and for my own Part would Request that it might Be dun as sune as may be to Prevent any further Confustion and Lawsutes among the People this from your most Obediant Hum^{le} Sar^{nt}

Elijah Frink

[*Protest against the Curve Line, Sept. 1, 1785.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 47.]

To the Masonian Proprietors Jentlemen we the Proprietors Committee of the Towns of Marlow and Lemster Desire to Inform you that we have no Desire to take any Special Part in the Public dispute Respecting your Western Line but we are fully Sensable that S^d Line Never was Desired to Come within our Towns but by Mistake of M^r Joseph Blancher who first Run S^d line to Run the Line About two & half Miles on these Towns we Suppose without your Knowledge, and we think it our Duty to Demand what Land our Charters give us and we are Willing to have the Lines of our Towns Run by the Surveyor Geⁿ or his Deputy at y^e Cost of S^d Towns and Jentlemen we think it but Resonable to Desire you to Renounce all Claims within the lines of these Towns in that way that you in your Wisdom

Shall see fit and so End the Djspute without further Cost or trouble
Lemster September y^e 1 A D 1785

Elijah Frink } Committee
Allen Willey } for Lemster
Jabez Beckwith }

Sam^l Canfield } Committee
Eber Lewis } for Marlow
Nathan Huntly }

To the Masonian Proprietors

Petition of ten towns in Hillsborough county concerning the
Mason-Allen controversy, May, 1786, State Papers, Vol. 18, p. 767.

Petition of inhabitants concerning Mason-Allen controversy, June,
1786, State Papers, Vol. 18, p. 768.

Petition from the heirs of Allen, June 12, 1786, State Papers, Vol.
18, p. 769.

Report of committee on unimproved lands recommending the set-
tlement of the western line of the Masonian patent, Jan. 19, 1787,
State Papers, Vol. 18, p. 785.

[*Act for Ascertaining Waste Lands, Jan. 16, 1787.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 48.]

State of } In the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hun-
New Hamp^{re} } dred and eighty seven

AN ACT for ascertaining the waste Land belonging to this State

Whereas it is an object of great importance to the State that the
waste or unimproved Land belonging to & the property of the State
be clearly and speedily ascertained

Therefore be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives
in General Court convened that the Hon^{ble} John M^cDuffie & Josiah
Bartlet Esq^r & Archibald M^cMurphy Esq^r be & they are hereby ap-

pointed a Committee with full power and authority for and on the part & in the behalf of this State to ascertain settle and fix the western Line of a tract of Land originally granted to Cap^t John Mason commonly called the Masonian Line and to effect this purpose the said Committee shall have full power and authority to agree with the Owners or Claimants of said grant in running marking and establishing said Line in such way and manner as the said Committee and said Owners or Claimants may mutually agree

And be it further enacted that in case it shall so happen that the said Owners or Claimants and the said Com^{ee} shall not agree in settling & establishing said Line then said Com^{ee} shall proceed to run and mark said Line agreeably to the tenor and construction of the original Grant or Grants of said Tract of Land and make report thereof to the General Court—

And be it further enacted that any Owner and Owners of any Lands or other real Estate which may hereafter be sold for the payment of public Taxes shall have one year for the redemption thereof from the time of sale instead of the time now limited for the redeeming such estate so sold such Owner or Owners paying the Taxes and charges as the Law in such cases directs any Law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding

State of }
New Hamp^{re} } In the House of Representatives Jan^y 15. 1787—

The foregoing Bill having been read a third time voted that it pass to be enacted sent up for concurrence

John Langdon Speaker

In Senate 16th Jan^y 1787 This Bill having been read a third time voted that the same be enacted

John Sullivan President
by Joseph Pearson Sec^y

Copy examin'd

[Act to Quiet Land Purchasers, June 28, 1787.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 49.]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—

In the year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty seven.—

[L. S.—] An Act, to quiet all bona fide purchasers of lands, between a line crossing over lands upon a strait Course, from the Northeast extremity of the East line of Masons patent, being sixty

miles from the Sea on a strait line, and running to the extremity of the western side line of said patent at sixty miles distance from the Sea, on a strait line, and the curve line, (so called,) claimed by the persons, calling themselves the masonian Proprietors, as the head line of said patent.—

Whereas doubts may arise in the minds of honest Settlers, and bona fide purchasers, that they may be disturbed in their possessions, if the lands between the said head line, at the end of sixty miles, and the said curve line, should be recovered and taken possession of by the State—Wherefore to remove all such doubts—**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, that all lands situate between the said curve and strait lines, which were bona fide granted, or sold, by the King of great Britain, as by the persons calling themselves the masonian Proprietors; or by the persons claiming the lands within the said patents, in the right of Samuel Allen Esq prior to the first day of June 1786, be and hereby are quietted in the title of lands so purchased, so far as that the State shall not hereafter disturb, or interfere with such titles.

And be it further enacted, that such persons, as have entered, and made improvements, upon tracts of land between the said curve, and strait lines, that have not been heretofore granted or sold, by the king of great Britain, the masonian proprietors, or the heirs of Samuel Allen Esq^{re} such persons, or Inhabitants shall be quieted in their possession upon paying to this State the value of uncultivated lands in the vicinity of the same.—

And be it further enacted, that the boundaries of all Townships within this State, shall be and remain as heretofore fixed and established, notwithstanding any alteration that may happen in the establishment of the head line of said patent.—Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to extend to lands now claimed by persons commonly called the masonian Proprietors, or their Heirs; or the Proprietors claiming under Samuel Allen Esq^r or their heirs, in their own right, or any Township granted or conveyed to and among themselves, not bona fide conveyed to any other persons or to any lands reserved by them, or either of them, to and for the use of themselves and their Heirs.—

State of New }
Hampshire } In the House of Representatives June 28th 1787

The foregoing Bill having been read a third time, voted that it pass to be enacted.—

Sent up for Concurrence

John Sparhawk Speaker

In Senate the same day, This Bill having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted.

Jn^o Sullivan President

[*Protest of Masonian Proprietors.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 105.]

To the Committee for ascertaining the waste lands belonging to this State.

Gentlemen.

The Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r would observe that the Western line of Mason's Patent has, long ago, been run by Order of the King of Great Britain, while the late Province was part of his Dominions; that the line so run has been, again, and again recognized, by Royal Grants bounding thereon; as well as by Grants of the Proprietors, to many individuals holding and enjoying the Lands, under the same Grants, respectively.—

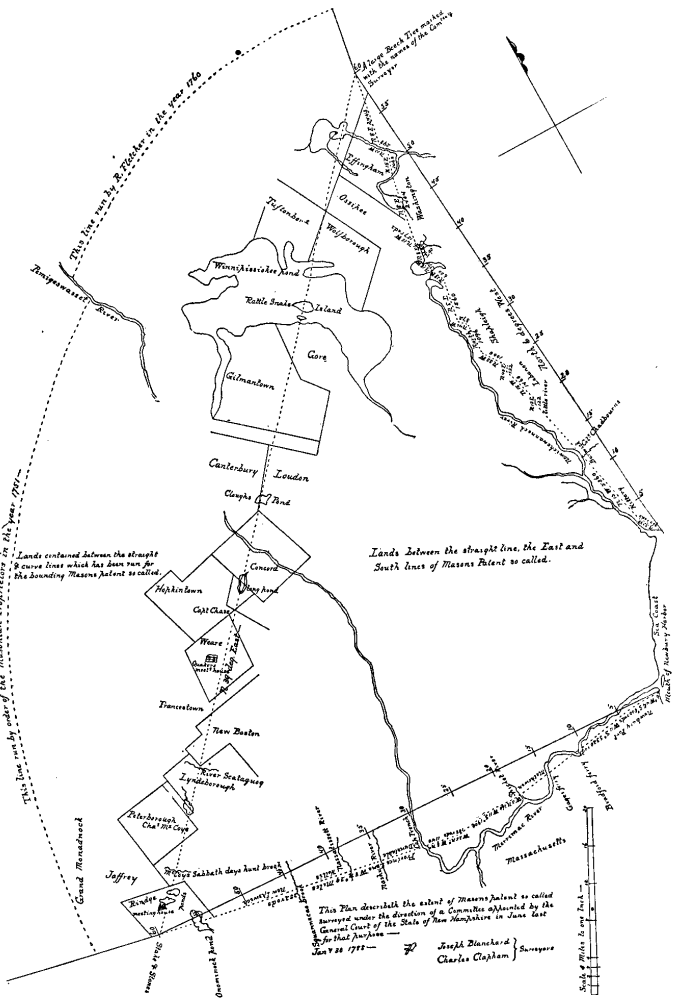
That as an Alteration of the Line recognized, and established, as the boundary between the Grants made by the Crown, and the Proprietors, would derange, and perhaps totally destroy the Grants so made by both, and create great uneasiness, and animosity among many Subjects of this State; at a time when the greatest harmony and cordiality ought to prevail. The Proprietors from a regard to the public Good, and a sense of the sacred Rights of Property, can never consent to an Alteration of the line, but must protest against the Committee's invading or running any lines of the Proprietors Lands. While they conceive that no ex-parte proceedings of the Committee, can ever substantially affect the Title—For according to the Laws, and Constitution of this State, nothing, but an impartial decision of their Country can deprive them of their Property.

[*List of George Jaffrey's Lots, March 21, 1788.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 52.]

A List of Lots of Land in possession of George Jaffrey or supposed to be in Masons Grant as a Proprietor .

Goffs Town	2 lots	240 Acres
Merideth	2 lots	200
Peterborough	1	100



Lands contained between the straight & curve lines which has been run for the bounding Massens Patent is called.

Lands between the straight line, the East and South lines of Massens Patent is called.

This Plan describes the extent of Massens Patent as called surveyed under the direction of a Committee appointed by the General Court of the State of New Hampshire in June last by that Jurisdiction —

Jan 4th 1712 — Joseph Blanchard } Surveyor
Charles Clapton } Surveyor

This line was the order of the Massachusetts Proprietors in the year 1702

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Middleton	2	220
New Durham	2	220
Wakefield	2	220
Weare	1	120
Effingham	2	280
Salisbury	1	80
Parrys Town	1	200
Andover	3	280
Henniker	3	300
New Boston addition	1	100
Wolfborough	1	324
Hillsborough	1	100
Moultonborough	2	200
New Durham Gore	2	1600
Alexandria & Addition	8	800
Washington		898
Packersfield		200
Fishersfield		515
Ossipee		800
Lyndsborough	2	350
Jaffrey	1	100
Fitz William	2	200
Temple	2	160
Peterborough Slip	1	80
Rindge	2	200
Dublin	2	200
Marlborough	2	200
New Ipswich	3	220
Stoddard	3	300
New-Chester	4	400
Kyah Sarge	5	500
Bradford Town	6	553
Gore near fisherfield	8	800
Conway	1	100
Campell Gore	1	100
in lot N° 8-in reserved		
Share in Gore near New Durham N° 1.	80	
	12. 53	
	—	133
Antrim		2607
Dearing		440
Gore near Weare		54

Acres 15694

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth March 21th 1788
 Rockingham ss } George Jaffrey Esq^r personally appearing made Solemn Oath that y^e above Accompt of land containing fifteen thousand Six hundred ninety four Acres according to the best of his knowlege, he is now possessed of as an Original Proprietor in Mason's Patent.—
 before me Sam^l Penballow Justice Peace

[*Terms of Compromise with State, June 2, 1788.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 53.]

Whereas George Jaffrey Esq^r Thomas Martin Esq^r Elizabeth Wentworth together with several other Proprietors of Masons Patent by their within Agreement of this date have impowred us to Settle and Compromise with the State of New Hampshire for the said States claim to any Lands Divided or undivided owned by the said Proprietors within said Patent, Now we hereby ingage that we will not give more than one Shilling Lawful Money p Acre or Public Securities equal thereto—or if we should be able to make said Compromise by releasing a part of the Land that we will not give or engage any Quantity more than one half part therof Quantity and Quality which are the highest terms the said Proprietors have agreed to make to secure the residue of their property, & we hereby promise as aforesaid that the above mentioned terms in Money or Land is the highest sum we will give said State or their Agents to Obtain a release & discharge for s^d States Title & Claim to the Lands aforesaid June 2^d 1788—

Daniel Rindge
 John Peirce

[*Deed, State to Proprietors, June 18, 1788.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 54.]

Know all Men by these Presents that we Thomas Bartlet of Nottingham, Archibald McMurphy of Londonderry and Dudley Odlin of Exeter, all in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Esquires, Agents appointed by the General Court of New Hampshire at their present Sessions to release to the Persons calling themselves the Proprietors of Masons Patent commonly called the

Masonian Proprietors, all the Right Title, Claim and Demand which the State of New Hampshire now has, or may have or claim to have, to any and all the Lands lying between the Curve line so Called of Masons Patent claimed by said Proprietors, as the head line of said Patent, and a straight line run as a head line of the same by a Committee appointed by the General Court at their Sessions in January One thousand seven hundred eighty Seven—For and in consideration of Forty Thousand Dollars in Publick Securities of this State and Eight Hundred Dollars in Silver or Gold well and truly secured to be paid by Daniel Rindge Esquire and John Peirce Merchant both of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham in said State Agents to the said Proprietors, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being to and for the use of said State of New Hampshire, the Receipt whereof we do hereby in our said Capacity acknowledge and pursuant to the Authority given to us by the General Court do in our said Capacity and in behalf of the said State, Remise, Release, and forever Quit Claim, and convey to George Jaffrey of Portsmouth aforesaid Esquire and his Associates the rest of the said Proprietors called the Masonian Proprietors, their Successors, Heirs, and assigns forever to Enure to them and each of them, according to their several & respective Shares, Interests, and Rights in said Propriety All the Right, Title, Claim and Demand which the said State now has or may or can have, of in and unto any and all the aforesaid Lands lying between the Straight line lately run by the said Committee of the General Court as the head line of Masons Patent and the Curve line aforesaid—

To have and to hold the said Remised Released and conveyed, Premises to him the said George Jaffrey and the rest of the Masonian Proprietors aforesaid their Successors Heirs and Assigns forever, to be and Enure to them and each of them in manner and form aforesaid, without the Hindrance or Molestation of the State of New Hampshire by virtue of any Act Deed or Conveyance hereafter Done made or Sufferd.—

In Witness whereof we the said Thomas Bartlett, Archibald M^cMurphy & Dudley Odlin in our aforesaid Capacity as Agents to the said State Specially appointed for that purpose have hereunto set our hands and Seals the Eighteenth Day of June Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred Eighty Eight.—

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of us—

John Neal
Benj^a Cragin

Thomas Bartlett [seal]
Archibald M^cMurphy [seal]
Dudley Odlin [seal]

State of New Hampshire }
 Rockingham ss— } Concord June 18th 1788

Then Thomas Bartlet, Archibald M^cMurphy and Dudley Odlin Esquires Personally appeared and in their aforesaid capacity acknowledged this Instrument by them respectively signed and sealed to be their free act & deed

Before John Neal Jus. Peace

Hillsborough ss. Rec^d 8th May 1792 and recorded vol: 29 page 106 and examined by

Jon^a Smith J^r Reg^r

Strafford Records Rec^d October 1st 1795—

J. P. Gilman Recorder

Recorded Lib. 20, Fol 354 Examined by

J P Gilman Register

[*Report of Proprietor's Committee, Sept. 5, 1788.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 55.*]

State of New Hampshire }
 Portsmouth February 11th 1788— }
 At a legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esquire Commonly Called Masons Patent held in the State aforesaid—

Whereas the General Court in behalf of said State has lately laid claim to certain Lands owned by the said Proprietors, between the said Proprietors Curve or head line of their said Patent and a Straight line lately run by order of said Court, and whereas said Claim may have a tendency to obstruct and hinder the settlement of that part of said Patent, and to create an Expensive litigation & tedious controversy with said State, Now with a View to compromise and finally settle the same in an expeditious manner—

Voted that Daniel Rindge Esq^r & M^r John Peirce be and they are hereby a Committee and appointed by and fully impowred on the part of said Proprietors, to treat with the General Court aforesaid or any Committee or agents they may appoint respecting the claim of said State, and they the said Daniel & John on the part of said Proprietors are fully impowr'd to compromise & settle said Claim with said State or with Agents they may appoint, as aforesaid to any Lands owned by said Proprietors between their said Curve or head Line and the said Straight line, on such terms Conditions and Limitations as said Daniel & John may think for the benefit of said Propri-

etors, & said Daniel & John be and hereby are further impowred on the part of said Proprietors to agree with said General Court or any Committee, Agent or Agents appointed by them on the part of said State, to Submit and refer the whole Controversy aforesaid to the final Determination of Men who may be supposed by said Daniel & John to be Compotent Judges and of Character proper to decide such a dispute, and not inhabitants of said State, whose report shall be final and conclusive between the parties—

Copy of Record Attest

Geo. Jaffrey Pro^m Cle

Pursuant to the powers given us by a Vote of the Proprietors at their Meeting held the 11th Day of February last, we have treated with the said General Court and their Agents and after a tedious negotiation we have agreed on the part of said Proprietors, in order to obtain a final Settlement of said Controversy that the said Proprietors for a full release by Deed of all the said States Claim to the Lands in Dispute, that the said Proprietors should pay to the said State, Eight hundred Dollars in Specie within one Year from the date and Forty thousand Dollars in State Notes of the said State within four Years with interest on both of said sums until paid, for the security of which payments we have given the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being our joint Bond for both said sums dated on or about the 18th Day of June last and have Received from the said Agents of said State, properly authorized, a Deed of Release for all their claim to the Lands aforesaid dated on the said 18th day of June last which we have Already Delivered George Jaffrey Esquire Clerk of said Proprietors, and now request the said Proprietors, will take proper methods for the payment of said Bond and indemnify us from all cost interest or Damage on account of our signing said Bond, more than our just proportion thereof

Portsmouth September 5th 1788—

Daniel Rindge
John Peirce

[*George Jaffrey's Bond, Feb. 20, 1789.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 63.*]

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents that we George Jaffrey of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Esquire as Principal, and Joshua Wentworth of said Ports-

mouth Esquire as Surety, are holden and Stand firmly bound & Obligated unto William Gardner Esquire Treasurer of said State for the Time being, in the sum of two thousand Seven hundred Pounds in State Notes of the said State to be paid unto the said William Gardner Esq^r Treasurer aforesaid for the Time being or his Successor in Office for the use of said State to the which payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves our Heirs Executors, and Administrators firmly by these presents Signed with our hands and Sealed with our Seals this Twentieth day of February one thousand Seven hundred eighty Nine—

THE Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas Daniel Rindge Esquire and John Peirce Merchant both of Portsmouth aforesaid, did as Agents for the Masonian Propriety, and in their behalf Agree with the General Court of said State, at their Sessions held at Concord in June last, for a Release of all the Title of said State, to the Lands Lying between the Curve line of Mason's Patent, so called, & a Straight Line Lately Run by the order of the said General Court, and the said Agents did also Agree to pay the said State in Consideration thereof for and in behalf of said Proprietors, the sum of Eight hundred Dollars in Silver or gold with Interest in one Year from the date of a Certain Bond duely Executed by the said Agents dated in said Month of June, which bond was payable to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being, for and in behalf of said State, and said Agents did also Agree to pay the said Speaker the sum of Forty thousand Dollars in State Notes of the said State with lawful Interest, in four equal Annual payments, to be computed from the date of said Bond, and whereas the said General Court at this Sessions began and held at Exeter the 24th day of December last, did Resolve that Each of the Proprietors of said Propriety might individually pay or give Security to the said Treasurer for his Proportion of said sum of Forty thousand dollars to be paid as aforesaid—Now therefore know ye that if the said George Jaffrey as Principal, and the said Joshua Wentworth as Surety, their Heirs Executors or Administrators Shall well and Truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the said William Gardner Esquire Treasurer as aforesaid or his Successor in said Office for the Time being the sum of thirteen hundred & fifty three pounds 19/1^d in State Notes in four Equal Annual Payments to be Computed from the Eighteenth day of said June with lawful Interest from the date of this Bond, without fraud or further delay then this Obligation to be void Otherwise to be in full force Strength and Virtue

Geo: Jaffrey [L S]
Josh Wentworth [L S]

Signed Sealed and
delivered in Presence of
The word "hundred" on the Second
line from the Bottom of
first page, first
Interlined before Signing—

Sam. Sherburne
George Wentworth jun^r

Interest to be Cast from 18th Feby
1792 Oct^r 2^d Received of George Jaffrey Esq^r One hundred and
£159 ,, 14 ,, 8 Equal } Fifty Nine pounds fourteen Shillings and
to £456 ,, 7 ,, 7 Notes } Eight pence Specie on Account of the fore-
going Bond pursuant to a vote of the General Court passed January
4, 1792

Common p^l eas August Term 1794—
Judg^t for £609 ,, 7 ,, 9

Copy Examined by _____

W. Parker
N.. Emery Clerk

[*Deed, Allen Heirs to Proprietors, Jan. 28, 1790.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 57.*]

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING,
Whereas many disputes and Lawsuits have arisen and do now exist
respecting the different Claims to certain Lands in that part of New
Hampshire originally granted to Cap^t John Mason called and known
by the name of Mason's Patent and below the strait Line lately run
by order of the General Court of said State, by and between the
heirs of the Hon^{ble} Samuel Allen formerly of London in the King-
dom of Great Britain lately of the Province now State of New
Hampshire deceased, and their assigns of the one part, laying claim
to said Lands by virtue of a purchase made by the aforementioned
Samuel Allen in his life time from John Tufton Mason and Robert
Tufton Mason and certain persons commonly called and known by
the name of the Masonian Proprietors claiming said Lands by virtue
of a purchase by them made from John Tufton Mason, of the other
part, and whereas the said persons called the Masonian Proprietors
have divided the said Lands below said strait line into fifteen Rights
or Shares viz to George Jaffrey Mark Hunking Wentworth, Richard
Wibird, John Rindge Joshua Pierce, Esquires, each one right or
share, to Daniel Pierce & Mary Moore, one right or share, to John
Thomlinson & John Tufton Mason, one right or share, to Sam^l

Solly & Clement March one right or Share, to Meserve Blanchard & Company one right or Share, to Theodore Atkinson, Thomas Wallingford, John Moffat, Thomas Packer, John Wentworth Esquires, each one right or Share; and Whereas the present Claimers of eleven of said rights or shares viz, George Jaffrey Esq^r of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham in said State of the said right or share originally set off & divided to himself, Elizabeth Wentworth of the same Portsmouth Widow & Relict of the said Mark Hunking Wentworth and John Fisher Esq^r of the Kingdom of great Britain claimers of the right of the said Mark of his right, John Penhallow Esq^r of said Portsmouth of the right of the said Richard Wibird, Dan^l Rindge Esq^r & Daniel Rogers Esq^r & Mehitabel his wife, in her right, all of the same Portsmouth, of the right of the said John Rindge, Thomas Martin Esq^r of said Portsmouth & Ann his wife in her right, and John Pierce of the same Portsmouth Merchant, and Joseph Pierce Esq^r of New Durham Gore in the County of Strafford claimers of the rights of the said Joshua Pierce, Pierce & Moore and Meserve Blanchard & Company, Peter Pearse of said Portsmouth Merchant and Mary his wife in her right, and Mehitabel Treadwell wife of William Earl Treadwell of said Portsmouth by her Guardians Samuel Penhallow & A. R. Cutter Esqrs, claimers of the right of the said Jotham Odiorne. Edward B. Long of the Kingdom of Great Britain, and Mary his wife in her right, and Nath^l Appleton Haven of said Portsmouth Physician, claimers of the right of the said Thomlinson & Mason, Joseph March Esq^r of Deerfield and Clement March & Stephen March Esq^{rs} of Greenland all in the County of Rockingham aforesaid and Governor John Hancock of Boston, claimers of the right of the said Solly & March, and George King Sparhawk of said Portsmouth, Gentleman, a Minor claiming the right of the said Theodore Atkinson, by his guardian Dan^l Humphreys Esq^r; have proposed to procure a general Release from the aforementioned Claimers under the said Samuel Allen deceased of in and unto the said eleven rights or shares set off and divided to the said George Jaffrey, Mark Hunking Wentworth, Richard Wibird John Rindge Joshua Pierce, Pierce & Moore, Jotham Odiorne, Thomlinson & Mason Solly & March, Blanchard Meserve & Company and Theodore Atkinson, as aforesaid; & the Claimers under and in the right of the said Samuel Allen Esq^r of the one part, and the aforementioned Claimers of the said eleven rights or shares of Land of the other part, ardently wishing to settle compromise & determine and a final end to make of all disputes lawsuits and controversies relative to the Lands contained in the said eleven rights or shares, and to render the title to said eleven rights or

shares of Land certain secure and permanent for the future ; THEREFORE KNOW YE, that we John Sullivan of Durham in the County of Strafford Esquire, Nathaniel Peabody of Atkinson and Peter Green of Concord both in the County of Rockingham Esquires, Samuel Lauchlin of Goffstown in the County of Hillsborough Tanner, and Thomas Cogswell of Gilmantown in the County of Strafford aforesaid Esq^r and all of said State of New Hampshire, in our capacity as Agents Committee & Commissioners appointed by for and in behalf of the body of the aforementioned Heirs of the said Samuel Allen Esq^r deceased and their assigns Proprietors or Claimers of said Lands as aforesaid at their legal meeting, for the purposes of obtaining a settlement and compromise as aforesaid ; and for and in consideration of the said George Jaffrey, Elizabeth Wentworth for herself and for the said John Fisher, John Penhallow, Daniel Rindge, Daniel Rogers and Mehitabel his wife, Thomas Martin and Ann his wife, John Pierce and Joseph Pierce, Peter Pearse and Mary his wife ; Samuel Penhallow and A. R. Cutter in behalf of Mehitabel Treadwell Edward B. Long & Mary his wife and Nathaniel Appleton Haven Joseph March Clement March and Stephen March Governor John Hancock by his Attorney Edm^d H. Quincey and George King Sparhawk by his said Guardian Daniel Humphreys executing to us deeds of release and quit claim to the several pieces and tracts of Land herein after excepted and reserved, and of the sum of five pounds lawful money to us in hand before the delivery hereof paid by the said George Jaffrey, Elizabeth Wentworth and the said John Fisher, John Penhallow, Daniel Rindge, Mehitabel Rogers, Ann Martin John Pierce, Joseph Pierce, Mary Pearse, Mehitabel Treadwell, Mary Long, Nathaniel Appleton Haven, Joseph March, Clement March, Stephen March, and George King Sparhawk, the receipt whereof in our said capacity we do hereby acknowledge, have remised released & forever quit claimed, and by these Presents in said capacity DO REMISE release and forever quit claim unto them the said George Jaffrey, Elizabeth Wentworth, John Fisher John Penhallow, Daniel Rindge, Mehitabel Rogers wife of the said Daniel Rogers, Ann Martin wife of the said Thomas Martin, John Pierce, Joseph Pierce, Mary Pearse wife of the said Peter Pearse, Mary Long wife of the said Edward B. Long, Nathaniel Appleton Haven, Joseph March, Clement March, Stephen March, and the said Governor Hancock and George King Sparhawk, severally and respectively, to them, their several & respective heirs and assigns in proportion and according to their several & respective claims therein all the right title interest claim challenge and demand of the said Persons or body of Proprietors claiming said Lands in whole or in part under

the heirs of said Samuel Allen Esq^r deceased and their Assigns, of in and unto all & every part and parcel of the lands more or less set off and drawn or otherwise regularly assigned to the said eleven shares or rights by and according to the votes records and doings of the said Masonian Proprietors, and known to be claimed as such by the said George Jaffrey, Elizabeth Wentworth John Fisher, John Penhallow, Daniel Rindge, Daniel Rogers & Mehitabel his wife in her right, Thomas Martin and Ann his wife in her right, John Pierce Joseph Pierce, Peter Pearse and Mary his wife in her right, Mehitabel Treadwell, Edward B. Long and Mary his wife in her right, Nathaniel Appleton Haven, Joseph March Clement March and Stephen March and the said Governor Hancock and George King Sparhawk below the said strait Line within the said Mason's Patent in New Hampshire, not heretofore released or conveyed by the deed of general release on our part made & executed on the twenty seventh day of April A D 1786 and excepting and reserving thereout the following tracts or parcels of Land amounting in the whole to about Eight thousand & five hundred Acres more or less which is excepted and released to us our heirs and Assigns viz the Lot number thirteen in the third range in New Durham Gore—The Lot number ten in that part of Weare called Weare Gore—The Lot number one in the Large Lot number eight in the second range in said New Durham Gore All which Lots were Drawn to the right or Share of the said George Jaffrey: The Lot number one in Weare Gore. Lot number One in the eleventh range in Goffstown. Lot number six in the first Range in Mason. Lot number fifty seven in Bedford. All drawn to right or share of the said Mark Hunking Wentworth.—Six hundred & fifty one acres of Land in Lot number seventeen in the fifth range in New Durham Gore, laid out as being there, but now falling in Gilmantown. Lot number fourteen in the large Lot number eight in the second Range in said New Durham Gore. The Lot number forty six in the second range in Gilmantown. All drawn to the right or share of s^d Richard Wibird.—Three hundred & sixty six acres & two thirds of an Acre of Land more or less, being one third part of Lot number eighteen in said New Durham Gore. Lot number two in the tenth range in Goffstown. Forty five acres of Land in said New Durham Gore part of the Lot number seventeen in the fifth range, laid out as of said Gore, but now falling & appearing to be in said Gilmantown. Also five hundred and ten acres of Land in said Lot number eighteen in said New Durham Gore; all drawn to the right or share of the said John Rindge.—Twenty five acres of Land in Lot number ten in the first Range in Dunbarton, laid out as part of the right or share of the said Pierce & Moore.

One fourth part of Lot number sixty four in Weare laid out or drawn to right or share of the said Joshua Pierce. Two hundred and eleven Acres of Land in Lot number sixteen in the fifth range in New Durham Gore, laid out as being in said Gore, but now found to lie and be in said Gilmantown laid out or drawn to the right or share of the said Pierce and Moore. Four hundred & twenty three Acres & thirty rods of Land in Gilmantown it being one half of that part of Lot number sixteen in the fifth range laid out as part of the right of said Pierce and Moore in New Durham Gore but which now falls & appears to lie in said Gilmantown. Twenty five Acres of Land in Bedford, being number seventy nine in said Town drawn to the right or share of the said Pierce and Moore. One half of Lot sixty four in Weare laid out or drawn to the right of said Joshua Pierce. Two hundred and eleven Acres of Land in that part of Lot number sixteen in the fifth range in New Durham Gore allotted to the share or right of said Pierce & Moore, which now falls and appears to be within the Town of Gilmantown. one fourth part of Lot sixty four in Weare—The Lot number one in the range in Goffstown drawn to the right of the said Jotham Odiorne. One undivided Moiety of one hundred Acres of Land in Bedford, being the half of two Lots in said Town numbered eleven and fifteen in the fifth range. One undivided moiety of two Lots in Mason, numbered seven and two in the thirteenth range. An undivided Moiety of eight hundred & twelve acres of Land being so much of Lot number fifteen in the south range in New Durham Gore aforesaid, running eastwardly from the west end of said Lot, the whole breadth thereof to make up that quantity. All drawn to the right of said Thomlinson and Mason. The undivided moiety of two Lots in Bedford numbered eleven & fifteen in the fifth range; an undivided moiety of two Lots in Mason numbered seven & two in the thirteenth range. an undivided Moiety of eight hundred & twelve acres of Land being part of the Lot number fifteen in the fourth range in said New Durham Gore, beginning at the west end of said Lot and to run so far eastwardly as will make said eight hundred & twelve acres. All drawn to said right of said Thomlinson & Mason. The Lot number fifteen in the fourth range in Allenstown. The Lot number five in the south range in the division of the large Lot number twelve in the third range in New New Durham Gore. Four hundred acres of Land, in New Durham Gore, being part of Number seven in said Gore, as described in the Deed of release from Clement March & Stephen March to us said Lot was drawn to the right of the said Solly and March. The Lot number forty five in Ossipee drawn to the right or share of the said Theodore Atkinson. All which Lots

tracts and parcels of Land the said Claimants of the said eleven rights have severally released and quit claimed to us in our said capacity, by their several deeds of release, as by the same reference thereto being had may appear.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said remised released and quit-claimed premises with the Priviledges and appurtenances thereof, to them the said George Jaffrey, John Penballow, Elizabeth Wentworth John Fisher Daniel Rindge, Mehitabel Rogers, Ann Martin, John Pierce, Joseph Pierce, Mary Pearse, Mehitabel Treadwell, Mary Long Nathanael Appleton Haven, Clement March, Joseph March, Stephen March, and the said Hancock and George King Sparhawk in severalty according to their respective claims therein, and to their several & respective heirs and assigns to their benefit and behoof forever. Hereby warranting the same to them severally their several heirs and assigns according to their said several interests, free from the claims demands and incumbrances of all persons claiming from by or under us our heirs or assigns or the heirs of the said Samuel Allen Esq^r deceased, and their assigns. In witness whereof we the said John Sullivan Nathaniel Peabody Peter Green Samuel Lauchleu & Thomas Cogswell in our said capacity have hereunto set our hands and Seals this twenty eighth day of January Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety

Jn ^o Sullivan	[seal]
Nath ^l Peabody	[seal]
Peter Green	[seal]
Sam ^l Lauchlen	[seal]
Thomas Cogswell	[seal]

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of—

Mem^o of interlineations & rasures in the first page the words, *Meserve, Sam^l, William Governor John Hancock of Boston & the* In 2^d Page, *Sam^l Governor John Hancock by his Attorney Edm: H. Quincy—And the s^a Governor Hancock—The—And the s^a Governor Hancock—In 3^d page Acres—One fourth part of the Lot number sixty four in Weare—In the 4th page And the said Hancock—eighth—and the rasures in tenth line & in the thirteenth line of the first page—All made & done before signing & sealing—Also the words & *John Fisher Esq^r of the Kingdom of Great Britain, claimers of the right of the said Mark in Page first—for herself & for the s^d John Fisher—And the s^d John Fisher—John Fisher—John Fisher in page 2^d John Fisher in page fourth interlined before sealing & delivery—**

Sally Gerrish
James Macgregore

Rockingham ss } At Portsmouth on the 28th day of January
 } 1790 His Excellency John Sullivan Esq^r The
 Hon^{ble} Nath^l Peabody, Peter Green & Thomas Cogswell Esq^{rs} and
 Samuel Lauchlen personally acknowledged the foregoing instrument
 by them sign'd to be their voluntary Act and Deed—
 Coram J. Macgregore Ju^s Pacis

Hillsborough ss. Rec^d 18th August 1791 & recorded vol: 27 page
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Rec^d Feb^r. 17th 1792. Jon^s Smith J^r Reg^r
 W^m Smith R D R.
 Strafford ss Recorded Lib. 14: Fol. 109. ex^d by
 W^m Smith Recorder

[*Draft of Memorial of George Jaffrey, Jan. 3, 1791.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 58.]

Portsmouth, January 3^d 1791

State of New Hampshire } To the Honorable Senate and House of Repre-
 } sentatives of the State of New Hampshire in
 general Court Convened at Concord the 5th day of January 1791—

The Memorial of George Jaffrey Clerk of the Proprietors of the
 lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in New Hampshire in
 the behalf of Said Proprietors, most respectfully Sheweth—

That the whole Right of the lands in New Hampshire conveyed
 by the Council at Plymouth in great Britain to John Mason Esqu^r
 of London, was purchased by Said Proprietors of John Tufton
 Mason Esqu^r Heir to Said John Mason Esqu^r and the Government
 of the late Province of New-Hampshire recognized and consented to
 the Right and Title of Said Proprietors to the lands they Claimed
 by that Purchase, and manifested by Sundry Proceedings of the
 general Assembly of the late Province; and the Government in
 conforming their Grants of Townships, to y^e boundaries claimed by
 Said Proprietors, and incorporating the Towns granted by Said
 Proprietors, agreeable to their Grants, when The Purchasers were
 formed into a Propriety they granted most of the Lands they pur-
 chased into Townships, whereby the lands were improved to great
 Benefit of the Grantees who complied with y^e Terms of their grants,
 and by Cultivation, and Taxes, laid on the Inhabitants of those
 Towns, a Revenue accrued to the Government—

The Terms, Conditions, and Reservations in their Grants were
 generally These, viz^t That the tracts of land granted for Townships

should be laid out into Equal Shares and Lotts—and high ways to be laid out and made by the Grantees, Settlements to be made a house for publick worship to be built, and constant preaching to be maintained and other articles beneficial to y^e Grantees, and a plan of laying out of the lotts &c^a and all to be performed by and at the Expence of the Grantees, and the Plan to be returne'd to the Grantors, and then the Shares and Lotts of Grantors & Grantees which were intended to be equal to be drawn for in common (except three Shares reserved and granted for the publick use & Benefit of the Settlers and Inhabitants of the Towns, viz^t one Share for the Encouragement of the minister who should first Settle in the Town—one other equal Share for the Succeeding ministers in the Town; and one right or Share for the Support of a School for ever—These three Shares or Rights for y^e common benefit of the Inhabitants were generally not drawn for, as the other Shares, but located where the Grantees concluded would be for the best accommodation and Serve the purposes for which they were given by the Grantors) these were the general Terms & conditions on which the Grantees were held by their Grants—and on failure of the Grantees in complying with the Terms and Conditions of their respective Grants, the Lands granted were generally to revert to the Grantors, but in Some Instances, the Rights or Shares of the delinquent Grantees were to be the Property of those Grantees who had fulfilled the Terms and Conditions of the Grant, upon Condition of their complying with y^e Terms and Conditions which the delinquent Grantees of those shares, had not performed—

The Reservations of the Grantors in the Grants of their lands were generally an equal right or share with the Grantees, and drawn for in common with the Grantees Shares, and to be exempted from any Charge or expence the other Shares of the Grantees were to be at by the Terms and Conditions of their respective Grants untill improved by Cultivation, or Sold by the owners, at which period, each respective Share or Lot so improved or Sold, to be Subjected to an equal expence and Charge with the Grantees Shares or lots in the Towns they Granted, These reservations & of so little Emolument to the Grantors and exemption from expence of Town Expences was all they reserved for their granting so large and valuable an Interest in so much of their Lands—From the Commencement of the Propriety The Proprietors have been at great Expence, of Time & application in attending upon Grantees, respecting their Grants and circumstances relative to their grants; and great Expences of Money necessarily Occurring about their lands to a large amount—

Till within a few years past The Proprietors have not been called

upon or requested by the Grantees or Inhabitants of any Town, which they granted, for any expence or Charge of Settling, high ways or for any article stipulated in their respective grants to be performed by the Grantees as it was ever understood to be y^e Tenor & meaning of their grants by all y^e Grantees. It was reported That the Inhabitants of a Town granted by the Proprietors a few years Since applied to general Court to enable them to tax all the lands in the Town, for making and repairing high Ways in that Town, it being Suggested, that the Grantors were exempted from that expence by the Terms and Condition of their Grant, and that y^e Grantees were obliged to perform that Service at their own Expence so the application was rejected & dismiss'd—

As the Terms and Conditions of the Proprietors Grants, located in the Counties of Strafford, Hillsborough, Cheshire & Grafton, were generally known, especialy by the Grantees and Inhabitants, and are in general Similar, in respect to the Grantors being exempted from any Cost or Charge of making or repairing roads or highways & in short any Expence necessary for the Settlement or Convenience of y^e Inhabitants of any Town they granted, untill improved or Sold by the Grantors respectively, and not till then Subjected to an equal duty and expence of the Inhabitants of that Town; It was hoped that all Applications to the general Court like that mentioned, would be dismissed for The Same reason as Some of the members of the Court must be knowing of those Grants—& more especialy as the Constitutions of this State and of the united States protect and Secure Such Contracts as Subsist between the Grantors and Grantees in those Grants from being impaired in their Obligations by Acts of the Legislature or other wise

As the general Court at their Session in June 1789 were pleased, upon the Petitions of the Inhabitants of Peterborough Slip and Hillsborough, praying them to grant a Tax on the lands in those Towns for the purposes therein mentioned, was pleased to order that any person or persons might Shew Cause why the prayers of Said Petitioners should not be granted.—out of Respect to the Order of the general Court a memorial was prepared to be presented to them at or before the day appointed for hearing those Petitioners, and was delivered to a Gentleman who intended to go to the general Court at the beginning of their Session, and engaged to present it, but he was prevented going, and the memorial was not preferred to the Court; and the unhappy Accident of the Gentleman's not going to the Court was not known till it was too late to forward it, so as to be preferred that Session—and how the matter rests in respect to these Petitions is not known—

In June last appeared in the New Hampshire Gazette two notifications from m^r Secretary Pearson, one Respecting the Petition of the Inhabitants of Alexandria the other of the Inhabitants of Wolfborough—one notifying that the Inhabitants of Alexandria had petitioned the general Court Setting forth that they had been at great Cost to clear and maintain high Ways and bridges in Said Town, and therefore pray that all the lands in Said Town may be taxed one penny per Acre for three years next ensuing, for the purpose of clearing and repairing roads in said Town, upon which Petition the general Court ordered a hearing Thereof of the Second Thursday of the next Session, and that the Substance of Said Petition and order of Court be published three Weeks Successively, prior to the Sitting of Said Court, in the New Hampshire Gazette that any person or persons may then appear and shew Cause why the Prayer thereof may not be granted—

In respect to the Petition of the Inhabitants of Alexandria The Proprietors represent That there is no other Town or place called or known by the name of Alexandria in this State but the Town or place granted by that name by them

In July 1773. Upon Application of the Grantees The Proprietors made the Grant of Alexandria to Jonas Minot Mathew Thornton John Talford Joshua Talford & others, in y^e Proportions to each Grantee as declared in the Grant, and also the Terms Conditions and limitations on which the Grant was made are particularly mentioned with the Reservations of the Grantors Shares or lots which are also particularly mentioned in the grant, and their exemption of Charges or Taxes within the land granted which exemption is mentioned in two paragraphs in the Grant; they made but one Grant of Alexandria in these words in one Paragraph viz^t “that the said grantors rights and Lots aforementioned be free from duty till improved;” in the other Paragraph is more particularly expressed viz^t “which Said third part Shall be held by said Grantors free from all taxes and charges whatever, that may arise concerning the roads buildings, ministry Settlements, and other publick affairs whatever, untill the Grantors lands shall be improved, and then only the particular lot so improved shall be liable”—by every grant made by the Proprietors of Alexandria it plainly appears the Grantors were to be exempted from any Charge or Taxes the Grantees & Settlers were obliged to in making Settlements requisit in that or any other Town—whether the Inhabitants of Alexandria, the Petitioners to the general Court, are any of them the Grantees, or those who hold under them, in any manner, is immaterial in respect to the Grantors Shares or lots reserved to them and their Exemption of Taxes on their lots,

they were obliged to do the duty of Settlement, or what was required by the Terms and Conditions of the Grant—In their Petition they Set forth they had been already at great Cost to clear and maintain high ways & Bridges in Said Town—they were engaged to perform that Servic at their own Expence without any expence to y^e Grantors—The grant of Alexandria was made in 1773. from which period to the date of their Petition to the general Court, those duties of clearing and maintaining high ways & Bridges with others ought to have been compleated for Several years past as may fully appear by the Grant of Alexandria—and that the exemption of the Grantors, from the Cost they had been or should be at in clearing and maintaining high Ways and bridges, must be known to the Inhabitants of Alexandria for this reason as no charge of Expence for those articles or any other was ever requested of the Grantors to this day for any Cost or Charge for their lotts in Town till Sold or improved as those articles were Stipulated in the Grant to be done by the Grantees. and what Inducement they have at this time to make Application to the general Court for a Tax on all the lands in Alexandria for y^e purposes mentioned, is left to Conjecture—for the grant of their Petition the ostensible reason offered is plausible, as Such Articles are necessary to be done in the Town of Alexandria, and which the Grantees were obliged to perform at their own Expence & cost by the Terms of [the grant], it appears that they aim at inducing the general Court to pass an Act to authorise them to break the Contract between the Grantors & Grantees of Alexandria to great Injustice and Injury of the Grantors, of laying a penny an acre on all the lands in alexandria for making and maintaining high Ways and bridges; from which Expence, by the Terms and Condition of the Grant of Alexandria the Grantors lotts which they now hold are expressly exempted from the expence and Cost, from which Injury to the Proprietors, it is not doubted but the Honour and Justice of the legislature is a sufficient guard and Protection from such Injuries—and to which they would not be accessory by their Act—especialy as the Rights & Property of the Subjects of this State are Secured to them by the Constitutions of this State and of the united States, by which the Legislative and Executive Powers and Authorities of this state are instituted and regulated. wherefore it is hoped the attempt aimed at by the Inhabitants of Alexandria by their Petition will meet with the just fate of being dismissed at least so far as that the lotts owned by the Proprietors and the publick lotts granted for publick uses be excluded and exempted from a Tax for the purposes mentioned in their Petition or any other contrary to the Terms and Conditions of the Grant of Alexandria—

The other notification of m^r Secretary Pearson is "that a Petition hath been presented to the general Court by the Inhabitants of Wolfborough, Setting forth the badness of the roads through Said Town, and their inability to repair them. Therefore pray that an Act of the general Court be passed for taxing all the lands in Said Town, as well the lands of non resident Proprietors and Owners, as of the residents for the purpose aforesaid Upon which Petition the general Court ordered that they be heard thereon before them on the Second Thursday of the next Session, and that the Substance of the Petition and order of Court be published in y^e New Hampshire Gazette, that any person or persons may then appear and Shew Cause why the prayer thereof Should not be granted" for which Purpose of shewing Cause why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted the following Representation is made to the Hon^{ble} general Court—That Upon the application to the Proprietors of Sundry Young Gentlemen of Note and Distinction in the Town of Portsmouth, who were desirous of Settling a new Plantation within the Proprietors land, if they could obtain a Grant; in Respect to them, and a good Prospect of Settlement of the land, The Proprietors made a grant of land equal in Quantity to thirty Six Square miles as bounded in the grant to William Earl Treadwell Henry Apthorp, Ammi Ruhama Cutter and David Sewall all of Portsmouth, and Such others as they Shall admitt as Associates with them, and their respective heirs and Assigns for ever—and the Terms Conditions and the reservations of y^e Grant were made in the manner they proposed—viz^t That the whole Tract of land be laid out as Soon as may be into four equal parts both for Quantity and Quality, and one of the Said parts, to be determined by lot, be and thereby is excepted and reserved to the said Proprietors and their Assigns, which Quarter part, shall also be laid out at the Expence of the Said Grantees and their Associates when requested by said Proprietors, into Twenty Shares or Lotts, three of which Shall be for the following publick Uses viz^t one for the use of a School, one for the use of the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall Settle there and the other for the use of the ministry of the Gospel there, for ever, and the other Seventeen lots to be for the use of the persons to whom they shall fall by lott hereafter to be drawn, their heirs and Assigns by which method also the aforesaid lotts for publick uses shall be determined—and all necessary publick or general high ways shall be laid out in the said reserved Quarter at the expence of the Said Grantees and Associates no high ways to be less than two rods wide, and all the Shares lotts and Divisions in the Said Quarter part shall not be liable to any Charge in Settling and

carrying this Proposal into Execution, untill the Same shall be improved by the respective owner, and among other Terms and Conditions of the Grant is the following, "and a convenient house built for the publick Worship of God, and all necessary high Ways shall be laid out through the said land of the breadth aforesaid, all the Said Matters and things to be done at the Charge and Expence of the Grantees and their Associates" "and it is further agreed and this Condition added, that the Grantors lotts shall not be Subjected to any Town or Parish charges or Taxes, neither by act of Assembly or otherways untill they shall be by them respectively Settled or Sold, but the Grantees and their associates shall keep and Save them wholly indemnified from the same"—a Plan of the Grant was returned to the Grantors in which is delineated their Reservation of land, and divided into twenty equal lotts, & three of which were drawn for the publick uses of the Inhabitants for a School the first Minister of y^e Gospel and for the Succeeding Ministry—and but fifteen of Said twenty lotts were drawn for and appropriated to the rights of the fifteen Proprietors the Grantors, and each lot contains but three hundred and twenty four Acres—which is y^e whole to each Proprietors reserved Share of land for this particular use, and in Consideration of their grant of thirty Six Square miles—There is no Instance of a Tax laid or any Charge or Expence ever requested of the Grantors of Wolfsborough for expence of the high ways or for any other Town Charge, nor ever moved for till lately by the Petition of the Inhabitants, to the general Court—Notwithstanding the Grantors lotts in The Town are so fully and expressly exempted from any Duty or Tax whatever for the use of the Town for roads or any other articles of Expence and even Stipulated by y^e Grantees to Save and keep the Grantors wholly indemnified from the Same till their lotts are improved or Sold by them—as the Town of Wolfsborough is held by & under the Proprietors Grant on the Terms and Conditions therein expressed is a firm Contract between the Grantors & Grantees and those who hold under them as The Inhabitants could not lay a tax of themselves on the lotts reserved to the Grantors but to obtain so plain and obvious breach of the Contract made by the Grant, They petition the General Court to do it, by passing an Act to lay a tax on all the lands in wolfsborough to repair the roads in that Town which they are firmly held to perform themselves by the Conditions and Terms of the Grant or forfeit their right to the land they Inhabit to the Grantors as the Proprietors Grant of Wolfsborough is a Contract between the Grantors and Grantees, (as are all the Grants of the Proprietors of Townships) wherein the boundaries and extent of land granted is ascertained,

and the Terms Conditions & limitations on which the Grant is made, and the Articles Stipulated to be performed by the Grantees, as also the Grantors Reservations of land and exemptions from any Cost & Expence in the land by them granted in Wolfborough, The Proprietors rely on the Justice of the general Court that they will not pass an act to enable the Petitioners to lay such a Tax as they request, without exempting the Grantors lots and those granted for publick uses from any Tax of the Town, according to the Terms & Conditions of their Grant—besides such Injustice to the Proprietors would be contrary to the Constitutions by which the Government of this State is founded, and the Rights & Properties of the Subjects of the State are Secured and defended—

It is not easily to be conceived, the reason why the Inhabitants of the Towns granted by the Proprietors of Mason's Grant, should not apply to the Legislature of this State for Acts to impower them to tax the Proprietors Rights or lots of land reserved in any of the Towns they inhabit till lately, unless they conceive the Legislature in that Capacity entertain a prejudice against the Proprietors in their proprietary Capacity and so they can easily obtain such partial Acts of the Legislature to the Injury of the Grantors and favour of the Inhabitants of the lands granted by the Prop^{rs}—however Suggested, the Proprietors cannot entertain that Sentiment, as they have so largely contributed to the Treasury of the State of New-Hampshire for their proprietary Interest by Taxes on non resident lands whether by Lots in Townships, or Strips and ungranted lands within their Claim, whether the lots in Towns or ungranted land were of value or not, though many of their lots and parts of the land were not worth a Single Tax, yet all their lands were Taxed from the year 1776 or 1777. to this day, for Support of the late War and other Occasions of the State, The Taxes they paid in Paper & Silver for So many years, amounted to a large Sum for the benefit of the State—and in the year 1788 when the Legislature thought proper to Set up a Claim to a great part of their Proprietary lands, which they had been taxed for by the State for many years; and to which the Legislature of the late Government of New Hampshire had assented to their Right and boundaries of their Purchase, yet rather than contend with the Legislature and in expectation of being quieted in their claim in the lands they purchased they consented to a Compromise with the Legislature on the Terms the Legislature had determined which was eight hundred Silver Dollars, and forty thousand dollars in State Notes, part of which is paid by the Proprietors and good Security given for Payment of the remainder with lawfull Interest—Such Great Benefit to the Treasury of the State has been contrib-

uted for their proprietary Interest Though the value of their reserved land has Sunk more than half Since the resolution of Government and still continues to depreciate—on which consideration the Sentiment of the Legislature holding a Prejudice against the Proprietors cannot be admitted—but that the foundation of the Petitions proceeds from the avirice of the Petitioners who are Settled on lands granted by the Proprietors, on Terms of performing Such Articles, at their Own expence, and which the Grantors were exempted from as a Condition of the Grants, and the Petitioners would now Strip the Grantors of their Reserved lots to pay that Expence they were obliged to perform themselves by their Grants and this requested to be done by the aid and assistance of the general Court by passing Acts for that purpose—

as all the Grants of Townships made by the Proprietors have Reservations of lots to the use of the Grantors and exemption from any Cost or Expence of making and maintaining high Ways Bridges and for any other Expence the Grantees or Inhabitants of those Townships are required to do for the Settlement and Convenience of a Town,—as will appear by their Grants; and was well known to the Grantees—yet Petitions are made to the general Court to grant their Authority to break the Contracts between Grantors and Grantees, by taxing those reserved lands of the Grantors for Cost and Expences from which they were expressly exempted by the Terms Stipulated in their respective Grants of those Towns—the Petitiones praying the general Court to grant a tax for any Article the Proprietors were exempted—they may as well ask and petition for their lands so reserved & granted to the Petitioners as what they request, that the Proprietors may be entirely Strip't of their Property in those Towns and other Petitioners may as well ask for their whole Interest in the propriety for which they had been at a very great Expence in the purchase, and Cost necessarily required preparatory to and in the making their Grants, and variety of expences too numerous to be mentioned, besides the Tax on non resident lands to the State in Silver & paper money for Support of the war, and other occasions of the State the non resident Taxes commenced in y^e year 1776 or 1777 and continue to this day amounted to a very large Sum from the commencement of those Taxes the value of their lands were estimated at half the value they were generally rated at before and at this time so much is the proprietary Interest depreciated and a considerable part of their lots in Townships and Strips of land ungranted were constantly taxed though not worth a Single Tax, and were paid or their land Sold for the Tax—and in the year 1788—the General Court Set up a Claim to a great part of their proprietary lands, which

they had paid taxes for to the State for these many years, and to which the Legislature of the late Government of New Hampshire had assented to their Right to the land they purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r and to the boundaries they claimed, which by Sundry Proceedings of the general Assembly were consented to & confirmed, and the Government Grants of land were bounded by Claim of the Proprietors notwithstanding those assurances of their right rather than contend with the Legislature of this State, in expectation of being quieted by the Legislature in their Claim Grants & Reservations they had made, they consented to a compromise with the Legislature which the Legislature determined to be on the Terms of payment to the State of 800 dollars in Silver, and forty thousand dollars in State notes, part of which is paid, and the remainder Secured to be paid with lawfull Interest—

as the Proprietary lands of the Proprietors, have contributed so largely to the Treasury of this State, they presume upon an equal Share of consideration of the Legislature, in respect to Justice & Right towards their Property as of any other Subjects of the State. In respect to the Petitions of the Inhabitants of Alexandria & Wolfborough if those Towns Stand in need of the aid of the general Court more at this time than heretofore for Acts to enable them to make and maintain roads and bridges, that under the plausible pretence of having those necessary Conveniences for the Towns compleated, & which is alledged as an inducement — they in fact petition the general Court to authorize the Petitioners, by their Acts, to break the Contracts Stipulated between the Grantors & Grantees of the lands in those Towns, which Act of Injustice and Injury to any Subjects of this State must be abhorrent to the Honour and Justice of the Legislature Wherefore it is presumed the Prayer of the Petitioners so far as the reserved lands of the Proprietors may be included, will not be granted — The Proprietors take the Opportunity in this Memorial to petition the Honourable Legislature That as Some Acts have been passed by them to Subject all the land in Some other of the Towns granted by the Proprietors, reserved and exempted from the Charge & Expence of clearing and maintaining high Ways & Bridges, building meeting houses, & any other Article of Expence mentioned as the Terms and condition of their Grants, may be repealed — Relying upon the Honour Justice & Candour of the Honourable General Court this memorial is presented by the Proprietors, and in their behalf. Subscribed by their Respectfull & most ob^t Serv^t

G J: Prop^r Cl

[The repetition in this memorial is probably due to the preparation and presence here of more than one draft of certain parts of the document. The original is not the finished memorial as presented to the legislature, but a very rough draft, copiously corrected, erased, and interlined. The limits of duplication are very obscure, consequently the whole is printed in the order in which it occurs in the original manuscript. — ED.]

Petition of Mary Tufton Mason, Dec. 7, 1791, State Papers, Vol. 18, p. 839.

[*John Peirce's Statement, Aug. 30, 1792.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 59.]

John Peirce Made the following Statement to the Committee of the General Court Viz^t

That he had made an erroneous sale of Tho^s Packers Land in Washington to John S. Sherburne Esq that about 200 Acres of that Right an amendment lay in Campbells Gore which was not known to the Assessors, That an Act of the General Court had set that sale a side, and Enabled J Peirce to sell other Lands of Thomas Packer to raise £357. 2. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ he Received of M^r Sherburne but that it would be unreasonable, to proceed and sell other Lands to raise said sum but that so much of the Notes on hand ought to be applied to that purpose — Which was agreed to on the part of the Committee and J Peirce was allowed to retain the above Sum for that purpose — and he has actually agreed to a discount with M^r Sherburne for £218 in part — That Deducting the Amount of the sale of T Packers Lands from all the Notes in the hands of J Peirce & the other Proprietors the bal^a would be £357 — on which sum J Peirce understood the Committee made their Calculation — although it does not exactly correspond which must be owing to some mistake of the Committee for it was their intention that the above balance only should be paid by the Proprietors

Portsmouth August 30 : 1792

John Peirce

John Peirce appeared before the subscriber and made solemn oath that the within Statement is Just & true according to the best of his

knowledge and also that the sum of £269, 9/— is the bal^{ce} of all the State Notes he Ever possessed or received in any way or manner to the best of his knowledge or recollection

Statement of the Transactions of J Peirce respecting the last Com-
promise with the General Court

J Peirce has paid on the } Masonian Bonds — }	£1458 ,, 6 —
Dan' Rogers Esq. — ditto —	79 ,, 4
	<u>£1587 ,, 10</u>

The above is 5125 Dollars

The Court agreed that the Proprietors should make up their payments to —	6333 — $\frac{1}{4}$ ^d	
Paid as above —	5125	1208 $\frac{1}{4}$

The above payments Deducted } leaves	£362 . 10
J Peirce to pay John S. } Sherburne —	357 . 2 ,, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£719 ,, 12 ,, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Geo Jaffrey Esq ^r —	£300 —
John Penhallow —	110 . 5 . 8
Joseph Peirce —	5 . 0
Dan Humphreys —	26 . 5 . 10
	<u>£441 ,, 11 ,, 6</u>

John Peirce has in State Notes —	£269 . 9	
Certificates —	3 . 18	273 ,, 7 ,,
		<u>£714 ,, 18 ,, 6</u>

[*Vote of the House, Dec. 15, 1792.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 60.*]

In the House of Representatives Dec^r 15—1792

On Considering the memorial of Jon^a Peirce and Danⁿ Rindge and others of the masonian Proprietors and the report of a Committee thereon.—

Resolved that the Said Daniel Rindge the memorialists, who Owe State Notes to the State on their Several bonds &^c be Severaly allowed to pay their respective Balances in Speice at Seven shillings in the pound according to a Vote of the general Court passed at their Session in Dec^r 1791 provided they first pay in Said Notes, the Sum Specified in Said Vote to be so paid, excepting two hundred Seventy nine pounds two shillings the part thereof which is to be paid by George Jaffrey Esqu^r—and the Treasurer is directed to receive their respective payments accordingly

Sent up for Concurrence

Jn^o Sam. Sherburne Speak^r

In Senate Dec^r 19—1792. upon reading y^e above resolve voted that the further Consideration thereof be postponed untill to morrow Three of the Clock in y^e afternoon and that George Jaffrey Esqu^r be notified thereof that he may then attend if he shall See fit, and shew cause if any he hath why said Resolve may not be passed—

J. Pearson Sec^r—

a true Copy—

[*George Jaffrey to William Plumer, June 5, 1794.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 61.*]

Sir

In June 1789 a Bond was given to the Treasurer of the State, by Mess^{rs} D. Rindge and Jn^o Peirce, for forty thousand pounds in State Notes, to be paid in four annual Payments, for the Quit-Claim of the State, for a Claim made by the State of land, the Proprietors purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in New-Hampshire—and they requested to be released of their Bond for y^e whole forty thousand pounds in State Notes, by each Proprietor giving his bond individually, for the part or share he had in the Proprietary; for the whole debt then due to the state whereupon, The General Court

pass'd Such Acts as were necessary, to have a proportion made of each Proprietors Share of the debt, and assessment made thereon, and Power given to Collect the Same—where the Proprietor did not give his Bond to the Treasurer of the State but paid his proportion assessed for the Assessment made for his proportion of the debt to the State, for the Quit Claim—The assessment being made, On the 20th day of February 1789. I gave my bond to the Treasurer of the State, with a Surety, for the Sum of £1353—10—1—in State notes, on Interest, to be paid in four equal annual Payments—(however hard I conceived the Requisition of the general Court for payment of So much money for their Quitclaim of lands, for which I had paid my part of Taxes to the State for many years) I was desirous and determined to pay to y^e State, the Debt due by my Bond, as soon as I could—for that purpose, in march 1789. I sold a valuable tract of land, to be paid in June 1789: £350: in State notes, and in June 1790. £450—State Notes, and should have paid those notes to the State Treasurer as I received them; which, with State Notes I had on hand, and what I had a prospect of purchasing, I should have discharged my bond in the year 1790—but the persons who engaged to pay me y^e £800—State Notes deceived me in not paying the State notes, at the time they engaged the payments or since; wherefore it was out of my Power to discharge my bond to the State—

In December 1791. at the Session of the general Court Application was made by the Proprietors, praying they might discharge their individual bonds to the State for State Notes, in gold or Silver, at the rate the State notes were generally estimated at the time, when the agreement was made for the Quit Claim of the State, or at the time their Bonds were given to the State, individually—The day the request of the Proprietors, was under Consideration of the general Court, just before noon, m^r Humphries, told me it was Suggested in the general Court, that the Proprietors had the State Notes, and Supposed to improve them by Speculation, which Seem'd to be an Objection to their Petition; but that he thought was not the Case of the Proprietors; and that he would See the Proprietors, and know of them what each had on hand, and desired me to inform him what I had on hand; I told him I had betwixt £250: and £300: he wish'd that after dinner, I would Send in writing the Sum I had to m^r D. Rindge's, and doubted not, by such account rendered by the Proprietors, that Objection would vanish—in the afternoon I carried to m^r D. Rindge's a memorandum in writing, of having on hand in State notes £279. 2. 0; in desultory Conversation with m^r D. Rindge and m^r Jo^{ph} Peirce upon the matter, it was mentioned, that in the general Court, Several Sums of reduction of the

State Notes into Specie was proposed, by divers members; but whether any thing respecting payment of State Notes was mentioned, I do not remember—except in our Conversation, that M^r Jo: Peirce ask't me if I would pay my State Notes—I said yea, meaning, with those State notes I had on hand or any other money I could get to appropriate for discharge of my debt to the State, nor had I the least conception in what I said that I would pay those State notes I had on hand, exclusively of my debt due to the State by my bond; (however it might be the design of the Querist)—in the Evening the Resolve pass'd the general Court, being January 3^d 1792—, “That the Masonian Proprietors pay into the Treasury, new Hampshire State notes so much with what State Notes they have already paid upon Said bond, as will amount to 6333½ dollars, and that they have liberty To discharge the balance both Interest and principal that will remain due on Said bond, by paying Seven shillings in Specie, in lieu of, and in full for each twenty Shillings of the nominal Sum of Said balance”—the next day after the resolve passed the general Court; before noon, The Proprietors met, and the Resolve was com'unicated; and one of them asked me, if I would pay the £279.2, towards the ballance due in State notes—I answered I would not, it was replied I said I would, upon which I declared that I had not the least Idea or intention in anything I Said of paying the £279—2—State notes I had on hand exclusive of my proportion of Debt to the State, agreeable to my Bond to the State—m^r Humphries Said it was in the Resolve of the general Court that I should pay it; on recurring to y^e resolve, I found nothing like it—but that those of the Proprietors who had not paid unto the Treasurer State notes, should make up the deficiency in State notes, of what had not been paid of the 6333½ dollars in State notes mentioned in y^e Resolve; w^{ch} must be understood, in proportion of each respective Proprietors debt or obligation to the State—not the least expression or implication that any one Proprietor Should pay any express Sum in State notes, of the remainder of State notes, of what had not been paid of 6333½ dollars in Said notes—As there was no debt due to the State from the Proprietors individually but by their respective bonds to the State—a new debt must be created to any one Proprietor, to resolve he should pay any Sum more than his proportionable part of this balance in a divisional part to be made of it according to y^e assessment made of his proportion of the debt. which act of Injustice is not in the least imputable to y^e honourable general Court by their Resolve in January, 92; however m^r Humphries would urge it to the purpose of extorting the Sum of £279—2—0 from me; which is about £200. more than my proportion

of the balance to be paid by Such proprietors, as had not paid State notes—when m^r Humphries requested of me to give an Account of what State Notes I had on hand, to obviate an objection moved in the general Court, to the memorial of the Proprietors—I gave him no Authority to engage that Sum of £279—2— or any part thereof to be paid for me, and if he did, it was contrary to my knowledge or consent, I then expecting that the whole debts, by the bonds in State notes, Would be reduced to Specie, at Some rate; which was the design of the Proprietors, in their Application to the general Court—Nor can the words of the Resolve allow Such design or meaning.

The 6333½ dollars mentioned in y ^e Resolve w ^{ch} is	£1900
the Sum of State notes Some Prop ^{rs} had already paid	1537—10

balance in State notes to be paid, by those who had not paid notes	£362:10
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The Account rendered of What State notes on hand, of some Proprietors, viz^t m^r Jaffrey £279—2—m^r Penhallow £110.5.8 m^r Jo. Peirce £5—m^r Humphries £26:5:10 is £420:13:6 by this Statement the State Notes, in the hands of the Prop^{rs} above mentioned, were more than the full ballance in State Notes due from the Proprietors to the State, and if the general Court conceived or intended that those State notes in the hands of those Persons were to be so appropriated to discharge that Ballance, it would have been so expressed in the Resolve and they only to pay the whole ballance of £362.10; then there would have been no ballance in State notes to be paid by the masonian Proprietors who had not paid State Notes which the resolve requires to be paid by them who had not paid state notes to which inconsistency of the Resolve, without an absurdity, the resolve cannot be perverted, by the memorialists— which bring's me to the memorial dated December the 12th 1792— Signed by John Peirce Joseph Peirce and Daniel Humphries, for themselves and others—Viz^t—

“That a Vote or Resolve was passed by the general Court, at “their Session in December 1791, allowing Said Proprietors, who “owed State Notes on their Several Bonds to the State, to pay the “Same in Specie at Seven Shillings in the pound, after paying a “Specified sum in Said notes, That Sum in Notes, was made up of “the Several Sums which Several Proprietors had on hand, which “they gave an Account of, and were ready to pay. That George “Jaffrey Esqu^r then gave in what he had on hand, the Sum of two “hundred Seventy nine pounds two Shillings in Said notes; but

“hath ever Since refused to pay the Same. That of the others, “those possessed of the remaining Sum of Said notes have always “been ready and desirous to pay them, and are now ready to do it; “and all have wished as far as was in their power, to pay off or “lessen their Several debts by making payments of the Specie part, “But the Treasurer hath not conceived himself at liberty to receive “partial payments, nor indeed any at all in Specie, untill the payment in Said notes Should be completed.—

“They therefore pray that the Treasurer may be authorized to “receive of the other Proprietors, possessed of Said Notes, The “whole Sum Specefyed in Said resolve, excepting and deducting “only the aforesaid Sum to be paid by the said George Jaffrey “Esqu' and upon Such payment by them made, to receive from all “other Obligors, excepting on the Said Jaffrey's bond, Such Sums “in Specie, as they may pay, at the rate fixed in Said Resolve, and “they as in duty bound shall ever pray &c° &c°

“Signed Jn° Peirce Joseph Peirce Dan^l Humphries for themselves and other Proprietors ”

I never knew or heard of the above memorial, till late in the Evening of the 19th December 1792—which was then presented to me by some of the Memorialists, with the Resolve of the House of Representatives, pass'd the 15th day of that month, granting the prayer of that Memorial—and a Vote of the Senate pass'd the 19th day, (viz^t) “That the further Consideration thereof be postponed till to morrow “at three of the Clock of the afternoon, and that George Jaffrey “Esqu' may then attend, if he see fit, and shew Cause, if any he hath, “why Said Resolve may not be passed ” on that 19th day of December I returned from Boston, the next morning I found my Self unable, in health, to go to Exeter, to attend the Senate that day, and not having time to collect Such papers as were necessary to peruse, and be produced to the Senate, to Shew cause why the Senate Should not concur with the resolve of the House—(As it was the usual practice in the general Court, to pass upon any matter, at the time they prefix't, for that purpose,) in So short time from the Evening of one day to three of the Clock afternoon of the next day, I could Scarcely do more to be Sent up to Exeter by three of the clock afternoon of y^e 20th day than write to the Senate my Thanks for allowing me that Short time to shew cause, why the resolve of the house should not be passed by the Senate, and to offer any reason I could then recollect, why the resolve should not be passed by the Senate: which was to this purpose; That I was under no kind of Obligation to pay more to the State, than was assessed, as my part of the Proprietors debt, to the State, by the assessors legally appointed

To assess the Same, and for which my bond was given to the State—The Debt due from the Proprietors to the State was partly paid by Some of them—and what was due was wholly Secured to the State, by the individual Bonds of each Proprietor for his part, due to the State agreeable to his assessment;—The memorial was formed for a design or view but to request the general Court to take from me one Proprietor, State Notes to discharge the debts due, of a Balance in State Notes, of other Proprietors, the Memorialists—w^{ch} sum to be taken from me more than my proportion of y^e Ballance being about £200. State notes for which there is not the least Obligation to the State or otherwise that I should pay it, Notwithstanding it passed the house very Soon; and not^s I offered to pay my just debt till I did pay more than I owed; the Memorial was dated y^e 12th day of December and the prayer thereof granted by the House, on Saturday y^e 15th day of that month, without notifying me either of the memorial being preferred, or a day given me to be heard upon it, to shew Cause why the Prayer should not be granted—upon notification of a memorial presented and an Opportunity of being heard upon it, being the practice of the general Court, when a petition is preferred to them by one party against another—but in my Case, that practice was laid aside; a resolve passed without allowing my being heard; & ex parte, to take from me about £200. State notes, to pay the Debts of others the memorialists—by which procedure of the House, I was denied the privilidge of a Citizen of the State, and my property taken from me, for the benefit of private persons, and eventually deprived me for a time of my paying a debt to the State, when I would have paid it, & which was upon Interest, which Proceeding by the house, in a case of private Right and Property, where the State is no way interested, but only private persons, is a proceeding very arbitrary, as it was unjust especially when other Courts are provided in the State to determine Such private matters, when disputed; & no Precedent can be found in this State, if in any other in the Union, where private Property has been so treated as mine in this Case; and if this Proceeding should be made a precedent I think the Property of the Citizens of this State has but little Security, and held very precariously, if to be taken from the owner for y^e benefit of others by their memorial only desiring it, and that without an opp^s of being heard upon the case—but so it was determined, upon a Memorial only on which Memorial I would make Some observations—The first Paragraph of the memorial is—“The general Court passed “a Resolve in their Session in December 1791 allowing Said Proprietors who owed State Notes on their Several bonds to the State, “to pay the Same in Specie at Seven shillings in the pound, after

“paying a Specified Sum in said Notes, was made up of the Several Sums, which Several Proprietors had on hand which they gave account of, and were ready to pay” The Application of the Proprietors to the general Court to Reduce their Debt to the State in State Notes was referred to a Committee, what their Report was I never knew, but presume the Resolve was founded upon it—And upon what principle, the Specified Sum, or balance to be paid by those Proprietors, Who had not paid State Notes, should be made up of the Several Sums, four of the Proprietors had on hand, and rendered an Account of; I am at loss—I can Scarcely conceive the general Court, would arbitrarily, determine, because those Proprietors, accidentally had those State Notes on hand, they Should be Applied to the payment of the debts of the other Proprietors—And that they were all ready to pay those State Notes they had on hand is an allegation not true in respect to me—what was the Inducement of m^r Penhallow, peremptorily to give the Sum of £110-5-8 in Notes toward the ballance due from the Proprietors who had not paid State Notes, I know not—as to m^r Jo. Peirce paying the £5- he had on hand, and m^r Humphries, for m^r G. Sparhawk, £26-5-10 he had on hand, they being ready to pay those Sums for their respective parts of the Balance due from the Proprietors Who had not paid notes, is easily accounted for, as it is but a Small part, of Peirce’s proportion of his part of the ballance, and I believe not half of m^r Sparhawk’s part of that balance in notes—and as to y^e Sum of £279-2—in State Notes I rendered an Account I had on hand, I never was ready to pay any more of that Sum than my proportion of the balance due to the State, in State Notes agreeable to the Resolve of the general Court pass’d at their Session in December 1791—in which it is neither expressed or implied that I should pay that Sum in Notes—what had been paid in State notes by Some of the Proprietors, was their individual Debts in whole or in part, & had no relation or connection with y^e other Proprietors debts

The next paragraph “That George Jaffrey Esqu^r then gave in “what he had on hand the Sum of £279-2-0 in Said Notes, but “hath ever Since refused to pay the same; that of the others, those “possessed of the remaining State notes, have always been ready “and desirous to pay them, and are now ready to do it; and all have “wished, as far as was in their Power, to pay off or lessen their “Several debts, by making payments of the Specie part, But the “Treasurer hath not conceived himself at liberty to receive partial “payments nor indeed any payments at all in Specie, untill the payment in Said notes were completed” I did give an Account of having £279. 2. State notes I had on hand in December 1791. at the

request of m^r Humphries, for no other purpose but removing an Objection, disadvantageous to the obtaining of the general Court, y^e liberty of discharging the Proprietors debts to the State, to be paid in Specie instead of State Notes; but with no design of making any payment of them on my own Account or of any others—at the time I told him I had that sum in State notes on hand and that those others who possessed State notes, there is no doubt, but the Treasurer would have received them, Since the resolve of the general Court at their Session in December 1791. to the passing of the Resolve in December 1792. and also payments in Specie, in whole or in part of the Memorialists, for their Respective debts, by their bonds to the State—which they Say in their memorial they were wishing and desirous of paying and ready to do as far as was in their power to lessen their debts—to which payments I conceive there was no hindrance by the Treasurer not receiving y^e whole or part of their respective debts in State notes or in specie from Jan^y 3^d 1792 to December 21st 1792 which conception or assurance I ground upon the Experience of payment I had made in part of my Debt at the Treasury, Since my disapointment of receiving £800. in State notes in 1790, and ever Since, have been anxious about discharging my bond to the State, and Since the Resolve of the general Court of paying Specie instead of State notes, except my part of ballance in State notes I “wished and was desirous of paying my Debt to the State, and lessening it when in my power”—I was at Exeter the latter of September 1793. and fearing my bond would be put in Suit. I waited upon the Treasurer, to know if it was Soon intended; or if he would receive part of y^e Debt without the whole; he readily told me he would; in the beginning of October I sent him £159:14.8 in Specie which he received and advised me he had endorsed it on my bond—by which Instance, the Treasurer then conceived himself at liberty to receive partial payments before y^e payment in State Notes were completed—wherefore the alegation in the memorial was not true, but a false Insinuation of a difficulty of their discharging their Debts, in whole or in part, to the State between Jan^y 3^d 1792. & Dec^r 21st 1792. which false Insinuation made to obtain the grant of their petition to take from me in State Notes about £200—more than my proportion of debt to discharge their respective debts in said Notes; & which in fact appear's to be an assertion of falsehood though proved Successfull to their purpose—I continued my Intention of discharging my bond to y^e State; by collecting money for that purpose; in the Month of May 1793. I received the principal part of the Sum I recovered of Rand, with which and other money I procured, I had it in my Power to discharge my bond to the State, and mentioned my Intention to the Treasurer, he said that he could not receive it, being

restrained by the Resolve of the general Court in December 1792, unless I paid £279-2-0 in State notes—from that time to my Tender made to the Treasurer in February last, I had the full Sum of my Debt in hand, to discharge my Debt to the State—but it could not be received by the Treasurer

The Prayer in the memorial is Similar to the memorial, at any rate to wrest from me a Sum in state notes, to pay the debts of the memorialists in those notes, and to prevent me from discharging my bond to the State which is as malicious as injurious; but how the matter passed in the house, in every Respect, I am to conjecture, and that any men however esteem'd for their Importance and Influence, Should obtain Such a Resolve in the way and manner it was effected, without my having an opp^o of being heard especially upon So Slender a pretence as my Saying I would pay my State Notes in hand to discharge my own Debt to the state, and perverting that equivocal expression to a purpose, there was not any ground, in reason, Circumstance, or common Sense to Support—but if that expression was obtained, with the insidious design, to be improved to the purpose it is used, deserve's epithets, I will not mention, and what I had not the least Suspicion of, upon many accounts, from those who authorize Such a Design of taking my property from me in that manner—As you intend to be at Amherst next week—I think it probable the affair of my tender to the Treasurer may be Considered by the general Court this Session, I desire you will appear for me as the matter will be only in Respect to the state and my Self; as I had not the oppertunity of being heard upon the memorial I hope I may at this Session upon the Tender—I now Send you a true State of the facts before the last memorial and the resolve thereon pass'd the general Court, and Some Sentiments respecting the affair as they occur to me; but depend upon your Judgement on the Validity and propriety of the whole Process—and hope you will have Oppertunity to be heard in my behalf—I am not able to attend the general Court in person, or I would take the Oppertunity of the pleasure of waiting upon them—As the Affair has been vexatious to me—I wish it may be now determined at this Session, and wish it may be bro't to a final issue; tho' the present Case is mine a precedent may be made of it, where every citizen in Respect to Right & privelege may be affected by y^e Determination of it—I hope you will be able to read what I have wrote, and when you made use of it for your own perusal; pray return it to me, being a rough draft—

I am with Respect—

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

Portsmouth June 5th 1794
William Plummer Esqu^r

Geo: Jaffrey

[*Oliver Peabody to George Jaffrey, July 12, 1794.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 62.*]

Exeter July 12th 1794.

Sir/

I send you enclosed a Copy of a Vote passed at the Session of y^e General Court in June last—you will see by that, that your Bond is to be sued unless you pay agreeable to the resolve you once shewed to me—If you are disposed to settle it may now be done, if not, I must as a public Officer cause a suit to be commenced by the 24th day of the present Month

I am Sir with respect with very
h^lble Serv^t

Oliver Peabody

P. S. I expect to be from Home from this day, to the 20th of y^e Month, & if you, should conclude to settle, I wish you would not call on me before the 21st—

[*Deed, Woodbury Langdon to Proprietors, Aug. 15, 1795.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 64.*]

Know all Men by these Presents that I Woodbury Langdon of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham & State of New Hampshire Esquire for and in consideration of Twenty Cents & Compensation made me by the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq otherwise called the Masonian Proprietors lying within the State aforesaid Commonly called Masons Patent Have remised, released & forever Quit claimed & by these presents do remise release & forever Quit claim unto George Jaffrey Esquire of Portsmouth aforesaid Clerk of said Proprietors and to each and every other of the said Proprietors myself only excepted to be held by them in the same manner as they now hold Common Lands in said Patent and according to their several & Respective shares and Interest therein and to his & their heirs & Assigns forever in the manner & proportions aforesaid all my Right, Title, property claim & Demand of in & to all the Lands now held in common & Undivided among said Proprietors within said Patent which I hold by purchase from Michael Wentworth Esq. in the Right of John Wentworth Deceased be the same more or Less—

To have and to hold the said granted Premises with the priviled-

ges and appurtenances thereof to the said George Jaffrey and all the other Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason otherwise called the Masonian Proprietors excepting only myself in the Right of said John Wentworth as aforesaid & to their Heirs & Assigns to enure to their use according to their several & respective Rights & parts therein & to their only use and benefit forever—

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Fifteenth day of August 1795.—

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presence of

Joshua Brackett
Daniel Marden

W^r Langdon [seal]

Rockingham ss August 15th 1795 Then Woodbury Langdon Esq personally appearing acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and deed—

before George Gains Jus Peace

Strafford Records Rec^d October 1st 1795—

J. P. Gilman Recorder

Recorded Lib 20, Fol 353 Examined by

J. P. Gilman Register

[*N. Dane to George Jaffrey, Feb. 5, 1798.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 65.]

Beverly February 5. 1798—

Sir

I enclose to you at the request of the Hon^o Israel Hutchinson Esq^r his application to your propriety in which his case is So fully stated that I need not add any Observations; but only Request of you the favour to have a meeting of your propriety to consider this application and to inform him or me by post when and where he may attend Such meeting or a Committee of your propriety, to explain to them more fully his Case, with his papers, evidence, and particular Accounts—

I am Your Ob^t Servant—

N. Da[torn]

George Jeffrey Esq^r

[Note in another handwriting]

Suppose to be N Dane

[*Jeremiah Smith to George Jaffrey, April 29, 1800.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 66.*]

Exeter 29 Ap^l 1800

D Sir

I have made a Mem^o which I enclose of the state of the Case ag^t Hartwell in the County of Cheshire which you may peruse & with the depositions in perpetuum & the Copy of Cap^t John Masons Will in your possession lay before M^r Mason or M^r Livermore & take their advice respecting the queries I have made & anything else that may occur—I shall be at the Circuit Court 19 May at Portsmouth & can confer with them if not convenient to forward their Opinion before

It is impossible for me to attend at the first week of the Court in Cheshire County & therefore unless you can procure other Counsel to supply my place the causes must be given up & reviewed

If you cannot get other Counsel to attend I will make an attempt with Hartwell who acts for Stickney as well as for himself to postpone til the 2^d Week or continue but have not much hopes of succeeding He that would agree to take your land away unjustly will hardly be induced to grant any favor that you may have a fair Trial

The Cause in Hillsborough as to the Deering lands I think Must be further continued as I have not been able to go upon the Ground with the Referees—very respectfully

Yours

Jeremiah Smith

Geo Jaffrey esquire

[*Act for Holding Meetings in Portsmouth, June 10, 1803.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 68.*]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

[L S] In the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three

An Act authorising the Masonian Proprietors to hold their Proprietary Meetings in the town of Portsmouth—

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, that the owners of the common and undivided Lands in this State purchased of John Tufton Mason deceased,

commonly called the Masonian Proprietors, be and they hereby are authorised and empowered to hold their Proprietary meetings in the town of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham for transacting any and all business relating to said Proprietary, and that all votes acts and doings of said Proprietors passed, done or transacted at any meeting or meetings so to be holden in said Portsmouth, shall have the like force effect and validity as the same would have if passed, done or transacted at a meeting or meetings of said Proprietors duly holden in the respective towns & Counties where the Lands to which such votes, acts or doings may relate are situate. Provided that such meeting or meetings so to be holden in said Portsmouth shall in all respects, except the place of holding the same, be holden agreeably to the provisions of the Laws regulating proprietors meetings—

State of New } In the House of Representatives June 8th 1803
 Hampshire } The foregoing Bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted
 Sent up for Concurrence

John Prentice Speaker

In Senate June 9th 1803 This Bill having been read a third time was enacted—

Amos Shepard President

Approved June 10th 1803

J T Gilman Govern^r—

A True Copy Attest

Nath^l Parker Dep^y Sec^y

[*Joseph Blanchard to John Peirce, April 15, 1804.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 69.]

April 15 1804—

Sr Should I pretend to excuse a delay you'd Hardly believe me the affidavits you'l please to Examin if wrong they Shall be made Right Squire Raymond is dece^d I mentioned your Debt to him he readily acknowledged it and Said it was Secured by a Mortgage Intend. to be at Concord Election perhaps you will be there So Rest your

Ob^t Serv^t

Jos Blanchard

John Peirce Esq

[*Deposition of Ebenezer Towle, Oct. 6, 1803.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 73.]

I Ebenezer Toal of Fishersfield aged Forty Seven years Testify and Say that I have liv'd in the Lower part of Said Town ever Since excepting two winters I was Seventeen years old That the Next Fall after I was in Said Town I assisted Zephaniah Clark Esq^r to lay out Sundry five hundred acre lots on the Curve line of Masons Patent, and that I proceeded on Said Line, in the Fall of the year 1773, from Unity road to the south west Corner of Said town which was a Small beach tree on the Curve line marked J P 1771 and we marked the Same time a large beach near it Z C., J C, E T., P T: & 1773 which were the Initial's of Zephaniah Clark the Surveyor Joseph Chandler Paul Toal and my Self—we then turn'd off & run the Southerly side line of the Said Town so Far as to lay out five 500 acre Lots on that Line, afterwards we return'd to the west line of the Town being the Said curve line and then laid out five 500 acre Lots numbered Six—Seven—eight—nine & ten—and we finished this work on the last day of September which I shall always rember being a very cold Storm of Sleet and rain and was so Severe, that Ice succles several inches long hung to the Trees—the Next Fall 1774 I was employ'd by the Prop^{rs} of Fishersfield to Cut a Road from Unity road by the curve line and my Self and Others Cut a road in Fishersfield near the curve line more than one mile and an half which went to Lot Number Six, that I then well Knew the curve line being the west line of Fishersfield and that part of it I have known ever Since and was always Call'd and Known to be the west Line of Masons Patent—I further testify & Say that at the request of John Purce Esq on monday the 3^d of this octo^r I Join'd in Washing[ton] Joseph Blanchard Jeremiah Bacon Esq^{rs} Cap^t Samuel Gunnison and proceeded with them to perambulate the Said Curve line and began on the Turnpike road about Sixty rods from M^r Bingham's Turnpike gate we then proceeded on the Line found it well marked for near half a mile and there were trees marked & Chop'd into which appeared to be antiantly marked, we then came to Clear'd land which we Cross'd and found the line as Soon as we came into the woods which we foll'd up a Brushey hill to the top where we Soon found the line and on Following it came to a beach tree marked 3, &, 4 which We Supposed to be the corners of two 360 acre Lots in Washington—then came to an ash tree marked for the original Corner of Camden as we Suppos'd—which we Marked J, B, 1803 S G, E T, proceeding on the Same line thro' clear'd land in the Possession of Carys heirs,

and partly thro' the woods by old marks to the original Corners of Fishersfield and Washington being a beach tree Fallen down with a heap of Stones round the Stump the tree was marked, J, P 1771 we marked a beach Tree by it S G., E T, the old marks on it were Z C., E T & 1773 and then Cut into an old Mark and found the granes to be Grown over the Spot as many as fifty proceeding on the Line found a Beach tree marked 45, a Corner of a Lot in fishersfield, then came to Some Clear'd land and Some woods and Found the Old marks where Trees were Standing and on the line came to a beach tree marked 1769, 37 miles M P L R F J P—and we marked it S G E T., & 1803, we then proceeded on the Same line we found the Stump of a tree the corner of Lot N° 7, a five hundred acre Lot in fisherfield and proceeded a Little further we marked on the line a large maple tree we marked it J B 1803, S G E T and proceeding further on the Line we found an old road now much grown up with Brush and then proceeding further on the line being well marked where there were trees, came to a birch tree 9 M P., & 10 M P, being the corners of two 500 acre Lots in Fishersfield the said old road going nearly Parrellel with the Said Line and came to a large Red Oak tree in the Line antiantly marked which we marked J B, S, G E T 1803—Proceeding further on the line found Gorham corner being a beach Tree marked B, W S G, and we marked it J B, S G E T 1803 going on the Line further Came to the road leading to Unity, by Deacon Gunnisons young appletrees being on the Line and then came to a large Maple and a hemlock tree we mark both Trees with Several Spots on each Tree which Stood by the road leading to Newport then Proceeding on the Line which we found well marked to the Hill which was Burn't over and near the top of the Hill on the Line found a Beach tree marked 1769, M P L 4, 2 R F we marked it J B, S G, E T, 1803 then went on the Line to Sunnepe Pond in company with the Said Bacon and Gunnison

Ebenezer Towl

Dated Octo^r 6, 1803—

State of New Hamp^r } ss—octo^r 6th 1803, then persoally appeared
 Hillsborough } before us the Subscribers the above named
 Ebenezer Toal Subscriber to the foregoing deposition and after being
 duly Cautioned to Testify the Whole Truth and nothing but the
 Truth made Solemn oath that the foregoing deposition as by him
 Subscribed Contains the Truth and nothing but the Truth and all he
 knows Concerning the Matters it relates to and is taken in perpetuum
 rei memoriam Before

John Duncan } Justices of Peace
 Benjamin Pierce } Unus Quorum

[*Depositions of Jeremiah Bacon and Samuel Gunnison, Oct. 6, 1803.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 74.*]

I Jeremiah Bacon of Hancock in the State of New Hampshire, aged forty nine years Testify & Say that I resided in the Town of Washington in Said State about Seventeen years and then and ever Since have understood that the curve line of Masons Patent was the west line of Washington, but had never been on any part of it until the last week when I was call'd upon by Isaiah Kidder to perambulate Said curve line & the west Line of Washington—and that I together with Joseph Blanchard Esq & Cap^t Samuel Gunnison entered on the Service on friday the 30th day of September last and proceeded to the south west Corner of S^d Washington which was the N. W. corner of Stoddard and was a Beach tree marked on the South Side, 7, and on the north Side, 8, we marked a Beach Tree by it 1803 & J B we then proceeded northward a Course of N. 28. E and Soon found a well marked line, many of the trees were marked at three different times one Set of Markes appeared to be very antiant & at the distance of about half a mile from Said corner we found a Hemlock tree mark^d H N., and on persuing said line about half a mile further we found a beach tree marked J A H which tree we marked J B & 1803 and persuing the Same line a Little further found a beach tree marked 1769 M P L 27 miles & 209 rods we mark^d it 1803 J K J B and about twenty rods further we found a hemlock tree marked we chop'd into the mark and found it marked at least fifty years ago, by counting the Granes which had grown over the Spot after it was made and persuing the Same line found many Trees Spotted in like manner of equal Antiquity—we Soon after, on the Same line found a tree marked 1772 we also mark it J B & 1803 we Still pursu'd the Line with the compas the Cause aforesaid, over Brussy land where but few trees were Standing and Crossed Ashuwelot river, and came to marlow road and Sit my Compass and found the line wou'd go over a burnt Hill on Which very few trees were Standing and those were dead—But beyond that Hill we found the Same Line Marked as before mentioned and Frequently with three Spots on a tree this line we pursued to the turn pike road (and Just before we came to the road we marked a Large Burch tree) and Struck it by a Small bridge Sixty two rods east of the Gate kept by Vina Byngham, on the last mentioned part of the Line we found Several of the markd trees Lately Chop'd into on the Spots and by Counting the Granes grown over the marks found they had been Spotted at least fifty years ago—we then proceeded from the

Said bridge on the s^d line found it well marked for near half a mile and there were trees marked Chop'd into as aforesaid which appeared to be as autiantly marked as those on the other Side of the road, we then came to clear'd land which we cross'd and found the line as Soon as we came into the woods and follow'd it up a Brushey Hill which we assended keeping the course of the Line till we came into the Woods, on the top of the hill where we found the marks again and following the Line Came to A beach tree marke Number 3, & 4, which I suppos'd to be the corners of two, 360 acre Lots Lying in Washington then came to an ash tree marked for the Original Corner of Camden as we Suppos'd—which we marked J B 1803, S G., E T, then proceeded on the Same Line thro' clear'd land in the Possession of Carys heirs—and partly thro', the woods by the old marks to the original Corners of Fishersfield and Washington being a beach tree Fallen down with a heap of Stones round the Stump—the tree was marked J P., 1771—we marked a Beach tree Just by it S G., E T the old marks on it were Z C, E T & 1773 and Just by this mark we Chop'd into an old mark on the Same line and found the Granes which had grown over the Spot to Count at Least fifty—Proceeding on the Same line we found a Beach tree marked 45., which we Suppos'd to be a Corner of a Lot in fishersfield then came to Some Clear'd land interspersed with woods and Always found the Same line & marks where the Trees were Standing—and Still following the Same line about one mile found a beach tree on the Line marked 1769, 37, miles M P L., R F., J P and we marked it S. G., E T 1803, then proceeding on the Same Line we found the Stump of a Tree the corner of Lot N^o 7 a five hundred acre Lot in fishersfield and proceeded a Little further we marked on the Line a Large maple tree we marked it J B., 1803. S. G. T, and proceeding farther on the line marked as afore mentioned we found an old road now much Grown up with Brush—and then proceeding farther on the line Some times in Clear land and Some times in the woods the Line being well marked where there were trees, came to a Birch Tree Marked M P 9, &, M P 10, being the corners of two, 500 acre Lots in Fishersfield the Said old road continuing nearly Parrellel with the Said line—and Still continuing thereon came to a large red Oake in the Said line autiantly marked which we marked J, B, S G., E T., 1803 Proceeding further on the Same line found Goshen Corner being a Birch tree marked B., W, S G, and we marked a beach tree by it J B, S G E T., 1803, and Still proceeding on the Same Line to the road Leading from Fishersfield to Unity by Deacon Gun-nisons young apple trees—being on the Said Line and Still proceeding on the same line to a large maple tree & a Hemlock Growing

Just by new port road which we marke with Several Large Blases— then Proceeded on the Same Line which we found well marked till we came to a Burnt Hill and near the top of the Hill on the Line found a Beach Tree marked 1769 M P L 42 R F which Tree we marked J B, S G., E T, 1803, then on the Line to Sunnepee pond where I Set the Compas the Course of the Line which intersected a Small Island in the pond at the distance of about half a mile

and I the Said Jeremiah Bacon do further testify & Say that in perambulating the aforesaid Line, I in General found it well marked and in many places renew'd and the line and the Courses first run so well agreeing with the Marks (which appeared very antiant) that I have not the least Doubt of it's being the Original line as Run by the Said Blanchard for Masons Patent Line as much as fifty years ago—

Jere^b Bacon

Dated octo^r 6, 1803

I Samuel Gunnison of Fishersfield aged forty Six years Testify & Say that I Attended the Whole perambulation of the Line herein before mentioned from Stoddard N., W., corner by Washington & Fishersfield to Sunnepee pond and well remember the whole procedure and can fully Attest to the whole truth of the Same in every particular matter of Fact herein before related—I also Further testify and Say that I have resided in fisherfield for more than twenty years last pass'd and have heard and Known the Said line all the time well against the Lots from N^o. 7. to Sunnepe pond and always heard it Called Masons Patent line as run by the before named Joseph Blanchard many years ago—

Samuel Gunnison

dated octo^r the 6th 1803—

State of New Hamp^r } october 6th 1803—then Personally
 County of Hillsborough } appeared Jeremiah Bacon and Samuel
 Gunnison Subscribers to the foregoing depositions who being duly
 Cautioned to testify the Truth the Whole Truth and nothing but the
 Truth—by us the Subscribers—made Solemn oath to the Truth of
 the forgoing depositions as by them respective Subscribed that they
 respectively Contain the Truth the whole Truth and nothing but
 the truth concerning the matters they respective relate to—(the
 Same being written on the five Preeceeding pages which are Each
 Subscribed by the above named deponants)—these depositions are
 taken in Peperuum Rei memoriam Before—

John Duncan } Justices of the Peace
 Benjamin Pierce } Unus Quoram

[*Deposition of Joseph Blanchard, April 7, 1804.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 75.]

I Joseph Blanchard of Thornton, in the State of Newhampshire, aged seventy four years, testify and say, That about the year 1751, my father, Joseph Blanchard Esq^r, then of Dunstable, now Deceased, fitted me out with a party of men to run and mark the west line of Mason's Patent. I sat out on the business sometime in the month of October, with the following persons. viz James Whitney, Isaac Patch, Oliver Blodget, Jonathan Farwell, Samuel Butterfield, Jonathan Snow and Josiah Brown. These are all dead. John Renall and John Stearns were also with me, and are now alive. I was furnished with a Map of the Patent made by the late Daniel Pierce Esq^r, as I suppose on which was laid down the Curve Line, and the three first courses I was to run which was from the southwest corner of the Patent, and from thence I calculated the rest.—I began to measure Westwardly on the Province Line, at the South-West corner of Ringe, the distance from the Sea to that place being then ascertained. I measured from thence about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles; then went Northwardly according to the direction given me, till I run measured and Spotted a Line all the way till I came to the West side of Newfound Pond, being sixty seven miles from the Southwest corner of the Patent, and within about five miles of Merrimac River.—On my return I made a plan thereof, which I suppose was returned to the Proprietors of the Patent.—

I further testify, that about four years ago I was called upon by the Proprietors of Stoddard to see if I could find the Line I had formerly run for the Patent, or Curve Line. They shewed me the Southwest corner of the town of Stoddard. A person by the name of Lock, who had lived there many years, shewed me a Beech tree, near Stoddard corner, which he said was in the Patent-Line, and said it was the 20 mile Mark. The tree was fallen down, and on examining, I found it marked J B, and the figures appeared to be 20 and 1751. Though by age they were rendered imperfect, yet I had not the least doubt of their being made by me when I run the Line.—I then being satisfied with respect to the Line, proceeded Northwardly with a number of the Inhabitants of Stoddard, and set my Compass the course of the Line as formerly run, which, went over cleared land for half a mile, came into the woods, where I found the Line, and several of Fletcher's particular marks on the trees, with the date of 1769, and the initials of his name marked thus R F. Between Stoddard Southwest and Northwest corners, several trees were

chopped into on the Marks and several had fifty Growths or Granes over the spots others had better than thirty Granes grown over the Spots, which seemed to agree with my Running the Line, and Fletcher's renewing the Marks.—On this line, and near Stoddard Northwest corner, I found a tree fallen down, which the people said was formerly marked and Lettered. I examined, and found it marked thus, J B, and several figures on it, but age had made them unintelligible.—

I further testify, that I attended a second perambulation of the West line of Stoddard, with Committees from Stoddard and Marlow, and two Surveyors mutually chosen by those Committees to ascertain the Line run by me for the West line of Mason's Patent; and the line which those surveyors should report to have been run by me, was to be considered the standing line between those towns in future. In this perambulation more antient marks were found, than the first time I went on it.—

I further testify and say, that John Pierce Esq^r of Portsmouth requested me to meet him at the house of Esq^r Penniman in Washington on the 28th day of September last.—I met him at one Farnsworth's, just by Penniman's, at the time he requested, and I, together with Jeremiah Bacon, Cap^t Samuel Gunneson and Isaiah Kidder, went to the Northwest corner of Stoddard, which is the Southwest corner of Washington, which appeared to be a small Beech tree marked 7 on one side, and 8 on the other. I marked a Beech tree just by it J B and 1803, and, proceeding Northwardly, found a line well marked, and often the trees had been marked three times.—The course of this line the Surveyor said was North 28 Degrees East.—About half a mile from the corner we found a tree marked H., N.*—A little further we found a Beech tree marked J, A, H.—I marked it J B: 1803, and pursuing it a little further we found a Beech tree marked 1769, M P L 27 miles and 209 rods. I marked the same tree J B, 1803. Kidder marked it I K.—About twenty rods from this tree we chopped into the spot on a large Hemlock tree, and found the Growths over the spot to count more than fifty, and in pursuing this line we found many trees were marked of equal antiquity. We then found on the line a tree marked 1772. I marked J B & 1803.—The Surveyor followed the line with the compass over brushy land, and crossed Ashuelot River, and came to Marlow Road.—The line run over a large hill. The trees were killed by fire and the hill almost bare.—The course being pursued, came into a thick wood, where the marks were found again, and they continued to the Turnpike Road, and came to it sixty two rods east

*for H Neal

of Bingham's Gate, at a small Bridge. To the south of this road, several spots on trees were chopped into, and the Granes over the spots counted more than fifty.—

Monday the 3rd day of October, I, with the said Jeremiah Bacon, Samuel Gunneson & Ebenezer Toal, proceeded in perambulating the said West line of Mason's Patent, begining at the said Bridge on the Turnpike. And on advancing Northwardly through uncleared land, which extended half a mile, many antient marks were found and lately chopped into, and the spots appeared, by counting the Granes over them, to have been marked at least fifty years ago: then over cleared land, and on entering the woods, we found the marks as before till we came to a brushy hill. I then, being unwell, could not proceed with the perambulators any furthur thad day. The next day I pursued, came to them, and went with them to the line which they had followed, renewing it and marking as they went; and on my following it after them I found where they had marked a tree near the Original Corner of Fishersfield, and there they chopped into a spot on a Spruce tree. The Growths over the spot counted upwards of fifty. The Chopping I saw, and the Block they said they brought from the tree.—I proceeded with these men on the line from that place. I went with them to it, which was just by one Stearns', who lived on the West line of a lot once owned by Thomas Wallingford. On this line the old marks were plenty. I there marked a large Maple 1803 and J B—laid several stones round the tree, and proceeding on that line, came to Penhallow's lot, and marked a Beech J B 1803; it was then marked with several other letters.—

The men then went on without me about a mile; I then went with them to the line, and came to it by the road leading to Newport, and marked a large Maple with several spots, and also a large Hemlock just by it. Both trees were on the North side of the road. I pursued the line with them, and found it well marked for more than a mile; it then came to a hill that had been burnt over and the brush grown up, and no marks appeared. The men proceeded forward till they came to Sannepee Pond, as they have deposed.—

Dated Apr^l the 7th 1804—

Joseph Blanchard

Apr^l 7th 1804—

State of New Hampshire }
County of Hillsborough } ss—

Then personally appeared the above named Joseph Blanchard Subscriber to the above and the Seven foregoing leaves and made Solemn Oath that the Said leaves contain a Just and true Account of the

running marking and renewing the line he formerly run for the west bounds of Masons Patent (So called) according to the best of his Judgement & remembrance this Affidav' is taken in perpetuum Rei memoriam

Before

Timo. Taylor & } Justices of the Peace
Abel Goodridge } Quoram Unus

[*Deposition of John Stearns, April 13, 1804.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 76.]

I John Starnes of Amherst in the State of New Hampshire Testify and Say, that about fifty years ago I together with a Number of other Persons went with Joseph Blanchard (who now resides in the Town of Thornton) to run and mark the west line of Masons Patent as it was then Called, we were employ'd, as I then understood by his Father Col^o Blanchard late of Dunstable dec^d the Company met at Dunstable and Proceeded westerward till we made the Southwest corner of Said Patent which was in a place called Rowley Canady and not far from a large mountain Called GRAND Manadnock after we had made that Corner we proceeded Northerly, the Said Blanchard Running a line All the way and Some of the company measured it & marked it all the way & I remember that trees were marked with Letters & Figures—I Suppose for mile markes this Line we Continued measuring and marking for many days Crossing a larg pond then Called Sunnepee Pond and I well remember going to the west of what the men that were with me called Sunnepee Mountain, when we came to the pond we made a Raft of Logs and went over the Pond how the Said Blanchard Kept the line over the pond I do not remember but I well remember beginning to mark & measure after we crossed the pond and so continued for Several days till we came to another very large pond the number of miles from the corner to the last mentioned pond I remember to be Sixty Seven the time we were on that Line was not Far from a Fornight—

I Also further testify, that about one year ago I was employ'd by Some Persons belonging to Stoddard to go there and See if I had any Remembrance of that line & when I came to the place where thy Said the line was I found a Line well marked which appeared very antiant and about where I Suposed we went. this line I follow'd by the old marks Some Considerable way and on it found a tree marked with the Letters J B which I Suppose was made by the Said

Blanchard when he run the aforesaid Line I Also further Testify & Say that I was employ'd by John Peirce of Ports^o Esq to go on that Line with Some other persons who he had hired to perambulate it against the Towns of Washington & Fishersfield—this was Some time in the month of Octo^r last—I accordingly went and Was Shewn the Line which I Follow'd, with the other men Some ways and the Line appeared to be the Same which I had formerly help'd the Said Blanchard to measure and mark and in this perambulation I came to Sunnepe Mountain which I well Remember and Remember being on the Same Side of it that I was when I was markenge the line with the Said Blanchard which was on the west Side of it and not Far from it
John Stearns

County of Hillsborough } then personally appeared the above
April 13th 1804— } named John Starnes and After being duly
cautioned to Testify the Truth made Solem oathe that the foregoing
Deposition as by him Subscribed is Just and True and contains the
Truth and nothing but the Truth according to the best of his remem-
berance and Judgement and remberance, this affidvet is taken in
perputuam rei memoriam

Before Timo. Taylor } Justices of the peace
Jo^s Farwell } Quoram Unus

[*Jotham Rindge's Journal.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 90.]

David Varney	Wife	one Child
Nath ^l Varney	Wife	
Silas Varney	Wife	1 Child
Hezek ^r Varney	Wife	5 Children
Jn ^o Drew—	Wife	1 Child
Aron Drew	d ^o —	1 d ^o .
Isaac Drew—	d ^o —	3 d ^o —
John Kinnestone	d ^o —	2 d ^o —
W ^m Buzzell	d ^o —	4 d ^o —
W ^m Clark—	d ^o —	2
Job Allard—	d ^o —	
James Briant	d ^o —	4 d ^o
Nath ^l Wentworth	d ^o —	3—
Clement Steel	Wife	1 Child
Jn ^o Gillman	d ^o —	4 d ^o
Jerm ^h Gillman	d ^o —	5—

Benj Perken—	d°—	2
Tho ^s Perken—		2
Simeon Dearburne—		5
Sam ⁿ Willey—		1
Sam ⁿ Shervurn—		3
Jn ^o Wentworth—		5
Jacob Welch—		1
W ^m More—		1
Elph ^t Quimby—		1
Jn ^o Gilman Jun ^r —		1
Benj Horn—		4
Jo ^s Abbot—	d°—	0
Jn ^o Horn—	d°	0
Jo ^s Malum	d°—	0
David Copp—	d°—	1
1 Boy		
Noah Kimble	1—	0

Nottingham Dec^{br} 19th 1769

Surv^d Lotts N. 13th 8 Range
 Surv^d Lott N^o 7. Range
 W^m Langeson Orig^l propiete Some sapling & a few Dead Mast
 pines non worth Reserving for the King
 Employ^d by Coloⁿ Hilton of Newmarket—
 Surv^d Lott N^o 15 —9th Range
 No timbers for Kings use
 M^rs Piper

Chichester Dec^r 19 1769

Surv^d Lotts N 56. 57. 58. 3 divisⁿ 4 Range & mill Grant but little
 timber for the King a good many Saplings
 Cap^t Cram
 Surv^d Lott 33. in 3^d Range
 d° d° 27—d° d° d°
 Cap^t Cram

Chichester
Decem^{br} 19 1769

Surv^d Lotts N^o 39 40. 41 —2 Devision & 2^d Range
 Cram
 Surv^d Lotts N^o 32 3^d Divis 2^d Range—Frosts Heirs—
 Surv^d Lott N^o 4th Range 2^d Division Frost Origin^l

Surv^d Lotts N^o 42. 43. 44 3^d Range 2 Division
 Ran & Moulton
 the above Land hath but Little Kings Timbers Some saplings
 which they were to Cutt for the Buildings

Gillmanton Dec^{br} 20 1769

Surv^d Lott 11.. 12 2^d Range
 No pine fitt for Kings
 Flanders Weed—

Surv^d Lott 16 2 Range
 No pine for King
 Nicho^l Dudley

Surv^d Lott 11. 12. 3^d Range
 Cap^t Jon^a Gillman

Surv^d Lott N^o 13. 3^d Range
 Stephen Dudley

Surv^d Lott N^o 14 3 Ra
 W^m Smith—

Surv^d Lott N^o 15.
 Antipas Gillman

Surd Lots N 16 17. & 18
 Joseph Bagger Esq

Surv^d N^o 13 2^d Range
 Dudley Young—

Lotts Surv^d in Gillmanton
 Surv^d no White pine

Middleton Decem^{br} 26 1769

Surv^d Lotts N^o 41. 42. 43. 44
 Some Good Pine Timber for the Kings use
 Employd by Job Allard

Surv^d Lott N^o 49 no pine Trees fit of the King—
 James Briant

Surv^d Lotts N^o 3. 4. 13. 67 very little White pine timber fit for
 Kings for Isaac Drew

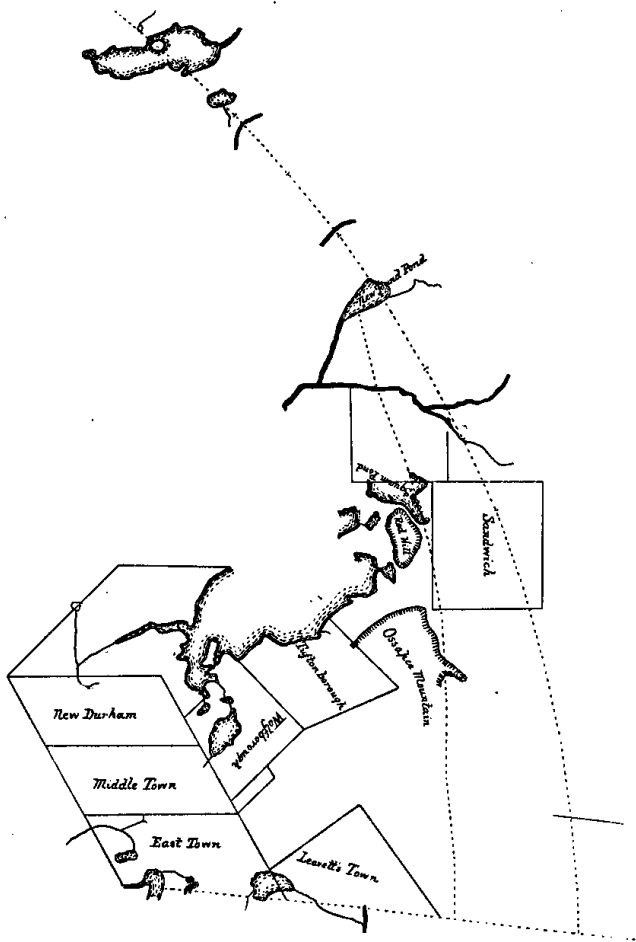
surv^d Lotts N^o 23. 46. 15. 14. 6 42. 17. 21. 19. 80. 22.
 East Town Dec^{br} 29 1769
 no timber for King

New Durham Ja^r 30 1770

surv^d Lott N^o 69 no pine fitt for Kings use for Shadrack Allard
 surv^d Lott N^o 6 some small Saplings done by shadra Allard
 Surv^d Lott N^o 63 some small Saplings done for David allard
 Surv^d Lott N^o 27 some small saplings done for Ebenezer Bickford
 Surv^d Lott N^o 8 some small Saplings. for Money
 Surv^d Lotts 9 & 10. for James Berry & no Kings Timber
 Surv^d Lott N^o 11 no Kings Timber for Benj^a Berry
 Surv^d Lott N^o 64 no Kings Timber for Widow Berry

Middle Town Dec^{br} 25. 1769

David Varney on Lott. N^o 62 ab^t 2 Acres Fell $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre Clear'd
 House
 Nath^l Varney 63 ab^t 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres Clear'd; ab^t 4 or 5 Acres more fell
 a House Hovell corn house
 Andrew Horns Home Lott ab^t 1 Acre fell no Building
 no family Ephraim Ellis
 Saw Mill on W^m Wentworth Home Lott
 John Drew orig^l on Lott 87. 10 acres fell & ab^t 1 Acre Cleard
 House & Barn Frame
 Silas Varney (Noah Cross orig^l) Lott N^o 2 Acres fell ab^t $\frac{1}{2}$ an
 Acre Clear'd House no Barn family
 Aron Drew on Lott N 97 ab^t 4 or 5 Acres fell & 1 Acre Clear^d
 House no Barn family
 Lott N^o 100 2 Acres fell a small Frame done by Cha^s Hilton
 no family
 Hezek^a Varney N. (Isaac Watson Ori^s) 3 Acres Clear'd &
 two Fell House & no Barn family
 Lott N^o (Joseph Cook Orig^l) a few Trees fell ab^t 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre
 Moses Whitehouse Lot N 70 a small Frame & $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres Trees Fell
 none Crear'd. no family
 Joshua Guppy Lott N 12 part of Logg House very little Cleard &
 no family one
 John York N^o 10 part of Logg House ab^t 3 Acres fell no family
 none Cl^a



John Kenniston Lott N 7 ab^t 3 acres Cleard & 3 fell House & family

W^m Buzzell Lott N^o 7 ab^t 4 Acres Clear'd & 5 fell House & family—

W^m Clark N^o 5—2½ Acres Cleard, & 4 Acres fell House & family—

Lott N^o (Tim^o Hanson Orig^l) ab^t 2 Acres fell None Clear'd—no House

Lott N^o (Jn^o Roberts Orig) Elias Crichtet a Small frame ab^t 2 or 3 acres fell none Clear'd—

26 Decem^{br}

Lott N^o 3. a Small frame & ab^t 3 Acres fell Trees

W^m Elkins

Lott No 28 ab^t 2 Acres fell Trees done by M^r French

Lott (Con^t Page Orig^l) ab^t 4 Acres fell & part of Logg House no family done by Giddion Johnson

Lotts N^o 23 24 25. 26 ab^t 20 Acres fell & ab^t 1. Acre Cleard. done by John Tash

Lott N^o (W^m Horn Jun^r Ori) ab^t 6 Acres fell Trees—no family

Lott N^o 13 ab^t 1 Acre fell Trees done by Jn^o Clark

27 Decem^{br}

Lott N^o 42 ab^t 5 Acres fell Trees ab^t 2 Acres Cleard done by Job Allard House & Barn & family

Lotts N^o 37. & 38 ab^t 4 fell Trees no House—James Bryant

Lott N^o 49. ab^t 30 Acres fell Trees. ab^t 4 Acres Clear^d House & family

Lott N^o 41 ab^t 4 Acres fell & small pole House done by Ebenz Perkins

Lott N^o 50 ab^t 4 Acres fell & ab^t 1 acre Cleard House & no family done by Benj^s York

Lott N^o 52 ab^t 5 acres fell Trees 3 acres Cleard a House frame done by N. Wentworth no family

Lott N^o (Orig^l Tho^s Wentworth) ab^t 6 Acres fell 1½ Acre Cleard done by Nath Wentworth House & family

Lott N^o 30 ab^t 5 acres fell & 1 Acre Cleard House & no family done by Jacob Pike—

Lott Rich^d Huzze Orig^l ab^t 4 Acres Cleard part of House done Nath^l Stephens

Lotts N^o 4 ab^t 4 Acres fell done by Isaac Drew

Lott N^o 6 ab^t 4 acres Trees fell & ab^t 2 acres Clear^d House & Barn Isaac Drew

East Town Dec^{br} 30 1769

Lott N^o 36 ab^t 2 Acres Cleard ab^t 2 fell House & family Clement Steel

Lott N 29. ab^t 13 Acres Cleard & 7 d^o fell House & family Jon^a Gillman

Jeremiah Gillman Lott 27 ab^t 15 Acres Cleard & ab^t 8 acres House & family

Noah Kimble Lott N^o 38 b^t 6 acres Cleard 4 Acres fell trees House & family

Benj Perkins Lott 25 ab^t 6 acres & ab^t 6 Clear^d House & family

Samⁿ Willy Lott 23 ab^t 3 Cleard 5 Acres fell House & family

Sam^l Sherburne Lott 23 ab^t 1 Acre Cl^d ab^t 4 acres fell House & family

Simion Dearburne Lott 42 ab^t 10 Acre Clear & ab^t 20 fell House & family & Barn

Joshua Ederly N^o 76 ab^t 2 acre Cl^d 8 fell House & family

W^m More N^o 74 3 acres Cl^d 3 fell House & family—

John Gillman n^o 39. 8 Acrs Cl^d 2 acrs fell House & family

Lott N^o 37. ab^t 10 acres Cleard House & no family
4 acres fell

Andrew Gillman N^o 24 ab^t 1 Acres Cleard 1½ Acrs fell House building

Tho^s Perkins N^o 22 2 Acres Clead 5 Acrs fell family, House building

Jacob Welch N^o 80 b^t 3 Acres Trees fell House building. family

Jn^o Wentworth 18, ab^t 1 acres Cl^d ab^t 4 Acres fell House & family

David Copp 15 ab^t 6 Acres fell 1 Cleard House & family

Joseph Abbet. 52 ab^t 6 Acres Cl^d ab^t 4 acr fell House & family

John Horn 50 b^t 4 Acers Cl^d 4 Acers fell House & family
 Daniel Hall 53 b^t 4 Acres fell House himself—
 Benj Horn 60 at 3 Acres Cl^a ab^t 3 fell House & family
 Jn^o Gillman Jun^r 64 ab 2 acres Cl^d 3 fell House & family
 Elpelet Quinby 66 b^t 1 Acre Cl^d 3 Acers fell House & family
 Joseph Malum Lot N 90 2^d Divis ab^t 3 Acre Cl^d 3 d^o fell House & family
 Joseph Perkins 86 1 acre Cl^a 3 Acr fell House & family moving up

Men thats begining

Names	N ^o	Tres fell	d ^o Cl ^d
Barn ^a Palmer House building	34	6—	4
John Kimble House frame	40	6—	4
Andrew Gilman	25—	6—	2
San ^l Sherburn { Ben ^l Pickering }	20—	6—	4—
Nch York	9—	4—	1
Trewo ^o Dudley	43—	2—	2
Ichabon Kenny	75—	4	
James Garvin	67—	8—	
Barn ^a Palmer	44	3—	1
Jn ^o Gage—	41	3—	
Jn ^o Wingate	90—	8—	1
San ^{ll} Hall 2 ^d —	71	15—	

Rob^t M^cCrillis N^o 76 House building Family—

Jn^o Gillman 62 ab^t 4 Acers Trees fell House building he living in Town

Moultonborough Familys

Ezekiel Moulton	Sam ^{ll} Richardson
Stephen Mason	Israel Glines
James Mason	Daniel Gilman
W ^m Atkins	Stephen Sanburn
Benj Hilyard	Amose Sanburn
Ebenz ^r Blake	Jon ^a Choat
Nath ^{ll} Ambros	John Garland
Joseph Richardson	Saunders Magoon

Bradbury Richardson
Rich^d Alley
David Bean
Stephen webster

Will^a Vetern
John Sanderson
Chandler
John Innis

Moultonborough Ja^y 8 1770

Ezekiel Moulton Lott N^o 6 8th Range ab^t 10 Acres Clear^d & inpr^d
5 acres Trees fell a small Logg House
s^d to be Coll^o Moultons—Wife 4 Child^r

Stephen Mason Lott 7-8 Range abt 6 Acres Clear^d 4 fell a small
Logg House a Barn 30 fett ab^t 3 L. E H Cows 3 wife 2 Children and
woman

James Mason Lott 2 9 Range ab^t 7 Acres Cl^d a small Logg House
ownd by Col^o Moulton wife & Child

Lott 3 9 Range a House ab^t 40 feet Long & 20 wide abt $\frac{1}{2}$ Boarded
ab^t 13 Acres Clear^d at 40 fell trees
no family

Lott N^o 1 9 Range ab^t 5 Acres trees fell done by W^m Tole

Lott 3 10 Range ab^t 3 Acres fell Coll^o Moultons

Lotts N^o 4 & 5. 8th Range ab^t 8 Acres Cl^d 2 fell House partly bord^d
Coll^o Moulton
no family

W^m Atkins Lott 5. 8 Range Logg House 1 Acre fell none Cl^d—
wife 1 child

Lott N^o 5. 7th Range 2 Houses 30 fett Long 20 fett wide Barn 30
& 80—Logg House — Benj Hilyard Moltons Tennant 50 Acres
Clear^d Land 6 fell 4 oxen 4 Cows

Lott N^o 6 7 R ab^t 6 Acres Clear^d 30 Acres Trees fell no House no
Barn

Coll^o Moultons

Lott N^o 4 7 Range 10 Acres Cl^d ab^t 7 Acres fell

Coll^o Moultons

Lott N^o 2. 9 R ab^t 2 Acres fell Trees done by James Mason

Moultonborough Jan^y 9th 1770.

Ebene^r Blake. Lott N^o 4—6 Range ab^t 20 Acers Land. Clear^d. a
frame House ab^t 25 feet square. Barn 30 feet 2 Cows wife & 2 Chin-
dren

Nath^l Ambros Lott N^o 4. & 5. 5 Range ab^t 15 Acres Cl^d Land, 15 Acres Trees House ab^t 30 feet Square a Barn wife 3 children

Lott N^o 2. & 3 3^d Range 2 Acres Cl^d 6 Acres fell done by Joseph Richardson wife
lives in the Town

Jan^y 10th

Bradbury Richardson Lott. N^o 3 & 4 3 Range 12 Acres Cl^d 4 Acres Trees fell. House 29. & 36. 30 fet Barn wife & 2 Children. 4 Oxen 4 Cows 4 young Cattle 1 apprentice

Rich^a Alley Lott 4. 2^d Range 5 Acre Cleard. 6, fell Logg House 20 fett 1 Cow Hovel wife 1 Child
Belong to Coll^l Moulton

Moultonborough Jan^y 10 1769 [1770]

David Bean Lott N^o 5. 2^d Range 7 Acres Land Cleard 3 acres fell Logg House Hovell 3 Cows 1 Yoak Oxen wife 3 Childron 20 fett House

Stephen Webster Lott. 5. 2^d R 1 Acre Clear^d 2 fell Logg House ab^t 20 fett: 1 Cow wife 1 Child—

Sam^l Richardson Lott 5. 2^d R none Cleard Logg House, wife 4 childron

Lott N^o Common 3^d Range 18 Acres Cleard, Logg House no family Coll Moutons
8 acres fell

Israel Glines Lott. 1. 3^d Rang 7 Acres Cl^d Logg House 20 30 feet Barn partly Boarded wife 7 Childron 2 Oxen 3 Cow

Lott N 1. 6 Range ab^t 6 Acres Clear'd & not improv^d 6 acres Fell all grown over to Busshes a small Logg House partly to peices
Coll Moultons

Moultonborough Jan^y 10 1769 [1770]

Lotts. 2. 3. 4 Ra. 1 House 44 & 22 feet wide well finished. Daniel gillman Wife & 3 Childron 3 Hired men Logg House 40 feet Long 20 feet wide Benj^a Kimble wife & 2 Childron Logg House ab^t 30 feet Long frame addition ab^t 12 feet Long. 22 feet wide. 3 Logg store Houses 1 Blk smiths shop. Barn 75 feet Long 32 feet wide an Addition 52 feet Long 12 feet wide

70 Acres Cleard Land 60 Acres fell Trees—the Building on N^o 2. all with in 200 Yards

Lott N^o 1. 3^d Range a Store House on wharfe 30 feet Long 20 feet wide 5 Acres Cleard Land
Coll^o Moultons

Lott N^o 2. 7 Range N^o 2. 6 Range grist mill ab^t 10 Acres Cl^d 2 Acres Fell. a small Logg House 25 & 20. no family

Moultonborough Jan^y 10. 1770

Stephen Sanburne N^o 3. 6 Range abt 12 Acres Cl^d 1 acre fell, Saw-Mill, a small Logg House at 15 feet
(wife no Child 1 Y Oxen 3 Cows Hovell 20 & 30—

Amos Sanburn N^o 3. 6 Range a frame House 28 & 30. this family & the above carries on to geather. wife & 6 Children

Jon^s Choat. Saunders Magoon 3 Lott 5 Range. 2 Acres Cl^d 18 fell House 40. Long 20 fe back a Wife. C. 3. m 5
Barn 30 fett 1 Y oxen 4 Cows

John Garland Lott N^o 4.. 6 Ra House no lan^d Cl^d wife 2 Child 1 Cow

William Vetern. Lott N^o 5. 6 Ra ab^t 20 Acres Cleard. 10 fell Logg House ab^t 30 & 20. Hovell Wife & 8 Childron 2 Cows 3 Young Cattle

Lott N^o 4. 4 Range ab^t 9 Acres fell Trees Coll^o Moultons

11th 1770 Moultonborough Neck

Lott N^o 1. 2 Range 1 Logg House 20 & 16.

Lott N^o 1 4 Range 1 Logg House 18 & 15

Lott N^o 2. 8 Range 1 Logg House 18. 12—

Lott N 1. 3 Range part Logg House 18. & 12

Lott N^o 11. 1st Range in Addition part of House Built ab^t 8 Acres fell ab^t 4 Acres Cl^d—John Boynton no family

John Sanderson Lott 1 2^d Range 3 acres Cl^d 1 acre House ab^t 25 1 Cow wife 2 Childron

Sanburn Chandlers Lott. N. 1.. 9 4 Acres Cl^d. 2 Acres fell Trees Logg House 20. 24. 1 Y Oxen 2 Cows Wife 2 Childron

Jn^o Innis in Comⁿ Land neigh Red Hill. old Town. ab^t 12 Acres 2 fell tres Logg House Barn 29. 35. Wife 6 Childⁿ 1 Y Oxen 3 Cows 2 Calves

Moultonborough Jan^r. 12. 1770

In Common Land Logg House 24 5 Acres Cl^d 6 fell trees—
no body on the Spot—

by side of Long pond ab^t 8 Acres Trees fell in 4 places cou^d not
find weither they were on Lotts or Common Land
done by Cap^t Lucas & John Snclear.

Addition

Leint Senter Lott N^o 1. 1st R Logg House ab^t 22 & 42 ab^t 10 Acres
30 Acres fell Hovell 1 Y ox 3 Cows 2 Calves wife 7 Children

3^d Lott 2 Range 4 acres trees fell

Ebenez^r Chamberlin Lott N^o 1 1st Range Logg House 18 feet 24.
6 acres Cl^d 4 Acre fell Wife 7 Childn 1 y Oxen 2 Cows 1 y 1 C.
Hovell

Elisha Commins Lott 2. 2^d Ringe 3 acres Cl^d 3 fell Logg House
35. 18, 2 Cows 1 steer, wife 4

New Salem Jan^r 15th 1770—

Samⁿ Kimbel 1st Division N^o 4 Point Lott. Frame House 24 & 30
ab^t 13 Acres fell trees. wife 3 Children—

Jon^a Smith N^o 6 Point Lott. Frame House 24 & 30.—12 Acres
Clear'd Land 10 acres fell Trees gone below to move his family

Tho^s Danford N^o 7 p^t Lott Logg House ab^t 20. Barn 30 & 34.
Clear'd 10 Acres 6 fell trees Wife 10 Children

Daniel Morrison N^o 8 p^t Lott Logg House 20.. 6 Acres Clear^d 2
Acres fell trees no Wife 6 Children

Abraham Folsom N^o 14 p^t Lott Frame House 24 & 18 Logg Barn
20 ft 14 Acres Cl^d 6 Acres fell trees wife 1 Child 1 H man

David Watson N^o 1 6 Range House 24 & 30 7 Acres Cl^d 4 Acres
fell wife

Job Judkins N 2 8 Range 6 acres Cl^d 14 fell F House 24 & 18 no
body on Spot

Point Lott N^o 2. 12 Acres fell trees done by W^m Crockett

George Bean Lott N^o 2 6 Range 16 acres Clear'd 8 Acres fell
frame House 30 & 20 Hovell wife 6 Children

Ruben Mastin Jun^r Lott N^o 4 5 Range Frame House 18. 24 9
Acres Cl^d 6 Acres fell Wife 1 Child—

W^m Meed Lott N 3 5 Range F. House 30.24 Barn 42 & 30.
25 Acres Cld 15 fell wife 9 Children
a Small Logg House no family

Jacob Eatton. Lott N° 2 no Range Logg House 20 feet Logg
Barn 30 & 20, 10 Acres Cl^d 10 Acre fell trees wife 9 Children—

Lott N° 3 6 Range abt 7 Acres Cl^d Land 3 acres fell done by
David Laurance Esq

Ebenez^r Smith Esq N° 10 p^t Lott frame House 30. 24 Barn 30.
34 ab^t 40 Acres Cl^d 8 fell trees Lott N° 11 4 Range adj^a ab^t 8 Acres
Cl^d 3 fell

wife 3 children 2 ap^{ts} Boys

Nich^{ls} Carr Foulson Lott n° 11 4 Range F House 18. 24 3 acres
fell trees wife 2 Children

Joseph Roberts. Lott N° 10. 4 Range 6 Acres Cl^d 10 Acres fell
trees Frame House 30 24 gone to move family

Jeremiah Smith Lott N° 8. 4 Range 15 Acres Cl^d 6 Acres fell—
F House 30 & 24 Barn 42 & 30—wife 2 chil^d

Ruben Mastin Lott N° 7—4 Range F House 18. 24 Hovell wife &
4 Children 4 Cl^d 4 fell

Abraham Swain Lott N° 8. 7 Range F H 18. 24 Logg Barn 20
wife 1 Boy 12 Acres Cl^d 2 fell

Eben^s Pitman Lott N° 5. 6 Range no House. ab^t 10 acres fell
trees

wife & 2 Child. in Town

James Quimby Lott N° 9. 3^d Range Logg House ab^t 20. 25 n
Barn wife 6 Children 8 acres Cl^d 3 fell

Sam^l Torry Lott N° 3 1st Range Logg House 36 feet Long 20 w^d
pole Barn wife 6 Children 8 acres Cl^d 4 fell

Lott N° 4 1st Range 4 acres trees fell done by Joseph Conner

Rob^t Bryant 4 Lott 3^d Range F House 16. 24 Logg Barn 20 wife
2 Children ab^t 10 acres Cl^d 4 fell

Lott N° 4 3^d Range 12 Acres fell trees done Nath^l Robertson

John Boynton Lott N° 4. 4th Range Logg House Logg Barn abt
20 wife 2 Children ab^t 7 acres Cl^d 4 fell

W^m Ray Lott N. 3 3^d Range Logg Hous & L Barn ab^t 20 wife 2
Children 7 Cl^d ab^t 5 fell

Lott N° 5, 5th Range 3 Acres Cl^d Land 3 fell done by John Pike

Lott N° 4 2^d Range ab' 4 Acres fell done by Jon^a Stephens

Saw Mill on Mill Grant on main River

Grist mill on mill grant Wequash Brook 2^d Division

All the work done in 1st Division

Leavitston Jan^y 22^d 1770

Levi Tole Lott N° 96, 2^d Divission Logg House 38 feet Long 18 feet wid, ab' 6 Acres Cl^d Land 15 Acres fell wife 7 Childron 1 Y oxen 2 Cow—1 Horse—

Lott N° 95 2^d Divission Benj Hilton Lott N 95 (Belong to Tho^s Parsons) 25 Acres Cl^d Land. 30 acres fell trees. frame House 26. & 24 wife 1 Ch

James Titcomb Lott 97. 1st Divission ab' 17 feet. ab' 5 Acres Cl^d 6 fell wife 1 Child 1 Cow—

Andrew Hilton Lott 93 d° ab' 1½ Acres Cl^d 10 acre fell trees wife, 3 Childron Logg House 16 & 18 feet

Jeremiah Avery Lott N. 92 d° ½ a Acre fell trees Logg House 38 & 19. ½ Boarded wife 3 Childron—

Joseph Palmer Lotts N° 78 & 79 House on Line ½ on each Lot 18 & 16 Logg ab' 4 acres Cl^d 10 Acres fell this done by Capⁿ Drake & Lovell

Tho^s George Lott 92. 2^d Divission Logg House ab' 20 fett ab' 2 Acres Cl^d 15 Acres fell wife & 2 Childron

Josiah Mastin Lott 95 ½ an acres Cl^d House 14 & 16 wife & 4 Chil^d

James Dearburne Lott N° 41 1 acr^d Cl^d 4 acres fell wife 2 Childⁿ no House Lives in the House with Josiah Robertson

Josiah Robertson Lott N° 40 1 Acres Cl^d 3 Acres fell trees House 16 & 18 wife & 2 Childron

Saw Mill on 94 Grist Mill 97

Lotts began on

Lott N° 93 2^d Divisⁿ ab' 18 acres fell trees in differnt spots done by seth Fogg

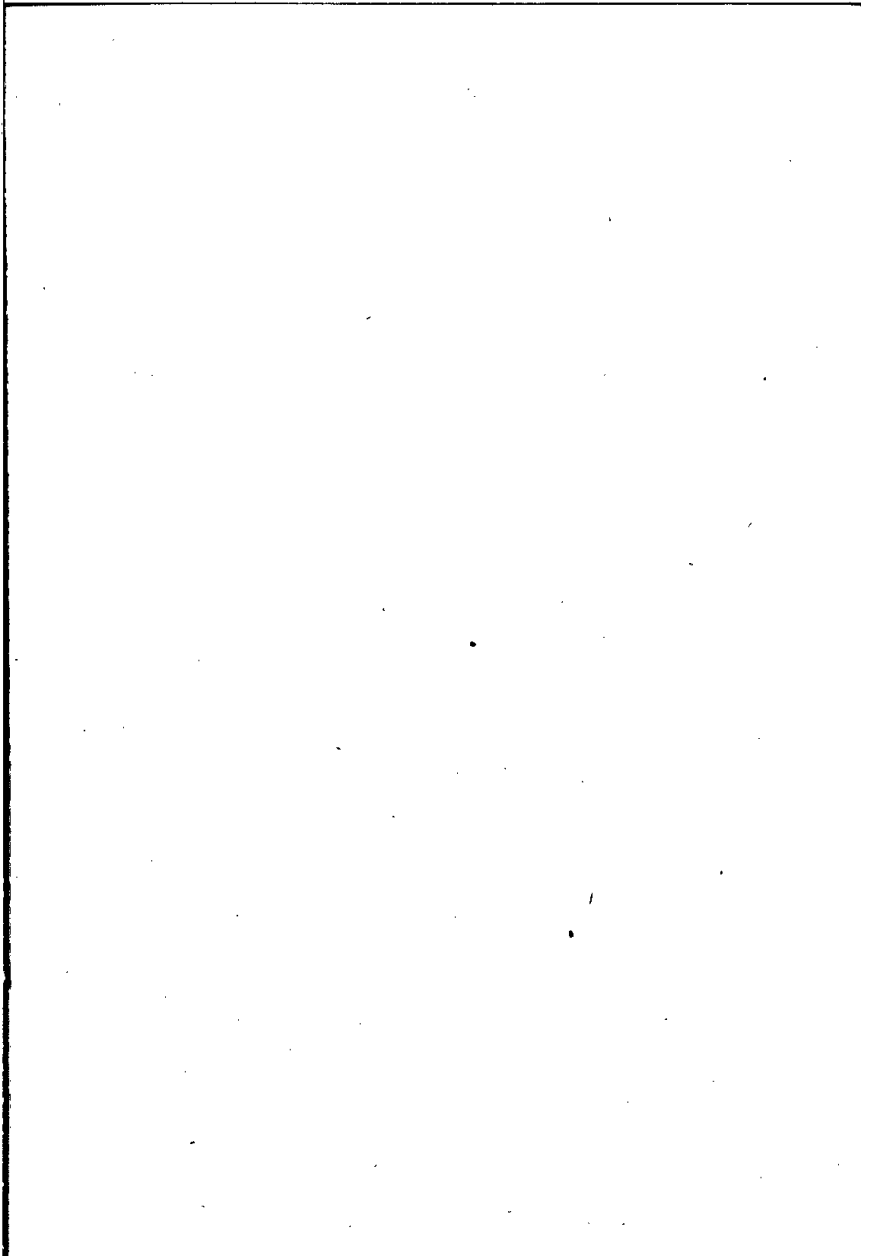
Lott 98 1st Divis 2 acres fell by Seth Fogg

- Lott 96 1st Division 1 House 16 by 18 done by Abner fogg Jun^r
 Lott 95 1st Dift 1 House frame 16 & 18. done by Abner fogg Jun^r
 Lott 98 2^d Division House Logg 16 by 18 ab^t 3 acres fell trees
 Doc^r Dearburne
 Lott 98 1st Division 2 acres trees fell done by Josiah Mastin
 Lott N^o 37 1st Di. ab^t 3 Acres fell trees done by Jn^o Taylor—
 Lott 94 3 Acres fell done—[illegible] Dearburne
 Lott N^o 67 2^d Division ab^t 4 Acres fell House building done by
 Sam^l Webb
 Lott N^o 5 1st Division 2 Acres Cld 5 Acres fell done by David
 Mastin—
 Lott N^o 91 1 Division ab^t 3 Acres Cld 1 fell Logg House 18 & 20
 done by Jeremiah Avery
 Lott N^o 76 1 Division ab^t 3 Acres fell done by Benj Hilton

Wolfborough Jan^r 29 1770

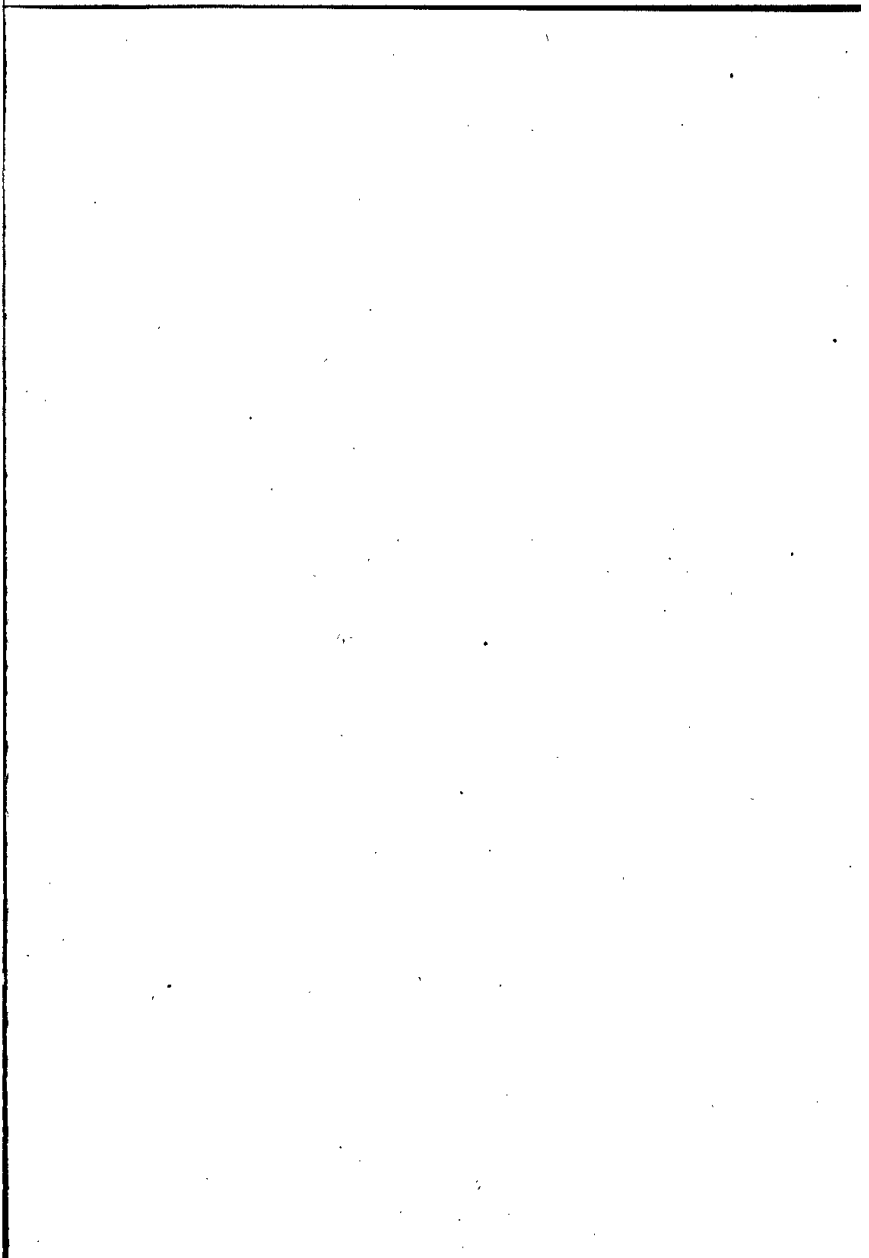
- Governor Wentworth Lott N^o 2 House 100 feet 40—Saw Mill 60
 Acres Land with meadow Cl^d 50 acres fell
 Sam^l Woodess Lott N^o 7 Logg House 1 Acres Cl^d 3 fell
 George Woodess Lott N^o 7 4 Acres fel no House—
 Jotham Rindge Lott N^o 8 House 10 acres Land Cl^d 40 acres fell
 tres
 Aron frost Lott N^o 9 House 1 Acre Cl^d 12 fell
 Tho^s Trygs Lott N^o 5 1 Acres Cl^d 5 fell tres Logg House
 James Lucas Lott N^o 1 Settles Lott Logg House Barn 30 feet 20
 acres Cl^d 10 acres fell
 Sam^l Tibbitts Lott N^o 2 8 ares Cl^d 6 Acres fell frame House
 Joseph Lary Lott N^o 3, Logg House 6 Acres Cl^d 7 acres fell
 Tho^s Taylor Lott N^o 4 5 Acres Cl^d 2 Acres fell Logg House
 Tho^s Piper Lott N^o 5 2 Acre Cl^d 1 Acres fell Logg House
 Benj Blake Lott N^o 6 12 Are Cl^d 3 Acres fell Logg House
 M^o Fulerton N^o 7 Logg House 14 Acres Cl^d 8 acrs fell
 Andrew Wiggins Lott N^o 8 Logg House 5 acres Cl^d 2 Acres fell
 James Hearsey Lott N^o Logg House 4 Acres Cl^d 6 Acre fell

Jon^s Harsey on D Peirces Lott Logg House. 5 Acres trees fell
 Thiel Clifford N^o 21 Logg House 30 20 4 acres Cl^d .5 Acrs fel
 David Haynes 21 Logg House 3 Acres 4 acres fell
 W^m Haynes Lott N^o 20 Logg Hous 4 Cl^d 4 acres fell
 20 Acres fell by M^r Meservy
 Lemuel Clifford Lott N^o 19 Logg House 4 Acrs Cl^d 3 acrs fel
 Ruben Libbey Lott N^o 24 6 Acres Cl^d 10 acres fel Logg House
 Lott N 24 8 Acres Cl^d 50 ares fell done by Cap^t Parker
 Lott N frame House 4 Ares Cl^d 11 feel done by Cha^s Rogers
 2 Cl^d 10 fell Logg Hous done by Cooley David Sewells Lott
 10 fell by Jn^o Sinclar
 Samⁿ Tibbitts Jun^r N 17. frame House 2 Acres Cl^d 5 acres fell,
 Lott N^o 17 24 acres fell 6 Cl^d done by Cap^t Tory
 John Sinclar N^o 14 frame House 30 acres fell Trees
 Tho^s Cap^t Lucas N^o 14 frame House 20 Acres fell
 James Lucass Jun^r N^o 14 House Logg 30 Acres fell trees
 Lott N^o 13 10 Acres fell trees
 Lott N^o 15 Logg House 17 Acrs Cl^d 4 Acres fell
 Benj^s Folsom N^o 12 Logg House 6 acrs fell trees
 Jacob Segeal N^o 11 Logg House 8 acre fell 1 Acre Cl^d



PART II.
—
RECORDS
OF THE
MEETINGS
OF THE
MASONIAN PROPRIETORS.

1748-1846.



RECORDS
OF THE
PROPRIETORS' MEETINGS.

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 69.]

Province of } Notification is hereby given that on the four-
New Hampshire } teenth day of May Instant at the Dwelling-house
of Sarah Prust in Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire
Widow at ten of the clock in the forenoon there will be a meeting
of the Proprietors of a Tract of land in New-Hampshire aforesaid
Containing two hundred Thousand Acres more or less purchased of
John Tufton Mason of Portsmouth aforesaid Esqu^r by Deed dated
the thirtyeth day of July 1746—

(1st) Then and there to choose a Clerk for Said Proprietors—

(2nd) To choose Such Committee or Committees as Said Proprie-
tors shall think proper—

(3rd) To do or transact any other affair as shall be thought proper
for the Benefit of Said Proprietors—

May y^e 12th 1748—

Theodore Atkinson
R Wibird
John Moffatt
J Odiorne Ju^r
Sam^l Moore
Nath^l Meserve

John Wentworth
Mark H^s Wentworth
Josh^a Peirce
Tho^s Packer
Geo: Jaffrey jur
Tho^s Wallingford

Province of } Portsmouth May y^e 14th 1748—
New Hampshire } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of a tract of
land in y^e Province of New Hampshire containing two hundred
Thousand Acres of land more or less purchased of John Tufton

Mason of Portsmouth aforesaid Esqu^r by Deed dated the thirtyeth day of July 1746, at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust in said Portsmouth Widow pursuant to a Notification Dated at Said Portsmouth y^e 12th Instant notifying Said Meeting—voted—

(1) Voted unanimously that the Hon^{ble} Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r be moderator for said meeting

(2^{dy}) Voted that m^r George Jaffrey jun^r be Clerk of the Said Proprietors

Province of } Portsmouth May 14th 1748
New Hamp^s } M^r George Jaffrey Jun^r made oath that he would execute the office of Clerk of the Said Proprietors So long as he shall continue in the said office according to his best Skill Judgment and understanding agreeable to Law

before Matthew Livermore
Jus:Pac.

(3) Voted unanimously that any eight of the said Proprietors be and hereby are Authorised and impowered to call a meeting of the Said Proprietors from time to time as there shall be occasion unless when a meeting of said Proprietors Shall be under an Adjournment—

(4) Voted unanimously that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the eighteenth day of May instant at four of the Clock in the After-noon at y^e said Dwelling House of Sarah Prust aforesaid—and y^e meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

Geo. Jaffrey j^r Pr Cl

The above Votes passed as Entred Attes' Theodore Atkinson

Province of } Portsmouth May y^e 18th 1748 at four of y^e
New Hampsh' } Clock afternoon at y^e Dwelling house of Sarah Prust widow The Proprietors above mentioned met according to adjournment—

Voted That Thomas Packer & Joshua Peirce Esqu^{rs} and m^r George Jaffrey jun^r be a Committee to make enquiry into and get such Copies of Papers and Records as they shall judge necessary for the Supporting and maintaining the title to the lands claimed by the above mentioned Proprietors and that it be done at the Charge of the Said Proprietors.—

Voted that John Moffat & Nathaniel Meserve Esqu^{rs} be agents to prosecute any Person or Persons that shall trespass upon any of the said lands claimed by the Said Proprietors and that it be done at the Charge of the Proprietors aforesaid

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to wensday y^e first day of June next at nine of y^e Clock beforenoon to meet at this place—
and y^e meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

Geo: Jaffrey jur Prop^r Cler

May 18th 1748

The foregoing Votes Passed unanimously as Entred

Attest Theodore Atkinson Mod^r

Province of } Portsmouth June y^e first day 1748 Wensday
New Hampshire } at nine of y^e Clock before noon the Proprietors
met according to adjournment—

Whereas a Committee from y^e Assembly of this Province in august last, desired a meeting of y^e Purchasers of mason's Right in lands of this Province, at the house of m^r Slayton, and at Said meeting offered a Draft of a deed of Conveyance of their Rights to Said lands, for them to Execute; which Draft of a deed not being agreeable to the Proposals before made by any Committee of the General Assembly of Said Province, or by any Purchaser of Said Right; It was desired of the Committee who presented the Said Draft, that they would leave it with the Purchasers for their Perusal, and that they would return Said Draft of a Deed, with their Answer to the Proposal of Said Committee—

Voted that the Clerk of the Proprietors Sign the Answer now read, in behalf and by order of the Proprietors & deliver the Same to the Committee aforesaid together with the Said Draft of a Deed—

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to this Place on wensday y^e 8 Instant at five of y^e Clock afternoon—

Attes^r Theod^r Atkinson Modera^r

Portsmouth June y^e 8th 1748 at y^e House of Sarah Prust Wensday five o'clock afternoon Proprietors met According to Adjournment—
Meeting was Disolved

attest Geo: Jaffrey Propr^r Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 78.]

Province of } Pursuant to a Vote of the Purchasers of
New Hampshire } Mason's Right of a Tract of Land in y^e Province
of New Hampshire on the 14th of may last at a Proprietors Meeting

that any eight of y^e Said Proprietors be authorized and impowered to call a meeting of said Proprietors from time to time as there shall be occasion—

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Meeting of the Said Proprietors at the Dwelling House of Sarah Prust Widow in Portsmouth in said Province on thursday the fifteenth Ins^t at five of y^e Clock afternoon then and there to vote and transact such matters as shall be tho't Convenient by Said Proprietors; dated at Portsmouth the Eighth day of September anno Domini 1748—

Josh^a Peirce
J Odiorne
Tho^s Wallingford
Mark H^s Wentworth
Sam^l Moore

Nath Meserve
R Wibird
Tho^s Packer
Theod^r Atkinson

Province of } Portsm^o the 15th Sept^r 1748 The Proprietors
New Hampsh^r } not meeting According to Notification the Meeting
Drop'd and fell thro

Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Cl—

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 74.]

Province of } Pursuant to a Vote of the Purchasers of Mason's
New Hampshire } Right of a Tract of Land lying in the Province of
New Hampshire pass'd at a Proprietors meeting held at Portsm^o in
said Province on the fourteenth day of may last past—"that any
eight of the Said Proprietors be authorized and impowered to call a
meeting of Said Proprietors from time to time as there shall be
occasion—

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Meeting of the Said Proprietors at the dwelling house of Sarah Prust widow in Portsmouth aforesaid on thursday the twenty Second Ins^t at five of the clock afternoon then and there to Vote and transact Such matters as shall be tho't convenient by said Proprietors, dated at Portsmouth the sixteenth day of September anno Domini 1748—

Theodore Atkinson
John Moffatt
Nath^l Meserve
Mark H^s Wentworth

R Wibird
J Odiorne
Sam^l Moore
Tho^s Packer

Province of } Portsmouth Sept^r y^e 22^d 1748—at a meeting
 New Hampsh^r } of y^e Proprietors of Mason's Right in Lands lying
 in y^e Prov^e of New Hampshire at y^e Dwelling house of Sarah Prust
 widow pursuant to a Notification bearing Date y^e 16th Ins^t

Voted That The Hon^{ble} Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r be moderator of
 this meeting—

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to Thursday next y^e 29th
 Ins^t—to meet at this place at four of y^e Clock afternoon
 and the Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

attest Geo: Jaffrey j^r Prop^r Clerk

Province of } Thursday September 29th 1748 at four of the
 New Hampshire } Clock after noon the Proprietors meet according
 to Adjournment—

Voted that this Meeting be adjourn'd to meet at this Place on
 wensday next at four of the Clock afternoon y^e fifth day of October
 next—and the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

attest. Geo: Jaffrey j^r Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsm^e Wensday October y^e 5th 1748 four of
 New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at y^e dwelling house of Sarah
 Prust—the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Voted unanimously That Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird
 Jotham odiorne Joshua Peirce Jn^e Moffatt Thomas Packer Samⁿ
 Moore Nathⁿ Meserve Mark Hunking Wentworth John Wentworth
 jun^r Esqu^r and m^r George Jaffrey jun^r be a Committee to treat & agree
 with any person or persons relating to taking possession or improve-
 ment of any of the lands aforesaid, that may apply unto them
 between this and the next meeting of Said Proprietors and that the
 Said Committee or the major part of them be and hereby are author-
 ized and impowered So to do and make Report of their Actings and
 doings unto the next meeting of Said Proprietors—

Voted that this meeting be Adjourn'd to this place on Wensday
 y^e 19th instant at five of y^e clock Afternoon—and the meeting was
 accordingly adjourn'd

attest Geo: Jaffrey jur Prop^r Clerk

Wensday October y^e 19th 1748 many of y^e proprietors met accord-
 ing to adjournment but the moderator being absent the meeting
 dissolv'd—

attest Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Proprietor Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol 7, p. 156.]

At a Private Meeting of the Proprietors of Masonia upon Considering what method & Terms to grant out Land to Settlers it was proposed that Townships be Laid out in the Extent of Six Miles Square or So much as is Equal thereto and that each Town be divided into 80 Shares or Lots 60 of which to the Settlers or Grantees the other 20 Shares as follows to Each Proprietor one a Lot for the first Minister a Ministerial Lot a School Lot & two Law Lots and the Settlers & y^e other Lots that is all to take an Equal Chance & Draw for their Lots the 60 Shares to be at all the Charge of Settling & Also of Laying out &c

October 28th 1748

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 75.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of
New Hampshire } the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r,
in the Province of New Hampshire—That there will be a Proprietor's Meeting at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust Widow in Portsmouth in said Province on Wen'sday the Second day of November next, at four of the clock after-noon then and there at said Meeting.—

(1st) To receive the Report of a Committee of Said Proprietors Appointed to treat & agree with Settlers &^{ca}—

(2^{dy}) To receive the Report of certain Persons appointed to take Plans of lands to be laid out in Townships—

(3^{dy}) To Consult or Resolve upon Terms of granting of lands to Settlers—

(4th) To Consider what may be done in Respect to any growing Charges of the Propriety

and to transact any other matters & things relating to Said Propriety, that may then be tho't proper to be done,

Portsmouth October y^e 26th 1748.—

R Wibird

John Moffatt

Josh^a Peirce

Mark H^s Wentworth

Nath. Meserve

J Odiorne

Sam^l Moore

Theod^r Atkinson

John Wentworth

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the lands
New Hampshire } purchased of John Tufton Mason Esquire in the
Province of New Hampshire at the Dwelling House of Sarah Prust

Widow in Portsmouth in Said Province on Wen'sday the Second day of November anno Domini 1748—Pursuant to a Notification of the 26th of October last past—

Voted that Theodore Atkiuson Esqu^r be Moderator of this Meeting—

Voted that Thomas Packer Jotham Odiorne John Moffat & Joshua Peirce Esqu^{rs} be a Committee to Consider of proper methods & Terms of granting Townships or Lands within the Propriety and to Make Return thereof to this meeting at their Adjournment or as Soon as may be

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to wensday next y^e 9th Instant to meet at this Place at four of y^e Clock afternoon—and this meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest

Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth November y^e 9th 1748 The Propri-
New Hampsh^r } etors meet according to Adjournment

Voted that the Rights of the original Proprietors of Souhegan East otherwise called Naraganset N^o 5 on merimack River be and are hereby confirmed to them according as the Lots have been already Surveyed & laid out, excepting and reserving only Seventeen Shares or Rights as according to Said laying out, the particular Rights or Shares so excepted & reserved to be determined And ascertained hereafter, but that the particular Rights and Shares of Major Edward White & the Rev^d Doctor Ebenezer Miller be not among the Excepted & reserved Rights as aforesaid but that their Said Rights & Shares among Said Proprietors Survey'd as aforesaid be hereby granted and confirmed to them their heirs & Assigns—

Voted that the abovesaid Major White & his Son John have their names put in among the Settlers of a Town which shall hereafter be granted & laid out that shall include that land in Gorham Town so called lying a'cross the Crotch of Piscataquoag River which the said Major White purchased of Coll^o William Dudley deceased & that they have & hold to them their heirs & assigns that same land so purchased as their parts or shares in said Township to be so laid out the Same being four hundred Acres to hold on the Same Terms of other Settlers—

Voted that this Meeting be further Adjourned to Wensday next y^e 16th Instant at this Place at four of the clock afternoon—the meeting was accordingly Adjourn'd —a true Record

attest George Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of New } Portsmouth Wensday y^e 16th November 1748
 Hampshire } at the house of Sarah Prust many of y^e Propri-
 tors meeting but the Moderator being Sick at home could not attend
 at the Adjournment So nothing was transacted and, the meeting
 dissolv'd a true Record

attest. Geo: Jaffrey ju^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 79.]

Province of New } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
 Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufon Mason Esqu^r in
 the Province of New-Hampshire That there will be a Proprietors
 Meeting at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust Widow in Portsmouth
 in Said Province on wensday the twenty third Instant at four of the
 Clock After-noon then and there at Said Meeting—

(1st) To receive the Report or Reports of Committees of Said
 Proprietors

(2^{dy}) To receive the Reports of Persons Appointed by Proprietors
 to take Plans of lands for Townships, and to lay out into Townships,
 and to admitt Settlers &c^e—

(3^{dy}) To Consult or Resolve upon Terms of granting of Lands to
 Settlers—

(4th) To Consider what may be done in Respect to any growing
 Charges of the Propriety; and to transact any other Matters &
 Things relating to said Propriety that may then be tho't proper to
 be done at Said meeting

Portsm^e Nov^r 17th 1748

R Wibird
 John Moffatt
 Nath^l Meserve
 Josh^a Peirce
 J Odiorne

Theodore Atkinson
 Tho^s Packer
 Mark H^s Wentworth
 John Wentworth

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the lands
 New Hampshire } purchased of John Tufon Mason Esqu^r in the
 Province of New Hampshire held at the Dwelling house of
 Sarah Prust Widow in Portsmouth in Said Province on Wen'sday
 the twenty third day of November at four of the clock afternoon
 1748 pursuant to a notification of y^e 17th Instant

Voted That John Moffatt Esqu^r be Moderator for this meet-
 ing—

M^r John Lovet & M^r Daniel Marston in behalfe of the Petitioners in north-Hampton Appearing at the meeting & desiring to know upon what Terms the Proprietors will grant a Township to Said Petitioners—

Voted That the Number of Shares or Divisions in y^e Township of Six Miles Square be one hundred shares to be laid out equally wherein y^e Petitioners of North Hampton are to be placed, twenty of the Said hundred shares to be reserved to the use of the Grantors, & y^e use of y^e Town as Said Grantors Shall direct, and that within the Space of three years after a Conclusion of a Peace between England & France twenty Families shall be Settled in y^e Township, and within five years after y^e Conclusion of Said peace there shall be thirty Families Settled and within Seven years from y^e Conclusion of said Peace forty Families shall be Settled and within eight years from the Conclusion of said Peace a meeting house Shall be built and a minister Settled—to be Complied with at the Expençe of the Grantees—and that the Land Shall be granted without any Sum of Money as a Purchase or upon any Quit Rent—and that the Grantors Shares so reserved in the Township so granted Shall be at no Expençe or Charge toward the Settling y^e Township, building the Meeting house or Support of a Minister in the Town, or any other Charge till improved by said Grantors, or Sold or disposed of by them, but upon their Settling their Respective Shares by themselves, or by any person or persons under them—from the time of Such Settlement then Such Share or shares respectively to pay a proportionable part of the future Town Charge —

Voted that a Committee of the Proprietors be appointed to wait upon his Excellency to acquaint his Excellency that many of the Principal Inhabitants of the old Towns & others in this Province of New Hampshire, have petitioned the Purchasers of Cap^t John Tufton Mason's Right in Land in Said Province, for grants of Lands for Townships in order to Settle thereupon, and also that Said Purchasers have encouraged Said Petitioners of making them grants accordingly, & that many of them are gone upon the Said Propriety to make a Survey of Sundry Tracts of land to Consist of Six Miles Square, for a Township—and Theodore Atkinson Richard Wibird Sam^l Solly Thomas Wallingsford John Moffatt Jotham Odiorne & Nath^l Meserve Esq^{rs} be the Committee to Wait on his Excellency

Voted that this Meeting be adjourn'd to Wensday next at this Place five of the Clock afternoon

Adjourn'd Accordingly

a true Record attest

Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^r Clerk

Province of New } Portsmouth Wensday five of the Clock after-
 Hampshire } noon November 30th 1748 at the House of Sarah
 Prust The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

M^r Daniel Peirce producing a Power of Attorney from Sam^l
 Moore Esqu^r dated y^e 11th day of November 1748 empowering him
 the said Daniel Peirce to appear for him the Said Sam^l Moore Esqu^r
 at any meeting of the Said Proprietors and to act for him the Said
 Sam^l Moore Esqu^r in any affair that may be transacted at any Such
 Meeting relating to Said Propriety—Voted that the Said m^r Daniel
 Peirce be and hereby is admitted to act in the room and Stead of
 him the said Samuel Moore Esqu^r in all affairs at said Meetings he
 the Said Daniel Peirce paying Such Charges as shall or may arise
 which he the Said Samuel Moore Esqu^r should or ought to pay in
 proportion with the other Proprietors, if he the Said Samuel Moore
 Esqu^r were present—

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourn'd till to Morrow ten of y^e
 Clock before noone to meet at this Place—and accordingly is ad-
 journ'd—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

Prov^s of New Hampsh^r Portsm^o Dec^r 1st 1748 ten of the Clock
 before-noon at the house of Sarah Prust Widow—The Proprietors
 meet according to Adjournment

Voted that Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r write Answers to Coll^o
 Blanchards Letters of Nov^r 30th 1748 in behalf of the Proprietors—

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd till to morrow five of the
 clock afternoon—the Meeting is accordingly adjourn'd

attest. Geo: Jaffrey j^r Prop^{rs} Cler

Prov^s of New } Portsmouth friday y^e 2^d day of December 1748
 Hampshire } at y^e house of Sarah Prust Widow five of the clock
 afternoon

The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted that Sam^l Solly Esqu^r and m^r Daniel Peirce and m^r George
 Jaffrey jun^r be a Committee to examine y^e Petitions that have been
 prefer^d to this Propriety for Lands within Mason's Grant and pre-
 pare a plan Of said Petitions with y^e number of Subscribers in Said
 Petitions

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd till to morrow at this place
 at twelve of y^e Clock at noon

the Meeting was accordingly Adjourn'd

a true Record

Attest Geo: Jaffrey j^r Clerk

Portsm^o Saturday 3 December 1748 at y^e House of Sarah Prust
Widow twelve of y^e Clock at Noon Proprietors meet according to
Adjournment

[Then follows the grant of Goffstown as printed in vol. 27, pp.
800-804.—ED.]

Voted this Meeting be Adjourn'd to y^e 7th Ins^t to meet at this
Place at five of the Clock afternoon—

The meeting was Adjourn'd Accordingly

a true Record Attest

Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of New } Portsmouth Wensday December y^e 7th 1748
Hampshire { five of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house
of Sarah Prust widow The Proprietors Meet according to Adjourn-
ment—

Voted that Ebenezer Stevens Esqu^r & Associates have a Township
equal to Six miles Square beginning on y^e north of Contoocook in y^e
most convenient Form, without interfering with y^e Township called
N^o 1, as y^e Grantors shall think proper and that m^r Edmund Brown
& Associates have a Township equal to Six miles Square joining
upon the north Side of Steven's & Associates above s^d tract upon y^e
west side of Pemigawasset River upon such Reservatitions & Limita-
tions hereafter to be agreed upon—

The Meeting is Adjourn'd to wensday next at five of y^e Clock
afternoon to meet at this place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth December 14th 1748 Wensday five
New Hampshire { of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Sarah Prust Widow

The Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Voted that m^r John Sandburn his Petitioners with old Hampton
and m^r Jn^o Knight's Petitioners have four Townships Six miles
Square each or so much as shall Amount to Six miles Square each
eighty Settlers with a Reservation of twenty Shares in each Town
Said land to be and lay vizt—two of Said Townships to lay on the
Eastward side of Pemigawasset and two to the westward the Con-
ditions & Limitations to be hereafter fixed & settled—

Voted That Cap^t Veasy and Associates & such as shall be added
have a tract of land containing Six miles Square or so much as Shall
amount to Six miles square at number Six so called, the Settlers to

be eighty, and twenty shares to be reserved Conditions & Limitations to be hereafter fixed and Settled

Voted that m^r Stark & y^e Comp^a to be his Associates have y^e Tract of land adjoining to y^e land Voted to Cap^t Jn^o Goffe & associates to consist of Six miles Square or equal to Six miles square under Such Conditions Limitations & Reservations as shall hereafter be Settled—

The Meeting is adjourn'd to the morrow at nine of y^e Clock before noon to meet at this Place—

a true Record

attest Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^r Clerk

Province of New Hampshire— } Portsmouth Thursday December 15th 1748 at
 the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust widow The
 Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors on y^e 23^d day of November last at a meeting by them then held at Portsmouth made choice of a Committee of said Proprietors to wait on his Excellency y^e Governour of this Province to confer with him concerning the Grants they were making of lands within said Province in virtue of their Purchase from Captain John Tufton Mason which Committee by reason of sundry Impediments have not Yet so done Wherefore—

Voted That Rich^d Wibird Sam^l Solly John Moffatt Jotham Odiorne & Nath^l Meserve Esqu^r be a Committee to Wait upon his Excellency the Governour aforesaid to conferr with him concerning the Said Right of y^e Proprietors & on such Matters & Things as they shall think proper and to inform him of any matter he shall please to inquire of them relating thereto & to Request of his Excellency Such favours as they may think proper for the Benefit of said Proprietors—

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to Saturday next to meet at this place ten of y^e Clock before noon

a true Record

attest Geo: Jaffrey j^r Prop^r Clerk

Province of New Hampshire— } Portsmouth December 17th 1748 at the Dwell-
 ing House of Sarah Prust Widow on Saturday
 ten of y^e Clock before noon

The Proprietors meet According to Adjournment—

[Then follows the grant of Dunbarton as printed in vol. 27, pp. 193-197.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourn'd to Wednesday next to this Place at five of the Clock afternoon
 the Meeting is accordingly Adjourn'd
 a true Record attest
 Geo: Jaffrey j^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of— } Portsmouth December 21st 1748—Wen'sday
 New Hampshire { five of y^e Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house
 of Sarah Prust Widow The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted—That Eph^m Marston & those to be his Associates have A Township as mark't upon M^r Peirce's Plan upon such conditions Restrictions & Reservations as shall be hereafter agreed upon

Voted that M^r Weare and y^e Persons to be his Associates and the other persons agreed upon have a Town ship equal to Six miles square at a place called Hales Town upon such Conditions Restrictions & Reservations as shall hereafter be agreed upon

Voted That Clem^t March Esqu^s & y^e Persons to be his Associates & others have a Township Equal to Six miles Square bounded on y^e North East side of a place called Gilman Town, northerly upon winisipisiokee pond upon such Conditions Restrictions & Limitations & Reservations as shall hereafter be agreed upon

Voted That a tract of land equal to Six miles square bounding at y^e southern Corner of a Township petitioned for by Dover joining upon y^e Province line—and running upon y^e Province line so far as to make Six mile Square near y^e figure of a Triangle for a Township be for M^r Danⁿ Marston and y^e Persons to be his Associates upon such Conditions & Restrictions & Reservations as shall hereafter be agreed upon

Voted that John Gage Esqu^t and the persons to be his Associates have a Township equal to six miles Square in or near a triangular form joining & running upon y^e Province line beginning at y^e northern Corner of y^e land granted to Danⁿ Marston & his Associates upon Such Restrictions Reservations & Conditions as shall hereafter be agreed upon

[In margin, "N. Emery to be a grantee."]

Voted That John Gage Esqu^t & y^e persons to be his associates have two Townships joining upon y^e head of Rochester extending westerly from Salmon falls river and y^e Prov^s line & so northerly to contain Six miles Square each or so much as to make six miles square each—upon such Conditions Reservations & Restrictions as shall be hereafter agreed upon

[In margin, "N. Emery one share in each"]

Voted That Jonathan Chesley & the Persons to be his Associates have a Township of six Miles Square or So much as shall amount to six Miles Square joining upon the head of Rochester and to a Township granted to John Gage Esqu^r and the Persons to be his Associates upon such Conditions Reservations & Restrictions as shall be hereafter agreed upon—

[In margin, "Nich^o Perryman Esqu^r to be a grantee"]

Voted That this Meeting be adjourn'd to Fryday next to meet at this Place at five of y^e Clock afternoon

Accordingly y^e meeting is Adjourn'd

a true Record

Attest Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of New } Portsmouth December 23^d 1748 Fryday five of
Hampshire— } the clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Sarah Prust widow—The Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
ment—

Voted That two tracts of land near Winipissiokee Pond for two Townships of six miles square or equal to six miles square joining upon y^e Westerly side of y^e tracts of land voted to Danⁿ Marston and y^e Persons to be his associates and one of y^e S^d tracts to join Southerly upon y^e Township voted Jn^o Gage Esqu^r & y^e other to join upon y^e head of s^d Tract hereby voted Southerly containing Six miles Square or equal to six miles Square and also a Township called N^o 5 in y^e line of Towns laid out by y^e Massachusetts which three Tracts to be for Such Petitioners of y^e Town of Portsmouth and y^e Persons to be their associates under Such Conditions Restrictions and Limitations as shall hereafter be agreed upon

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to wensday next at five of the clock afternoon to meet at this place

The meeting is adjourn'd accordingly

a true Record

attest : Geo: Jaffrey jun Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of— } Portsmouth December 28th 1748 Wensday five
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Sarah Prust widow The Proprietors meet according to Adjourn-
ment—

Application being made by m^r Henry Mellen in behalfe of Sundry Settlers at a place called N^o 5, or New Hopkinton for a grant of their Improvements in the Said Place it being a tract of land formerly Surveyed of the Contents of six miles square which Request being Considered, and in Consideration of the Improvements made by the said Settlers—

Voted That the Said Tract of land be (under such conditions as may hereafter be agreed upon) granted to seventy of the said Settlers if so many appear that have made any Considerable Improvements together with a share for y^e first minister one for the Ministry and one for the School reserving also Eighteen shares for the Use of this Propriety

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to meet at this place Saturday next at Eleven of y^e Clock before noon

The meeting is accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey jun Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth December 31st 1748 Saturday Eleven
New Hampshire } of the Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of
Sarah Prust Widow—The Proprietors Meet according to Adjourn-
ment—

[Then follow the grant of Sanbornton as printed in vol. 28, pp. 234-238, and the grant of Meredith as printed in vol. 27, pp. 478-482.—Ed.]

Voted That this Meeting be adjourn'd to Wen'sday next at five of the clock afternoon to meet at this Place—

The Meeting is adjourn'd accordingly

a true Record attest.

George Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Sarah Prust Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25, 1748-9, and in each case adjourned without the transaction of any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth January y^e 26th 1748 Thursday
New Hampshire } three of y^e Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house
of Sarah Prust Widow The Proprietors meet according to Adjourn-
ment—

Whereas in the grant of land made by the Said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others there were two shares or rights reserved by the Proprietors with an Intention to grant the Same to the Inhabitants of the Town of Medford in y^e County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusets Bay in Case of their Application to this Propriety for the same and whereas the Said Town have since

by their Agents Lieutenant Stephen Hall jun^r & Cap^t Samuel Brooks tho't fit to Request a grant of that Tract of land which was granted to the Said Inhabitants by the Government of the said Province of the Mass^a which lies within the Bounds of the said Tract of land granted to said Parker & others, they the Said Inhabitants having made Considerable Improvements thereon and the Proprietors being willing to Serve the Said Inhabitants Especially Considering the Expence they have been at in making the said Improvements but not having Reserved the Said Shares in any particular place but under the Same Circumstances of other shares to be drawn for by Lot cannot now grant them as requested, wherefore—

Voted that the two nineteen Shares or Rights Reserved in the said grant to Said Parker & others not Exempted from performing the duty of Settling be and hereby are granted unto the Said Inhabitants of the Town of Medford & their Successors for ever they being hereby obliged to do the duty & perform their proportionable part of Carrying on & making the said settlement as the owners of Other shares within y^e Said grant exclusive of the Seventeen exempted and also voted that the grantees above referred to (viz^t) the Said Parker & others be & hereby are desired to lay out the said two shares granted to the said Inhabitants as aforesaid upon the Said Tract of land formerly granted by the Prov^{ce} of the Mass^a Bay as aforesaid taking in the Said Improvements & be not drawn for as other shares which this Propriety hereby Consent & agree to as far as they are concerned in the tract of land granted to the Said Parker & others

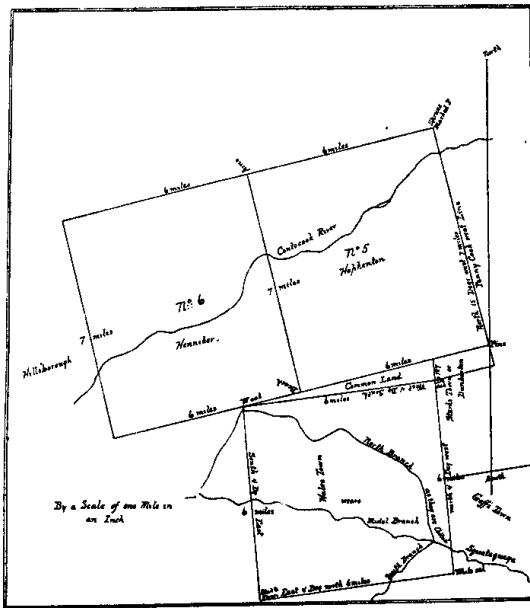
[Then follow the quitclaims of Hillsborough and Peterborough to John Hill as printed in vol. 27, p. 351, and vol. 28, p. 186.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourn'd to wens'day next the first day of February at five of the clock afternoon to meet at this Place
The meeting is accordingly Adjourn'd
A true Record

Attest: Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^r Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Sarah Prust Feb. 1 and 8, 1748-9, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Prov^e of New } Portsm^o Feb^r 15th 1748 Wednesday five o'Clock after-
Hampshire } noon at y^e Dwelling House of Sarah Prust Wid^w The
Proprietors met according to adjourn^t



Voted That Daniel Peirce be Clerk pro Tempore

Said Peirce immediately took an oath for y^e faithful discharge of S^d office accordingly—

Voted That John Goffe Esq^r & James Walker possess & improve a Quantity of Land not exceeding Eighty Acres begining about Six Rods to y^e South of Cohass Brook & runing Northward between Londonderry Line & y^e Great River 'til S^d Eighty Acres are completed until further order of S^d Proprietors

Memorand^m but not Voted—

That Coll Joseph Blanchard be desired & impower'd to confer Coll Rob^t Hale a principal Proprietor in Hale's Town so called & adjust y^e Settlement of S^d Hales Town with Said Coll Hale upon Such Terms & Conditions as have been or Shall be agreed upon by & between S^d Hale & y^e Proprietors of Masons Right

Voted That this Meeting be adjourn'd to Wednesday next y^e twenty Second instant at five o'Clock afternoon & then to meet at this Place—The Meeting is adjourn'd accordingly—

A true Record—

Att^t D Peirce Prop^{rs} Ck pro Temp^e

[The proprietors met at the house of Sarah Prust Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 16, 22, 1748-9, and March 29, April 5, 12, 13, 17, 19, and 26, 1749, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 27th 1749 Thursday at Eight
New Hampshire } of y^e Clock before noon at the Dwelling house of
Sarah Prust Widow The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Then follow the grant of Wakefield as printed in vol. 28, pp. 355-359, and the grant of Middleton as printed in vol. 27, pp. 493-497.—ED.]

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to Wens'day next the third day of may at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this Place
a true Record, Attest: Geo: Jaffrey ju^r Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of Sarah Prust May 3 and 4, 1749, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth May y^e 5th 1749 Fryday three of y^e
 New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Sarah
 Prust widow The Proprietors meet according to adjournment

[Then follows the grant of New Durham as printed in vol. 28,
 pp. 98-102.—ED.]

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to wen'sday next the tenth
 Inst' at Six of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The meeting is accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey jun^r Prop^{rs} Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Sarah Prust May 10, 17, 24,
 31, June 7, and 15, and adjourned without transacting any business.—
 Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth June y^e 16th 1749 Eight of y^e Clock
 New Hampshire } beforenoon at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust
 Widow The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That m^r Tim^o Fuller may have one half of the Tract of
 land containing ab^t 500 Acres called Duxbury School lot y^e whole of
 which the Proprietors employed Cap^t John Shepperd to enclose for
 them: upon Condition that Said Fuller pay the Proprietors fifty
 Pounds old Ten^r and have a house built and Settle a Family on S^d
 half part of Said Tract within three years from this Time

Voted that Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is impowered
 and Authorized to grant to William Lawrence Esqu^r and others, as
 he the Said Blanchard Shall admitt the Tract of Land marked on y^e
 general Plan N^o 1 and to Thomas Read Esqu^r and others the Town-
 ship marked N^o 2 on Said Plan & to Cap^t Peter Powers & others y^e
 mile Slip of Land as plann'd between y^e said New Towns and the
 Lines of Holles & Monson, also the Lands lying between Peterbor-
 ough on y^e north the Said new Towns on y^e East and so far South
 as to leave a Town on Square lines joining y^e Province line of Six
 miles Square in and adjoining to new Ipswich and to Extend westerly
 even with y^e west line of Peterborough—all the Right Title Estate
 Interest and Property of the Said Proprietors of in and unto all y^e
 Said Tracts and parcels of lands, on Such Terms conditions & Limit-
 ations as he shall judge proper for the Interest of Said Proprietors
 & to Execute proper Instruments of Conveyance in y^e name and
 behalfe of Said Proprietors of their Right as aforesaid taking for
 each Town Respectively Counter Parts of such Instruments Signed

& Executed by the Grantees whereby they may be obliged to perform the Terms of Settlement & all matters and things to be done by them according to the Tenor of his Agreement Respectively with them and returning the said Counterparts to the said Proprietors as soon as may be with a Plan of each of the Said Towns and the Lotts of each Town as he shall agree with the Said Settlers to lay them out—

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to Wen'sday next y^e 21st Ins^t Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this Place

The meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest: George Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[In margin] vid. Vote pas^d y^e 23^d Nov^r 1750—

Province of } Portsmouth June 21st 1749 Wen'sday Six of y^e
New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Sarah
Prust widow the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to Wensday next the 28th Ins^t at three of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place

attest: John Moffatt Mod^r

Province of } Portsmouth June 28th 1749 Wens'day three of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Sarah
Prust Widow the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

[Then follows the grant of Effingham as printed in vol. 27, pp. 237-241.—Ed.]

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to wen'sday next the fifth day of July 1749 at three of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this Place—

a true Record att: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth July 5th 1749 Wen'sday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at y^e Dwelling house of Sarah
Prust Widow the Proprietors Meet according to adjournment

Whereas the Moderator is Confin'd at his house by Sickness— Therefore Voted That y^e Honb^l Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r be Moderator for y^e Meeting this day

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to Wens'day next y^e 12 Ins^t at Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—and y^e meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

a true Record . attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Sarah Prust July 12, 13, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, and 23, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 30th 1749—The Meeting is
New Hampsh^r } Dissolv'd—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 87.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in
the Province of New Hampshire—That there will be held a Meeting
of the Said Proprietors at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust
Widow in Portsmouth in Said Province on Wensday the twentyeth
day of September Instant at five of the Clock Afternoon Then and
there at Said Meeting—

(1) To Receive the Reports of any Com[']tee or Person Appointed
to Treat with Settlers

(2^{ly}) To Receive the Reports of Persons Appointed to take Plans
of Lands to be laid out in Townships—

(3^{ly}) To Consult or Resolve upon Terms of Disposing of Lands
to Purchasers or Settlers

(4^{ly}) To Consider what may be done in Respect to any growing
Charges of the Propriety & raising of money to defray the same and
to Vote & Transact any other matters or things that may be tho't
proper to be Done at Said meeting—

Portsmouth September the Eleventh day 1749

Theodore Atkinson

R Wibird

John Wentworth

Mark H^s Wentworth

Tho^s Packer

John Moffatt

Tho^s Wallingford

J Odiorne

Nath Meserve

Jo^s Blanchard

Josh^s Peirce

Geo: Jaffrey

D Peirce

Province of } Pursuant to a Notification dated the Eleaventh
New Hampshire } day of September 1749 notifying the Proprietors
of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in the Province
of New Hampshire to meet at the Dwelling house of Sarah

Prust Widow in Portsmouth in Said Province on Wens'day the twentyeth day of Said September at five of the Clock afternoon—

September y^e 20th day 1749 at five of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust Widow, the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r meet—

Voted That the Honb^{le} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be Moderator for this Meeting—

[Then follows the grant of Weare as printed in vol. 28, pp. 427-431.—ED.]

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to y^e morrow y^e 21st Instant at Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this Place—

The meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record—

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth September y^e 21st day 1749: Six of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon, at the Dwelling house of Sarah
Prust widow—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted—That Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is desired Authorized and impower'd to make an Entry upon and take Possession of any Tract Or Tracts of Land lying and being within a Certain Tract of Land in the Province of New Hampshire called and known by the name of Souhegan West—in the name and behalfe & to and for the Use of the Said Proprietors—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wens'day next y^e 27th Instant Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

The meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Sarah Prust Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and 11, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth October y^e 18th 1749 Wen'sday Six
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Sarah Prust Widow

The Moderator of this Meeting being absent out of this Town No meeting could be held, the Meeting Dissolv'd—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 90.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampsh' } Lands purchased by John Tufton Mason Esqu^r, in
the Province of New Hampshire.—That there will be a Meeting of
the Said Proprietors, held at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust
Widow, in Portsmouth within Said Province; on Wen'sday the
twenty fifth day of October Instant, at five of the Clock afternoon.
Then and there at Said Meeting

1st To Receive the Reports of any Committee, or Person Ap-
pointed, to treat with Settlers; and the laying out, and drawing of
the Lots of Lands, laid out for Townships—

(2nd) To Receive the Reports of Persons appointed to take Plans
of Lands, to be laid out into Townships—

(3rd) To Consult or Resolve upon Terms of Disposing of Lands to
Purchasers, or Settlers—

(4th) To Consider what may be done in Respect to any growing
Charges of the Propriety, & raising of money to defray the Same—
and to Vote & Transact any other matters & things, that may be
thought proper to be done at Said Meeting—

Portsmouth October y^e 20th day 1749—

Theod^r Atkinson
R. Wibird
J. Odiorne
Tho^s Packer
Mark H^s Wentworth

John Wentworth
John Moffatt
Nath Meserve
Josh^s Peirce

Pursuant to a Notification of a meeting of the Proprietors of y^e
Land purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in y^e Province of New
Hampshire to be held at y^e Dwelling house of Sarah Prust Widow in
Portsmouth in y^e Province of New Hampshire on Wens'day y^e 25th
day of October 1749 at five of y^e clock afternoon—

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of y^e Land Pur-
New Hampshire } chased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in y^e Prov-
ince of New Hampshire held at the Dwelling house of Sarah Prust
Widow in Portsmouth in Said Province on Wens'day y^e 25th day of
October 1749 at five of the Clock afternoon—

Voted That the Honb^{le} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be Moderator for this
Meeting

Whereas at a Proprietors meeting held on the thirty first day of
December 1748—a certain Tract of land was voted & granted unto

John Samborn John Dearborn & others to the number of Sixty Persons Reserving twenty Shares to the Proprietors and twenty others thereafter to be named by the Proprietors in equal Shares and whereas the said sixty Persons mentioned in y^e s^d Vote have Requested that the Said Tract of Land may not be laid out into one hundred but into Eighty shares and whereas the Said Request Appears to be reasonable in part Therefore Voted that the Said Tract of Land be laid out into Eighty two Shares and no more shares and that the Same when so laid out belong and Appertain unto the said Sixty Persons & the Grantors—and unto John Thomlinson Esqu^r of y^e City of London in great Britain, Unto whom is hereby voted & granted two of the Said shares freed & Exempted from any Charge of Settling as Seventeen of y^e shares aforesaid are freed & Exempted

Whereas at a Proprietors Meeting on y^e thirty first Day of December 1748, a certain Tract of Land was Voted and Granted unto Samuell Palmer Esqu^r Jonathan Shaw & others to the number of Sixty Persons Reserving twenty shares to the Proprietors & twenty others thereafter to be named by the Proprietors, in equal Shares and whereas the Said Sixty Persons mentioned in the Said Vote have Requested that the Said Tract of Land may not be laid out into one hundred but into Eighty Shares and whereas the said Request appears to be reasonable in part Therefore Voted that the Said Tract of Land be laid out into Eighty two shares & no more shares, and that the Same when so laid out belong and appertain unto the Said Sixty persons and the Grantors & unto John Thomlinson Esq^r of y^e City of London in great Britain unto whom is hereby Voted & granted two of the Said shares freed and Exempted from any Charge of Settling as Seventeen of y^e shares aforesaid are freed & Exempted—

[Then follows the grant of Salisbury as printed in vol. 28, pp. 217-220.—Ed.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjour'd to Wen'sday the first day of November next at Six of the Clock afternoon to meet at this Place—
The Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd
a true Record Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of Sarah Prust Nov. 1, and at the house of Ann Slayton Nov. 8, 9, 15, 22, and 29, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 30th 1749 Thursday Six
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Ann Slayton widow The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

[Then follows the grant of Sutton as printed in vol. 28, pp. 306-309.—ED.]

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to Wens'day next the Sixth day of December at ten of the Clock beforenoon to meet at this Place

The Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record Attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 6th 1749 wens'day ten
New Hampshire } of y^e Clock before noon at the Dwelling house of
Ann Slayton Widow—the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted that Nath^l Meserve Esq^r & m^r Daniel Peirce write to Coll^o Blanchard in answer to sundry Affairs relating to y^e Propriety and to take a Plan of a Gore of land betwixt Londonderry and Merrimack River and to ascertain in s^d Plan the Improvements made by any persons within Said Gore

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to wens'day next the thirteenth Instant at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 13th 1749 wen'sday
New Hampshire } five of y^e Clock afternoon at y^e Dwelling house of
Ann Slayton widow. The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to wens'day next y^e 20th Ins^t at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record Attest

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 20th 1749 wen'sday
New Hampshire } five of y^e Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house
of Ann Slayton Widow—The Proprietors meet according to Ad
journment—

[Then follows the grant of an addition to Effingham as printed in vol. 27, p. 241.—ED.]

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the morrow nine of y^e Clock beforenoon to meet at this Place y^e meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

A true Record attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 21st 1749 Thursday
New Hampshire } nine of y^e Clock before noon at the Dwelling
house of Ann Slayton Widow the Proprietors meet according to
Adjournment—

Voted that there be & hereby is granted to John Goffe Esqu^r all the Right & Title of the Said Proprietors of in & unto Eighty Acres of Land bounded as follow's (viz^t) Beginning Six Rods Southward from the place where great Cohas Brook crosses Londonderry Line thence Running west to Merrimack River thence extending northward between Said Londonderry Line and the said River joining on both till eighty Acres be Completed to hold to him his heirs & Assigns the north Line of Said Eighty Acres to be parrellell to the South Line thereof

Whereas at a Proprietors Meeting held on the ninth day of November 1748. it was voted that Seventeen Shares or Rights in Souhegan East otherwise called Naraganset N^o 5—should be reserved unto the Said Proprietors according as they have been already Surveyed and laid out thereafter to be determined and Ascertained and whereas the Same is not as yet done—

Voted—That Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is desired to Determine & ascertain the Said Seventeen shares or Rights as aforesaid

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to wen'sday next y^e 27th Ins^t five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

A true Record Attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Dec. 27, 1749, Jan. 3, and 10, 1749-50, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Prov^e of New } Portsmouth 17th Jan^r 1749, Wednesday five of
Hampshire } Clock afternoon at y^e dwelling House of m^{rs} Ann
Slayton Widow the Proprietors meet according to adjournment —

George Jaffrey Esq^r y^e Stated Clerk being absent —

Voted That D Peirce be Clerk pro Tempore who took y^e proper oath

R Wibird Moder^r

Voted That this Meeting be adjourn'd 'til tomorrow ten o'Clock forenoon to meet at this Place The Meeting was adjourn'd accordingly

a true Record attest

D Peirce Prop^{rs} Clk pro Temp

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Jan. 18, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 1749-50, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth February y^e 14th 1749 Wens'day
New Hampshire } five of y^e Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house
of Ann Slayton Widow the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment —

Voted That Joseph Blanchard Esq^r be and hereby is Authorized to chuse & appoint any Surveyor or Surveyors & Chainman or Chainmen as occasion may require or as he may judge proper to run mark & Settle any Line or Lines with any proprietor or Proprietors of any lands joining to any lands granted by the Proprietors holding & claiming under Cap^t John Tufston Mason or by their Authority Power or direction which being done shall be as effectual as if done by the said Proprietors —

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to wens'day next y^e 21st Inst^t at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

The meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth February y^e 21st 1749 Wens'day
New Hampshire } five of y^e Clock afternoon at y^e Dwelling house of
Ann Slayton Widow — The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment —

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to wen'sday next y^e 28th Instant at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place —

The Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd —

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:—

Province of } Portsmouth February y^e 28th day 1749 wensday
 New Hampshire } five of y^e Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house
 of Ann Slayton Widow —

Many of the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment but the Moderator of the Meeting being absent by Sickness—the Meeting Dissolved

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Clerk—

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 91.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
 New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in
 the Province of New Hampshire, that there will be a Meeting of the
 Said Proprietors held at the House of Ann Slayton Innholder at
 Portsmouth in Said Province on Wen'sday the fourteenth day of
 March Instant at five of the Clock afternoon—Then and there at Said
 Meeting —

(1) To Receive the Reports of any Committee or Person Appointed to treat with Settlers, for laying out of Lands, Laying out Townships, and drawing Lots of Townships, and taking of Plans —

(2) To Consult or Resolve upon Terms of Disposing of Lands to Purchasers or Settlers, or to Sever or Improve any part of the Premises —

(3) To Consider what may be done in Respect to any growing Charges of the Propriety, & raising of money to defray any Charge of the Propriety —

(4) To Appoint any Committee or Committees for the affairs of the Propriety, & to Vote and transact any other matters or things that may be thought proper to be done at Said Meeting —

Portsmouth march y^e 8th day 1749 —

Josh^a Peirce
 Tho^s Packer
 Geo: Jaffrey
 John Moffatt
 R Wibird

D Peirce
 Theod^r Atkinson
 Mark H^s Wentworth
 John Wentworth
 J Odiorne

Province of } Portsmouth march y^e 14th 1749—Pursuant to a
 New Hampshire } Notification of the 8th Instant of a Meeting of the
 Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in
 the Province of New Hampshire to be held at said Portsmouth at
 the House of Ann Slayton Innholder on Wenesday the fourteenth

day of march 1749 at five of the Clock Afternoon—The Proprietors meet accordingly and then and there

Voted That the Honourable Richard Wibird Esqu^r be Moderator of this meeting

[Then follows the grant of Warner as printed in vol. 28, pp. 369-372.—ED.]

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to wenesday next y^e 21st Instant at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this Place —

The meeting was accordingly Adjourn'd —

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton March 21, 1749-50, March 28, 29, and April 4, 1750, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April y^e 11th 1750 Wen'sday five of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock afternoon at y^e house of Ann Slayton—
The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment —

Voted That Thomas Packer Esqu^r be and hereby is Chosen & Appointed in behalf of the Proprietors to grant part of a Tract of Land belonging to Said Proprietors known by the name of Allens Town & y^e Gore of Land lying between that & Bow to Such persons as he shall See Cause on Such Conditions Terms & Limitations as he shall think best for the Interest of the Proprietors provided that he give no more to the Grantees than one thousand Acres of land —

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to wen'sday y^e 25th Instant at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place, the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth April 25th 1750 — wen'sday five of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
The Proprietors met according to adjournment —

Whereas Thomas Packer Esqu^r on y^e Eleaventh of April Instant was appointed in behalf of this Propriety to grant part of a tract of land belonging to this Propriety at a place known by the name of Allens Town & y^e Gore of land lying between that tract & Bow So called to Such persons as he shall see cause under such Conditions &c^s as he shall think best for y^e Interest of the Proprietors provided

he gives no more to the grantees than one thousand Acres of Said Land — Voted that James Cochran of Londonderry be one of the Grantees & that m^r Packer be desired to insert his name in the grant he Shall make by virtue of y^e Vote aforesaid

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to wen'sday next y^e 2^d day of may at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place — The meeting was accordingly adjourn'd a true Record —

Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton May 2, 9, 16, 18, and 23, 1750, and adjourned without transacting any business. —Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth May y^e 30th 1750 wen'sday five of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock afternoon at y^e house of Ann Slayton
The Moderator of this meeting being absent out of this Town The
Meeting Dissolv'd —

a true Record —

Attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 92.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in
Said Province that there will be a Meeting of the Said Proprietors
held at the House of M^{rs} Ann Slayton Innholder in Portsmouth in
Said Province on Wednesday the Sixth Day of June Inst^d at Six of
the Clock in the afternoon then & there at Said Meeting —

1st To Receive the Reports of any Committee or Person appointed to treat with Settlers for laying out of Lands laying out Townships & Drawing lots of Tounships & taking of plans—

2^{dly} To Consult or Resolve upon Terms of Disposing of Lands to Purchasers or Settlers or to Sever or Improve any Part of the Premises—

3^{dly} To Consider what may be done in Respect to any growing Charges of the Propriety & Raising of money to Defrey any Charge of the Propriety—

4^{thly} To appoint any Committee or Committees for the affairs of the Propriety & to Vote & Grant any part of Said Lands to Divide Sever & Make partition of any part thereof that may be then Re-

solved upon and to Transact any other matter or thing whatsoever that may be thôt for the Benefit of the Said Propriety—

Portsmouth June 4th 1750

D Peirce
Theod^r Atkinson
Tho^o Packer
John Moffatt
Josh^a Peirce

J Odiorne
Mark H^s Wentworth
Geo: Jaffrey
John Wentworth

Province of } Portsmouth June y^o 6th day 1750: Wen'sday
New Hampshire } Six of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann
Slayton the Proprietors meet pursuant to a Notification of y^o 4th
Instant

Voted That Daniel Peirce Esqu^r be Moderator for this Meeting—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to wensday the 20th Instant at five of y^o Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—
a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth June y^o 20th day 1750 Wen'sday
New Hampshire } five of y^o Clock afternoon at y^o house of Ann
Slayton The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to Wen'sday next y^o 27th Inst—to meet at this Place—the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd
attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth June y^o 27th day 1750 Wen'sday
New Hampshire } at the House of Ann Slayton The Proprietors
meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas M^r Henry Wallis and m^r William Jones have made a Motion to Said Proprietors of importing a Number of Families from England into this Province—if Said Proprietors will give them Encouragem^t of a grant of a Tract of land to them the said Henry & William and to those Families they may import to Settle upon the land of the Said Proprietors—Therefore

Voted That Jotham Odiorne Nathaniel Meserve & Dan^l Peirce Esqu^{rs} be a Committee to treat with the said m^r Wallis & Jones upon y^o affair and make Report of their Proceedings thereon at the next meeting—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wen'sday y^o 4th day of

Lot in a Record thereof, the Lot of Land Represented by the Number Set against, or to their Respective Names, to be to them and their Heirs Respectively, to hold in Severalty for ever, also where some of the Lots of Land in the Draft of Such Division have been called Law Lots that numbered one and called Law Lot Shall be to the Said Mathew Livermore to hold as aforesaid and the Law Lot Numbered two to the Said William Parker to hold as aforesaid which Grants made to them as aforesaid with what Shall hereafter be made to them by the Said Proprietors shall be in full pay and Satisfaction to them & each of them for any and all the Service they shall do for the Said Proprietors Concerning the Premises so long as there may be occasion thereof on that Business if they the Said Livermore & Parker Respectively Shall live—And they the Said Livermore & Parker their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall bear a proportionable part with the other Owners of the Said Reserved Shares of any Charge & Expence that may arise to defend the said Shares or Rights granted to them the Said Livermore & Parker as aforesaid against any Claim that shall be made or Action bro't for any of Said Shares or Rights, or any part thereof or in prosecuting any Action for any Incroachment that shall be made thereon according to what they hold thereof as aforesaid— And it is also farther agreed And Determined and Voted y^e the other fifteen or more Shares Reserved as aforesaid Shall be and hereby are Sever'd Sett off & Appropriated to the Person or Persons Respectively whose name or Names are Set down in the Draft aforesaid against the Respective numbers representing the Several Lots of land belonging to the Said Shares and their Partners therein by Purchase to hold to them & their Respective Heirs & Assigns or Such as hold under them, to them & their Respective Heirs and Assigns in Severalty for ever—And farther that notwithstanding Such Severance the Defence of the Said Seventeen or more Shares or Rights against any Claim Suit Action or Demand that Shall be made bro't or prosecuted for any one of the Said Shares or Rights or any part thereof or any Suit or Action that Shall be prosecuted by any Owner or owners of the Said Shares for any Incroachments that shall be made thereon shall be at the joint Charge and Expence of the owners of the other fifteen or more Shares with the assistance and proportion thereof of the said Livermore & Parker with Respect to their own Lots as aforesaid—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to wen'sday next Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—y^e meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—a true Record—

attest : Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Aug. 1 and 8, 1750, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth August y^e 9th 1750 five of the
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That the Report of the Committee to treat with m^r Wallis and Jones (as on file) be Received Accepted & Confirmed and that Grants shall be made agreeable to the Tenor Intent and meaning thereof—

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd wen'sday next y^e 15th Instant at Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd a true Record

Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Aug. 15 and 23, 1750, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 30th 1750 Thursday six of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock Afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that the Tract of land known by y^e name of Allen's Town and y^e Tract of land called y^e Gore Adjoining, be Severed to and amongst the Proprietors as Soon as may be—

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to Fryday the Seventh day of September next at Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth September y^e Seventh day 1750
New Hampshire } Fryday Six of y^e Clock afternoon at the house
of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to thursday next y^e 13th Inst^t at Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth September 13th 1750 Thursday
 New Hampshire } Six of the Clock Afternoon at the house of
 Ann Slayton The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That Joshua Peirce & Thomas Packer Esqu^r be a Committee to employ a Surveyor &^c to lay out and make a Division of the tract of land called Allens Town into fifteen equal Shares and only two Lots to a Share to be couple'd in equal value as near as may be, and planning suitable high ways, and return a Compleat Plann thereof and then the Said shares to be drawn for by Said Proprietors—

Voted That Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be desired, and hereby is impowered to agree with any or all those persons that have Settled or improved on this Propriety at a place call'd Tyngs Town between Londonderry Chester & merrimack River by assigning to each Person such Quantity of said land under Such Rents Reservations or Duties or for such sums of money as he may think Reasonable & also lay out to any of the said Proprietors that shall be upon the said Tract of land between this day and the fifth day of November next one hundred Acres of the said Land in Such Place and form as he the Said Blanchard shall think proper the Said Proprietors being at the Charge of the Survey and each Proprietor who shall go upon y^e Premises declaring upon his honour that he had no other Business but Visitting that part of the Propriety—also that Meshech Weare Esqu^r be equally entituled, and have the Benefit of a grant of one hundred Acres of Said Lands on the same Conditions and in the same manner as either of the Proprietors aforesaid by Virtue of y^e foregoing vote—

[In margin] See y^e vote of Dec^r 6th 1751

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to tuesday next y^e 18th Inst^r at six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place y^e meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^rs Clerk

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Sept. 18, 20, 24, Oct. 4, 19, 23, 25, 31, and Nov. 9, 1750, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth November y^e 23^d 1750 Fryday five of
 New Hampshire } y^e Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
 —The Proprietors Meet according to adjournment—

Whereas at a Meeting of the Proprietors aforesaid held on the

Sixteenth day of June 1749 Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r was Authorized and impowered by the Said Proprietors to grant all their Right Title Estate Interest & Property in Sundry Tracts of land laying within y^e Claim of Said Proprietors, Reference being had to said Vote may fully appear, and whereas the said Joseph Blanchard hath in behalfe of Said Proprietors granted all their Right Title Estate Interest and Property in four Tracts of land (viz^t) Number one, Number two, New Ipswich And Peterborough Slip, So called within and being part of Said Tracts of land mention'd in y^e Said Vote referred to Reservations excepted, and whereas there are eighteen Shares reserved in each of the Said Grants and in as much as the Said Joseph Blanchard hath been at much trouble Cost and Charge in managing carrying on and Effecting the Said Buisness and whereas in each of the said Tracts of land so granted one of the Said Reserved Shares is drawn by and entered to the said Joseph Blanchard—Therefore—

Voted That all the Right and Interest of the Said Proprietors of in and to each of the said shares so drawn by and entered to the Said Joseph Blanchard Shall be and hereby is granted unto him the Said Joseph Blanchard to have and to hold the Same unto him the Said Joseph Blanchard his heirs & Assigns in Severalty for his Service in doing the aforesaid Buisness.

And whereas the Said Joseph Blanchard at the Special Request & Instance of and being thereunto desired by the Proprietors aforesaid and in their behalfe as aforesaid hath granted all their Right & title Estate and Property in three Tracts of land (namely) South Menadnack Middle Menadnack & north menadnack so called within the said Claim unto Sundry persons mentioned in Sundry Schedules returned by the Said Joseph Blanchard unto the Said Proprietors and filed with their Clerk and drawn for by the Said Persons, to whom granted—Therefore—

Voted that all the Right Title Interest & property of the said Proprietors of in and to the Several & Respective Lots in the Said three tracts of land last mentioned be and hereby is granted unto the Said Persons respectively their Heirs and Assigns as drawn for and entered in the said Schedules respectively upon the Conditions entered into and agreed upon by and between the Said Joseph Blanchard and the said Persons Respectively—and be it further voted that all their Right Title Interest and Property of in and to one of the Eighteen Reserved Shares in the said last mentioned three Tracts of land, and drawn by and entered to the Said Joseph Blanchard shall be and hereby is granted unto him the said Joseph Blanchard to hold to him his heirs and assigns in Severalty for doing

the aforesaid Buisness—and be it further voted that the other reserved Seventeen shares in each of the Said last mentioned three tracts of land shall be to the Respective persons by whom drawn and to whom entered to hold to them their heirs and assigns Respectively in severalty in the same manner and upon the same Conditions as they hold in Severalty the Sundry Tracts and parcell's of land voted to be held in Severalty by a Vote passed by Said Proprietors at a meeting by them held on the twenty fifth day of July 1750—

Voted That Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is desired, at the Charge of this Propriety, to employ a Surveyor and Chain men with other assistants to run out measure & mark part of the bounds of this Propriety as follow's to begin on the Province line at the South west Corner of the Township called y^e South manadnach & to measure upon Said Province line till it intersect's a curve line drawn from a point Sixty Miles west from the head of Naumkeek so called as the Said Curve line is delineated in a Plan Exhibitted by m^r Daniel Peirce and from the Said Point where the Province line is intersected as aforesaid to measure five miles towards the north but on that point of the Compass the End of which so extended will intersect the Said Curve line And from thence again five miles further on Such other point as will intersect the said Curve line & so to continue at five miles distance to intersect the Said Curve line till at least it intersects the Southern Side line of the line of Towns so called—& if the Said Blanchard shall think proper to measure from Merrimack River on the Province line to the west line of Dunstable the better to ascertain the above mentioned lines—

Voted that there be and hereby is granted unto the Rev^d M^r Thomas Parker all the Right Title Interest & Estate of the Said Proprietors of in and to the Lots Numbered thirty one and number thirty two as they were laid out in the Second Range in Tyng's Town So called and that the Lot Number thirty three in the Said Second Range be and hereby is granted to the Rev^d m^r Willard Hall—and that those of the Proprietors that did not go to merrimack River &^{co} according to a vote pass'd the thirteenth of September last past whereby they would have been intituled to one hundred Acres of Land be Still intituled to one hundred Acres y^e land referred to in Said Vote provided they visit the Said Land referred to in Said Vote between this date and the first day of June next if so much is left after those are Served that did go pursuant to y^e vote aforesaid—

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to fryday the thirtyeth Ins^t at six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record Attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ra} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth November y^e 30th 1750 Fryday Six
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann
Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Then follows the grant of Hopkinton as printed in vol. 27, pp. 362-364.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the third day of December next five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place—
The meeting was accordingly Adjourned
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 3^d 1750 Monday five
New Hampshire } of y^e Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that all the Islands in Winipissiokee Pond be divided into fifteen equal shares for & amongst the fifteen Rights of the first Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r—

Voted that all that tract of Land lying upon the head or Westward of that Tract of Land called New Boston, and that tract of Land granted to Meshech Weare Esqu^r & others, and to the Southward of y^e Line of Towns So called, & to the Eastward of the westward Boundary of y^e lands purchased of John Tufton mason Esqu^r and to the northward of Salem Cannada & Peterbourrow & the north menadnack Town so called—shall be divided into fifteen equal shares, to and among the fifteen Rights of the Purchasers of John Tufton mason Esqu^r aforesaid or such as hold under them in Such manner as shall be hereafter agreed upon

Voted That a tract of Land of Six miles Square shall be hereafter granted to Jn^o Tufton mason Esqu^r—

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to fryday next y^e Seventh Ins^t to meet at this place—at five of y^e Clock afternoon—the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 7th 1750 fryday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Bedford as printed in vol. 27, p. 105.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to Tuesday next the 11th

Instant at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:—

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 11th 1750 Tuesday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Then follows the grant of Tuftonborough as printed in vol. 28, p. 345.—ED.]

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday next y^e 17th Inst at six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned—a true Record

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Dec. 17, March 21, 1750, Jan. 4, 11, 18, Feb. 8, 15, 21, 25, March 1, 8, 22, 1750-1, and 27, 1751, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April y^e 12th 1751 Fryday Six of y^e
New Hampshire } Clock Afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

The Moderator of this meeting being Absent the Meeting Dissolve's—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 97.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in the Province of New Hampshire that there will be a Meeting of the Said Proprietors held at the house of Ann Slayton Innholder in Portsmouth in Said Province on monday of y^e tenth Instant at six of the Clock afternoon then and there at Said Meeting—

(1st) To Receive the Reports of any Committee or Person Appointed to treat with Settlers for laying out of Lands, laying out Townships, & drawing Lots of Townships & taking of Plans—

2^{dly} To Consult or Resolve upon Terms of Disposing of Lands to Purchasers or Settlers or to Sever or improve any part of y^e Premises—

3^{dly} To Consider what may be done in Respect to any growing Charges of the Propriety & Raising of money to defrey any Charge of the Propriety—

4^{thly} To Appoint any Committee or Committees for the affairs of the Propriety & to Vote & grant any Part of said Lands, to divide Sever & make partition of any part thereof, that may be Resolved upon, at said meeting, & to transact any other matter or thing whatsoever that may be tho't for the Benefit of y^e said Propriety—

Portsm^o June 8th 1751

R Wibird
Nath Meserve
Josh^a Peirce
Tho^s Packer
John Moffatt
Mark H^s Wentworth

John Wentworth
Tho^s Wallingford
Geo: Jaffrey
Theod^s Atkinson
D Peirce

Province of } Portsmouth June y^e 10th 1751—Monday Six of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
Innholder, The Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton
Mason Esqu^r in Said Province meet agreeable to a Notification notifying
a meeting of Said Proprietors at Said time & place—

Voted that Daniel Peirce Esqu^r be Moderator for this Meeting

Whereas the Said Proprietors have been informed that there is a tract of Land within the Claim of said Proprietors called new Boston and claimed by a number of Gentlemen under the Government of the Massachusetts Bay and whereas it is Suggested that those Claimers are disposed to come to an Accomodation & Agreement with the Said Proprietors on such Terms as may be agreeable to both parties Therefore Voted that Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is Authorized & fully impowered to Settle agree and Compound all Claims & Demands Differences Disputes & Controversies whatsoever made being & Subsisting between the Said Proprietors and the Claimers of the Said Tract of land under the Said Government as fully and amply to all Intents & purposes as said Proprietors themselves could or might do personally and in Case he shall See cause to grant & Convey the Said land or any part thereof to any others on Such Terms as he shall Judge best for the Interest of this Propriety—

Voted that this Meeting be adjourn'd to Tuesday the 18th Inst^t at Six of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton June 18, 21, 26, July 2, 10, 17, and 19, 1751, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 22^d 1751—monday four of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that an Action be forthwith Commenced and carried on at the Charge of the Proprietors to final Issue & Judgment in law against any Trespasser or Trespassers who shall have entered on any of the Shares or Rights of said Proprietors or any of those who hold under them in South Menadnick Number one or middle Menadnick Number two in the name of any Person to whom any Lot has been Severred & Set off or in Such way and manner as the Said Proprietors shall be advised by their Counsell—

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday next y^e 29th Inst at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler.

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton July 29, 31, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 24, 27, Sept. 11, 18, and 25, 1751, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth September 26th 1751 Thursday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That the Hon^b Theodore Atkinson, Joseph Blanchard and Daniel Peirce Esqu^{rs} be appointed a Committee to wait upon his Excellency the Governour and in behalfe of the Proprietors to acquaint his Excellency how far we have proceeded in lotting out & Settling our Propriety & in order to our further Proceeding in introducing a greater number of his majesty's Subjects to Settle upon & Cultivate our Lands, we find it necessary to run out & Sufficiently mark our head or western Line and as his Majesty's Lands not yet granted bound's all along upon the Said Line, to desire his Excellency (if consistent with his Goodness) to appoint Some Person or Persons to join with us in running the Said Line—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 15th day of October next at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[*Report of Committee.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 99.*]

The above mentioned Committee reported to said Proprietors that they had waited on his Excellency y^e Governor & communicated to him the above Vote, and that he directed them to have the Western Boundary line of Masons Grant run & marked; in consequence of which Order, Col: Joseph Blanchard Esq^r was requested & employed by said Proprietors to have the said Line run and marked, which he had effected in part, from the Southerly dividing Line betwixt the Province of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire Northwardly so far as Bakers pond So Called.—

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Oct. 15, 16, 30, Nov. 6, and 13, 1751, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth November y^e 20th 1751—Wednesday
New Hampshire } Six of the Clock Afternoon at the house of Ann
Slayton The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

[Then follows the grant of Andover as printed in vol. 27, pp. 81-85.—ED.]

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 27th Ins^t six of the Clock Afternoon, to meet at this place the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned
a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth November the 27th 1751 Wednesday
New Hampshire } six of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann
Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

[Then follows the grant of forfeited shares in Sutton to the town proprietors as printed in vol. 28, p. 313.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the fourth day of December next six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at place—the Meeting was accordingly adjourned—
a true Record—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 4th 1751 wenesday Six
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slay-
 ton The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas there was a Tract of land granted to the heirs of Alexander M^cMurphy late of Londonderry Deceased at or near a place call'd amoskeeg to contain fifty Acres which land was to be laid out at y^e Directions of Coll^o Blanchard and the bounds by him ascertained as by the Vote pass'd will appear and that the Said Tract has been Survey'd by Mathew Patten Surveyor in presence of Coll^o Blanchard and a Plan thereof made & return'd to this meeting, and it appearing by the Said Survey that the Land described by the Said Plan include's three Acres more than was granted—

Voted That the Said three Acres be given to the Eldest son of the said Alexander MacMurphy and to his heirs and Assigns over and above his share in the former Grant—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Fryday next y^e 6th Inst^t at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record Attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ra} Cler:—

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 6th 1751 Fryday five
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slay-
 ton The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r at the Request of the Proprietors hath caused the head or Westerly line of the lands purchased by the Said Proprietors of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r to be run marked out and ascertained from the dividing Line between the Province of New Hampshire & the Province of the Massachusetts Bay as far northward as Bakers Pond so called and whereas it will be of Service and Benefit to this Society as well as of publick Benefit that there should be a number of Towns Settled as soon as may be near the Said head line therefore—

Voted That Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is Desired Authorized and impowered in the behalfe of Said Proprietors to agree with any number of persons to make Settlements joining on and within y^e Said line and to agree with them upon Such limitations Conditions and Reservations as he shall judge proper and in behalf of Said proprietors to make grants accordingly of Such Tracts for Townships as he shall judge will be most Convenient for making good Settlements for the Benefit of the Settlers the publick good and the Benefit of the Proprietors Considering the nature of the Land Situation of mountains Ponds & Rivers Impediments or Advantages of Settlement—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Manchester, as printed in vol. 27, p. 442.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Wenesday the first day of January next five of the Clock Afternoon to Meet at this Place—the meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Jan. 1, Feb. 12, and 17, 1752, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 20th 1752. Thursday Six
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann
Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Then follows the grant of forfeited shares in Andover to the town proprietors, as printed in vol. 27, p. 86.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday next the 24th Ins^t four of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place: the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth February 24th 1752 Monday four
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the house of Ann
Slayton The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Whereas William Orr of Londonderry in the Province of New Hampshire was one of the Grantees of a Tract of land granted by the Said Proprietors on y^e third day of December 1748—unto Thomas Parker Coll^o Sampson Stoddard Esqu^r & John Butterfield & others upon certain Conditions Limitations and Reservations in the said Grant mentioned and whereas the Said Tract of land is since run out and drawn for and whereas the said Proprietors in and by the Said Grant reserved to themselves the Right of Reentry into the Right or share of any one of the Grantees that should Neglect to do and perform what was enjoyned by him to be done and performed in order to make a Settlement there and whereas the Said William Orr hath neglected to do and perform what was Enjoyned him to be done and performed in order to make a Settlement there—Therefore—

Voted that James Macgregore of Londonderry in the Province of New Hampshire Yeoman be and hereby is Authorized and impowered by the Said Proprietors to enter into the Right or share of the Said William Orr in the Said Tract of land and to take possession thereof in the name and behalf of the Said Proprietors and make Return thereof to the Said Proprietors as soon as may be—

[Then follows a vote in regard to Sutton, as printed in vol. 28, p. 315.—ED.]

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Thursday next the 27th Instant five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place—the Meeting was accordingly adjourned
a true Record attest: _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth February 27th 1752. Thursday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday next three of the Clock afternoon being the second day of March next to meet at this place—the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—
a true Record attest. _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth March 2^d 1752 monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

[Then follows the regrant of Dunbarton, as printed in vol. 27, pp. 204-209.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourn'd to Monday next the 9th Instant at three of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd
a true Record _____ attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton March 9, 16, and April 2, 1752, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 13th 1752 Monday ten of the
New Hampshire } Clock beforenoon at the House of Ann Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That Mark Hunting Wentworth & Daniel Peirce Esqu^{rs} be a Committee to Adjust y^e Acco^t of Expences of this Propriety with the Clerk and make Report thereof at y^e next Meeting of the Proprietors.

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday y^e 21st Ins^t at ten of y^e Clock before noon to meet at this place The Meeting was accordingly Adjourned—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth April 21st 1752. Tuesday ten of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock beforenoon At the House of Ann Slayton y^e
Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to wenesday y^e 6th day May next at four of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the Meeting was accordingly adjourned a true Record

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth May y^e 6th 1752 Wenesday four
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann
Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Whereas the Original Right of William Orr in that Tract of Land Granted by said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others on the third Day of December 1748 is forfeited to said Proprietors and into which the said Proprietors have reEntered & are again Reseized thereof and Whereas James Macgregore of Londonderry has advanced & paid Several Sums of money in order for the Settling the said Right in prospect of purchasing the same and has In-gaged to perfect the Settlement, if the said Right shall be granted to him therefore Voted that all the Right title Interest property of the said Proprietors in & to the said Right be and hereby is Granted unto the said James Macgregore to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns Provided he or they Build a Dwelling House of the same Diminsions that the other Settlers there were to Build & Clear four Acres of Land fit for Mowing or Tillage within three months from this time and four acres more as aforesaid within one year from the end of the said three months and four acres more within one Year next after that and do perform & Discharge all other Duties & Services which were Enjoined to be done by the other Settlers on said Tract of Land by the Vote of said Proprietors whereby the same was Granted as aforesaid

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday next the 12th Ins^t four of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The meeting was Accordingly adjourned
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth May 12th 1752. Tuesday four of y^e
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton—
The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to monday next y^e 18th Instant four of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place The meeting was accordingly adjourned—
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth May y^e 18th 1752. monday four of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

[Then follows the draft of the lots in Allenstown as printed in vol. 27, p. 46.—ED.]

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday the 28th Curr^t at four of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The meeting was accordingly adjourned
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

Province of } Portsmouth May 28th 1752 Thursday four of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton the
Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the Morrow at four of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

The meeting was accordingly adjourned—
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth May the 29th 1752. Fryday four of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon y^e Proprietors meet according
to Adjournment.—

Voted that Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is desired Authorized and impowered by himself or Such others as he shall think proper to employ to take a Survey of the lands hereafter described (viz^t) bounded westerly on the manadnach Number Six and

Number Seven Northerly upon the South line of the line of Towns so called easterly upon Wear's Town and New Boston Southerly upon Salem Cannada Peterborough and Manadnach Number three and make Enquiry into the nature and Situation of the Same and in what manner the Same may in the best manner be divided into fifteen equal shares in Quantity & Quality and whether it is best for the whole to be divided at once or part thereof first and the rest afterwards and make Report thereof to the Proprietors as soon as may be and that the Cost thereof be paid by the Proprietors—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wenesday next the third day of June next at four of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton June 3, and 17, 1752, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth June y^e 18th 1752 Thursday nine of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock beforenoon at the house of Ann Slayton
The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that the Said Proprietors take each an equal share & Proportion of land in Gilman Town with the Proprietors named in the Schedule annexed to their Charter granted by the Governour and Council and Such as they have heretofore admitted and that the Share of this Propriety be laid out all together upon Winnepiseokee pond & so running back from Said pond upon the line of Said Township which run's north to said pond & South from the Pond on the one Side and the land they have already laid out call'd the Second Division on the other Side & so running Southerly till the Said Quantity be made up—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 30th Instant four of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth June 30th 1752. Tuesday four of the
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton the
Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Then follows the quitclaim of Gilmanton as printed in vol. 27, p. 290.—ED.]

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Wenesday the 15th day of July next at four of y^e Clock afternoon to Meet at this place the Meeting was accordingly adjourned—a true Record

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth July 15th 1752. Wenesday four of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton
the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to y^e morrow y^e 16th Instant at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at [this] place the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth July 16th 1752. Thursday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock Afternoon At the house of Ann Slayton
the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Then follows the grant of Henniker as printed in vol. 27, pp. 326-329.—ED.]

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to wenesday y^e 29th Instant five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place. The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth July 29th 1752 Wenesday five of y^e
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton the
Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wenesday the 12th day of August next at Six of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned—a true Record—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:—

Province of } Portsmouth August 12th 1752 wenesday Six of
New Hampshire } the Clock Afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton—the time and place to which the Meeting was Adjourned—

The Moderator of the Meeting not Attending no meeting was held by Said Adjournment—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 2.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampsh^r } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
within y^e Province of New Hampshire—That there will be a Meet-
ing of the Said Proprietors, held at the House of Ann Slayton Inn-
holder at Portsmouth in Said Province on Wenesday the Eleaventh
day of October Instant at five of y^e Clock afternoon; Then and there
at Said Meeting

(1st) To Receive the Reports of any Committee or Person Ap-
pointed to treat with Settlers, for laying out Lands, & drawing
Lots in Townships, & Taking of Plans

(2^{dly}) To Consult and Determine upon Terms of Disposing of
Lands to Purchasers or Settlers, or to Sever or improve any part of
the Premises—

(3^{dly}) To Determine upon some Method of Raising Money for
defreying any Charges the Proprietors have been at, or y^e shall Arise
to the Proprietors, on Accompt of the Propriety—

(4^{thly}) To Appoint any Person or Committee to consult or execute
any affair relating to the Propriety, to Vote and grant any part of
said lands, to divide sever and make partition of any part thereof
not already granted or severed by said Proprietors, and to transact
any Matter or thing whatsoever that shall be Voted for y^e Benefit of
the Said Proprietors Respecting the said Propriety—

Portsmouth October 7th 1752—

Theodore Atkinson
D Peirce
Josh^a Peirce
Geo: Jaffrey
Mark H^s Wentworth

John Moffatt
John Wentworth
R Wibird
Tho^s Packer

Province of } Portsmouth October 11th 1752. Wenesday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock Afternoon At the House of Ann Slayton
Innholder The Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton
Mason Esqu^r within the Province of New Hampshire, Meet pursuant
to a Notification for a Meeting of Said Proprietors at Said time and
Place—

Voted that Daniel Peirce Esqu^r be Moderator for this Meeting

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Monday next the 16th
Instant at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The
Meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:—

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Oct. 16 and 19, 1752, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth October 23^d 1752 Monday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton
Innholder The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Whereas a Tract of Land commonly called the Gore adjacent to the Tract of land commonly known by the name of Allen's Town and also part of the Said Tract called Allens Town not yet divided adjoining to Said Gore which were intended to be laid out and divided into fifteen equal Rights or shares to the Rights of the fifteen Proprietors or their Assigns and whereas Sundry Persons have moved to purchase Some Improvements they have made upon Said Gore Therefore—

Voted That Joshua Peirce & Thomas Packer Esqu^r be a Committee in behalf of Said Proprietors, and are hereby empowered & Desired to make agreements with Such Person or Persons who are Settled on Said Gore or the said Tract called allens Town and to divide the Remainder into fifteen equal Lots or shares, except the Mill Privilege, at the Island on Suncook River which is not to be divided but to be disposed of by the Committee in the best manner they can for the advantage of the Propriety, and return a Plan of the Same as soon as may be to Said Proprietors, and then the Said Lotts to be drawn for to the Respective Rights of the Said Proprietors—

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Thursday the Second day of November next at five of the Clock afternoon To meet at this Place—The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth November 2^d 1752, Thursday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the House of Ann
Slayton Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that John McMurphy Esqu^r Andrew Todd and others Grantees of a certain tract of land granted unto them by the Said Proprietors unto the Said Grantees on the Sixteenth day of July 1752. have a further time of laying out and dividing the Said Tract of Land namely untill the Sixteenth day of July next (the Said Grantees having represented unto the Said Proprietors that it cannot be conveniently done by the time limited in the Said Grant) and that they have the Same time for doing what is to be done by them

after the Sixteenth day of July next as they wou'd have had in Case the Said Tract of Land shou'd by lay'd out and divided by the time limited for the doing thereof in the Said Grant—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Wenesday next y^e 8th Instant at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl.

Province of } Portsmouth November y^e 8th 1752, Wenesday
New Hampshire } five of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann
Slayton Innholder } The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that Coll^o Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is desired and impowered to divide and lay out or cause to be laid out into fifteen equal Shares all that land on Contoocook River between the place call'd Keys his Farm on the north & the great Falls So called against the Crotched Mountain so called on the South in the following manner (viz') The Interval Land to be Equally divided for Quantity & Quality and So much up land adjoining or Contiguous to each Share laid out as to make up the Quantity of five hundred Acres to each share that is where the land is not So good to add so much in Quantity as shall be equal to five hundred Acres of the best; and that all the rest of the land comprehended within the following bounds (viz') Westerly on the Manadnack N^o 6 and N^o 7 Northerly on the South line of the line of Towns so called, Easterly on Wear's Town & New Boston & Southerly on Salem Cannada Peterborough and Manadnack N^o 3 be divided into fifteen equal Shares for Quality, only the Mountains to be left as a Common

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 19th day of December next at five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record

Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Dec. 19 and 20, 1752, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth December 21st 1752 Thursday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann
Slayton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is Authorized and Impowered to grant all the Right Title Interest and Property

of this Propriety in a Township of the Contents of Six Miles Square adjoining to Hillsborough on the east not to extend South-erly further than the South Line of the Line of Towns unto Deacon James Campbell and Associates with Such Reservations for the Grantors & under Such Restrictions Conditions & Limitations as he Shall see fit, and as Agent for this Propriety to give and Execute a Grant of the Same

Voted that there be and hereby is granted unto Captain William Syms all the Right Title and Property & Interest of the said Proprietors of and in five hundred Acres of Land in one peice in a regular form in that part of their Lands adjoining to the Patent Line between the Manadnock N^o 7 & Pemigawasset Intervalls provided a Plan thereof be returned to this Propriety within two years from this date for their Acceptance and that the Survey and Return thereof do not Infringe on any other grant at Such time made by this Propriety—

Voted That meeting be adjourned to Tuesday next y^e 26th Instant at Six of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

Province of } Portsmouth December 26th 1752 Tuesday Six
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon At the House of Ann
Slayton Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
ment—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Wenesday the third Day of January next at three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth January 3^d 1753. Wenesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann
Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjourn-
ment—

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r for the Service of this Propriety has been hindred of much time and been at Considerable Expence for which he has not been Sufficiently Rewarded and as a full Satisfaction therefor

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto the Said Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r his Heirs and assigns all the Right & Title of this

Propriety unto five hundred acres of land in that Tract called the Royal Society land so as not to infringe on that part on Contoocook River ordered to be laid out for the fifteen Proprietors of five hundred Acres each—provided he cause the Same to be laid out in a regular form and return a plan thereof to this Propriety in such Season as not to hinder the pursuing the Division of the Remainder of the royal Society land—

Also Voted that Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be fully Authorized and impowered to Settle and agree with Jeremiah Gridley Esqu^r for his Service in drawing a State of Masons Title and for his further Encouragement as a Retaining Fee for this Propriety by granting unto him the Right & Title of this Propriety in So much of the lands adjoining on the north or east of Peterborough (so called) as he shall think best—

Whereas by a Vote of Said Propriety of the 23^d day of October last past Joshua Peirce & Thomas Packer Esqu^s were empowered and desired to make agreements with Such Person or Persons who were Settled on the Gore adjacent to allens Town so called and part of Said Allens Town adjoining to said Gore which were intitled to be divided into fifteen equal Shares or Rights to the fifteen Proprietors or their assigns—and as James Cochran and John Cochran have moved to purchase Some Small Tracts within the Premises—and as There may be also some other Tracts not yet improved by any person which may better accomodate the Said Proprietors by selling them than having them laid out to their Respective Rights Therefore Voted that the abovesaid Gentlemen be and hereby are empowered & desired to Sell all the Right & Title of said Proprietors to the Tracts moved for by the Said James & John Cochran to them—and Such other small Tracts in the Premises as they Shall think will be better to Sell for the Use of said Proprietors than to be divided to and amongst the Shares or Rights of said fifteen Proprietors and for Such Sum's or on Such Terms as will be most for the Advantage of the said Proprietors and to make Report of their Proceedings therein to said Proprietors as soon as may be—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wenesday y^e 17th Instant at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

A true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^o Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Jan. 17, Feb. 13, 14, March 20, 22, 29, April 12, 13, and 25, 1753, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth May 24th 1753 Thursday five of y^e
 New Hampshire } Clock Afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton Inn-
 holder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is Authorized & fully Impowered to grant agree & settle with David Baldwin of Watertown (who has this day petitioned Said Proprietors for a grant of a certain Tract of Land belonging to Said Proprietors described in said Petition) on Such Terms & Conditions as said Blanchard shall judge Reasonable & just with Respect to both parties and in such a manner as he shall think best for the Interest of said Proprietors and the Quieting the said Petitioner,

the Committee appointed to Examine the Account of Proprietors Expences with George Jaffrey Clerk made their Report as on file which was read and

Voted that the said Account be accepted by said Proprietors

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday y^e 31st day of this Instant may at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned—

A true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton May 31, June 1, 6, 12, 15, 20, 27, July 4, 11, Aug. 8, 15, and 22, 1753, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 27th 1753. Monday three of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton
 Innholder, the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That George Jaffrey procure and cause all the original Plans returned to the Proprietors of the lands granted by this Propriety to be put into the form of a Book for their better Preservation together with the original Draft & numbers of the Lots & the names to which each Respective Number belongs and also that the said George Jaffrey as Clerk of this Propriety procure a proper Book & transcribe all the Charters Grants and Votes of the Proprietors and their whole Proceedings with all the Plans aforesaid on the Same Scale they are drawn or the most convenient Scale and the Drafts Numbers Names of the owners as drawn & the Votes for Severance and attest the Same as Clerk of the Proprietors at the Cost of the Proprietors—

Whereas Clement March Esqu^r has enclosed a Quantity of land in Fence Situate in a place called Buckstreet near Suncook River

and butted on the lot Numbered one in Said Buckstreet and lay's Southerly of said lot and Contain's about one hundred & twenty Acres more or less—

Voted That all the Right & Title of said Proprietors to the said Tract of land be and hereby is granted to the Said Clement March his heirs and assigns for ever, as part of his Right for quantity & Quality in the Lands yet to be divided Amongst Said Proprietors to be Estimated by Tho's Packer & Joshua Peirce Esqu^{rs}

Voted That Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r be and hereby is authorized and impowered to grant all the right Title Interest and Property of this Propriety in a tract of land inclosed by the patent line as lately run Pemigawassett River & the Tracts of land granted to Edmund Brown & others & the Township called Alexandria—To Capt. John Talford & associates with Such Associates with Such Reservations Restrictions & Limitations as he shall see fit and as Agent for said Proprietors to give and Execute a grant of the Same—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to wenesday next y^e 29th Instant at four of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth August 29th 1753 Wenesday four
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton
Innholder—The Proprietors meet According to Adjournment—

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r pursuant to the Power and Authority to him given and granted by Said Proprietors, has granted all the right Title Estate and Demand of said Proprietors to Sundry Tracts of land viz^t the Menadnicks number four number five number Six number Seven and number eight and also of a tract of land called Dantzick another called Heidelberg & another Alexandria each of Sufficient Quantity of Acres & Extent for a Township lying on the Inland line of the land belonging to Said Proprietors in each of which there is reserved to the Said Proprietors twenty shares or Rights and in that call'd number four there is also reserved a Tract of land for a farm of two hundred Acres which have not been disposed of and Severed Therefore

Voted That all the Right Title Estate & Demand of said Proprietors to the said Reserved shares and the Said two hundred acres of land shall be and hereby are given granted confirmed & Severed in manner and form following, that is to Say, that one of each of the said Reserved shares to the Said Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r one in each to Mathew Livermore and one in each to William Parker both of Ports-

mouth in the Province of New Hampshire Esqu^m one in each to Noah Emery of Kittery in the County of York Gentleman and in that Tract of land called number four and in that call'd number Seven one of said Reserved shares in each of these two, to Nathaniel Peirce of Portsmouth aforesaid mariner, to hold to the said Persons & their Respective Heirs and assigns and the rest of the said Reserved shares, and the said two hundred Acres to the Said Proprietors & their Respective Heirs and assigns—and that the Same be held in Severalty to each person and Proprietor and their Respective Heirs and Assigns in severalty, according as the Lots are or shall be Drawn belonging to each Share and numbered to the Person or Persons claiming each Respective Share—

Whereas the Said Proprietors have granted all the Right Title Estate & Demand of the said Proprietors to Sundry Tracts of Land and Reserved to themselves & to their Disposal Sundry shares or Rights in each Respective Grant of which Reservations they have not yet made a Disposition & Severance therefore

Voted—That in each Parcel or Tract of land so granted where Such shares have been reserved the Division made & Lots drawn that the said Right Title Estate & Demand of Said Proprietors to the said Reserved Shares be and hereby are given granted confirmed and Severed in manner following that is to Say, that each person and the Persons to whose Name and names each Respective Lot & Lots are affixed and number'd and those Lots called Law Lots as follow's those called Law Lots numbered one to Mathew Livermore and those call'd Law Lots numbered two to William Parker to hold to the Said Persons Respectively their Heirs & Assigns in Severalty—

[Then follows the draft of ten one hundred acre lots in Manchester as printed in vol. 27, p. 443.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the morrow the 30th Instant at five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^m Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Aug. 30, and 31, 1753, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth September 3^d 1753. Monday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of m^{rs} Ann Slayton
Innholder The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

The Moderator of this Meeting not appearing at the Meeting—
The Meeting dissolv'd

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 4.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^t,
within y^e Province of New Hampshire, That there will be a Meeting
of said Proprietors held at the dwelling House of m^{rs} Ann Slayton
Innholder, at Portsmouth in Said Province, on Wenesday the Seven-
teenth day of October Instant, at five of the Clock afternoon, Then
& There at Said Meeting

(1) To receive y^e Report of any Committee or Person appointed
to do or transact any matter or thing relating to the Said Propriety

(2) To consult or determine upon any grant or Conveyance, or
any Severance of any part of Said Propriety, not already Severed or
granted—

(3) To determine upon some Method of raising money for defrey-
ing Such Charges as have already arisen, or that shall arise to Said
Proprietors, in Respect to the Said Propriety—

(4) To appoint any Person or Committee, to consult, Execute or
transact, any affair relating to the said Propriety—to consider and
Determine upon any Suit or Action which y^e said Proprietors may
judge proper to be prosecuted and to appoint agent or agents to appear
for said Proprietors & to prosecute answer & defend any Action or suit
that is, or Shall be prosecuted by, or against Said Proprietors, or any
which they shall see cause to espouse and pursue, & conduct the same
to final Judgement & Execution also to Vote & transact any matter
or thing that shall be judged for the Benefit of Said Propriety—

Portsm^o October 2^d 1753 —

Tho^s Packer
Jn^o Rindge
Sam^l Solly
D Peirce
John Moffatt
Josh^a Peirce

Mark H^s Wentworth
R Wibird
John Wentworth
Tho^s Wallingford
Theod^s Atkinson
Nath Meserve

Province of } Portsmouth October 17th 1753 Wenesday five of
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling House of
m^{rs} Ann Slayton Innholder The Proprietors of the Lands purchased

of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r within the Province Of New Hampshire meet pursuant to a Notification of this meeting dated at said Portsmouth the 2^d Instant. at Said meeting

Voted That John Moffatt Esqu^r be Moderator of this meeting—

[Then follows the draft of lots in Society Land as printed in vol. 28, p. 259.—ED.]

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to the morrow y^e 18th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The Meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^s Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Oct. 18, 23, and 24, 1753, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth October 31st 1753. Wenesday three
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
M^{rs} Ann Slayton Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to
Adjournment—

The Moderator of this Meeting not being present the day of Adjournment (being detain'd by Sickness) this meeting is therefore Disolved—

a true Record—

Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^s Cl:

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2. p. 5.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of y^e
New Hampsh^r } lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
within the Province of New Hampshire, That there will be a meeting of Said Proprietors held at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton Innholder in Portsmouth within Said Province on Wenesday y^e Sixth day of February next at four of the Clock afternoon—

To Receive the Report of any Committee or person appointed to do or transact any matter or thing relating to the Propriety—

To Grant, Convey, or Sever, any part of Said Propriety, not already granted, Conveyed or Severed—

To determine upon Some method of raising money or defrey any Charge or Expenche that hath already arisen or that shall arise to Said Proprietors, upon said Propriety, & to Cancel and discharge any Acco^{ts} thereof—

To apoint any Persons or Committee to prosecute or Defend, any Action or Law Suit that is or shall be Commenced by or against Said Proprietors relating to said Propriety, to final Judgement & Execution, or any Action or Suit Said Proprietors shall see cause to espouse & pursue—also to Vote and transact any mater or thing, that shall be judged for the Benefit of Said Propriety

Portsm^o Jan^y 22^d 1754—

R Wibird
Theodore Atkinson
Tho^s Wallingford
Josh^a Peirce
John Moffatt
Nath^l Meserve
Tho^s Packer

Mark H^s Wentworth
D Peirce
John Wentworth
Sam^l Solly
Jn^o Rindge
Geo: Jaffrey

Province of } Portsmouth February y^e 6th 1754 The Proprie-
New Hampshire } tors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason
Esqu^r in the Province New Hampshire Meet at the Dwelling house
of Ann Slayton Innholder at four of the Clock afternoon pursuant to
a Notification dated January 22^d 1754—

Voted That Nathaniel Meserve Esqu^r be Moderator of this Meeting—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the 21st Ins^t
to meet at this place at four of the Clock Afternoon—

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth February 21st 1754 Thursday four
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Ann Slayton Innholder The Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
ment—The Moderator of this Meeting not being present the day of
the Adjournment this Meeting is therefore Dissolved a true Record
attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2. p. 7.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
within the Province of New Hampshire that there will be held a
Meeting of Said Proprietors, at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton

Innholder at Portsmouth in Said Province on Thursday the fourteenth day of March Instant at four of the Clock afternoon—

To Receive the Report of any Committee or Person appointed to do or transact any Matter or thing relating to the Propriety

To Grant, Convey, Sell or Sever any of the Lands within Said Purchase not already granted or Severed—

To Determine upon Some Method of raising money to defrey any Charge or Expences that hath already arisen or that shall arise to Said Proprietors, upon Said Propriety, and to Cancel and discharge any Acco^{ts} thereof

To Appoint any Person or Committee, to Consult, Execute or transact any affair relating to Said Property, to consider and Determine upon any Suit or Action which the Said Proprietors may judge proper to be prosecuted and to appoint agent or agents to appear for Said Proprietors, and to prosecute answer & defend any Action or Suit that is or shall be prosecuted by or against Said Proprietors, or any which they shall see cause to espouse & conduct the Same to final Judgement & Execution—

Also to Vote & Transact any matter or thing that shall be judged for the Benefit of said Propriety—

Portsmouth March 8th 1754—

Jn^o Rindge
John Moffatt
Tho^o Wallingford
Geo: Jaffrey
Nath^l Meserve
Jos: Blanchard
Sam^l Solly

R Wibird
Theodore Atkinson
Josh^a Peirce
D Peirce
Tho^o Packer
Mark H^s Wentworth
John Wentworth

Province of) Portsmouth March 14th 1754 Thursday four of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Ann Slayton Innholder the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of
John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in the Province of New Hampsh^r hold
a Meeting Pursuant to a Notification dated at Portsmouth the 8th
of March Instant—and—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be Moderator of this Meeting—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to monday next y^e 18th Instant at three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ts} Cl.

Province of } Portsmouth March 18th 1754 monday three of
 New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann
 Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to fryday next the 22^d Instant five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

Province of } Portsmouth March 22^d 1754. Fryday five of the
 New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann
 Slayton Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held on the 16th day of June 1749. did vote that m^r Timothy Fuller may have one half of the tract of land containing about five hundred Acres called Duxbury School Lott the whole of w^{ch} the Proprietors employed Cap^t John Shepperd to enclose for them and whereas the Proprietors did verbally promise before that time unto the Said Sheppard one full half part of the Said five hundred Acres, and that the same may be effected according to the Intent and design of the fixing the Grants to the Said Fuller & Shepperd The Prop^{rs} on the Conditions herein after mentioned do grant all their Right Interest & Property of in and to the tract of land of five hundred Acres aforesaid in manner following that is to say one half part for Quantity & Quality unto the Said Cap^t John Shepperd his heirs and assigns of the tract aforesaid the Improvements by him made on Said School Lot to be Estimated in his favour—Conditioned that the said Shepperd or some other in his stead Inhabit in the house by him built on Said School Lot for three years next after the last day of may next which house and Improvements by him already made shall be on his half part provided it exceed not his half in Quality—and all the Right Title and Interest of the Proprietors in the Remaining half According to the Intent and Design of the Proprietors at their Meeting the aforesaid 16th of June 1749 be and hereby is granted unto the Said Timothy Fuller his Heirs and assigns on the following Conditions, and them only that is to Say the Said Timothy Fuller his Heirs or assigns shall build a comfortable dwelling house clear inclose and improve ten Acres at least on his part within five years from this date inhabit said house or some person in his stead and continue the Improvements and Inhabitancy there for three years then next coming and on failure of either of the Grantees aforesaid their Respective Premises to Revert to the Grantors their heirs or assigns—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday next y^e 26th Instant at three of the Clock afternoon at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth March 26th 1754. Tuesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Ann Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the Morrow the 27th Instant at three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth March 27th 1754. Wenesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Ann Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the time Limited for the Performance of Some parts of y^e Duty of Settlement by the Grantees of the Three Tracts of Lands granted by Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r (in behalf of this Propriety, called Manadnock number one Manadnock number two and Manadnock Number three have been impeded and in Some measure prevented of pursuing their Improvements Conditioned to be done in the Grants by a Law Suit long pending between the Claimers of a tract of Land Called Rowley Cannada and one of the Grantees of the Said Monadnock Number one which claim extends into part of the Said three Tracts—Therefore—

Voted That the Grantees of the Said Three Tracts of Land be and hereby are exempted from any Forfeiture Incurred by the Omission of Complying with any Condition of their Respective Grants, to this day, and that they be further indulged and have Liberty to enter and pursue their Settlement the first part of the Improvements Stipulated by the Conditions of each Grant to be done, to Commence the first day of June next and thence forward to have the Same Privileges and to do the Same Duties as is By the grants aforesaid Respectively Conditioned to be done and at the Same distance of Periods from the first day of June next as was first Stated in their Grants as fully as tho' the Same at first had been Conditioned in their Respective Grants—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in New Boston as printed in vol. 28, p. 65.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to y^e Morrow the 28th Instant at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place The meeting was accordingly adjourned.

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of) Portsmouth March 28th 1754 Thursday five of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton
Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas there is a Tract of land lying within Masons Grant that yet remain's undisposed of bounding on Gilman Town and on the Grants by this Propriety already made, on Barnstead and by Winnisioke Pond, and inasmuch as this Propriety design to appropriate all the Said Lands there included to their particular Use according to the following Appropriations, namely, To Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r one Seventeenth part Richard Wibird Esqu^r one Seventeenth part Thomas Wallingford Esqu^r one Seventeenth part the Heirs of Jotham Odiorne Esqu^r Deceas'd one Seventeenth part John Moffatt Esqu^r one Seventeenth part Joshua Peirce Esqu^r one Seventeenth part Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqu^r one Seventeenth part John Wentworth Jun^r Esqu^r one Seventeenth part George Jaffrey Esqu^r one Seventeenth part Thomas Packer Esqu^r one Seventeenth part John Thomlinson & John Tufton Mason Esqu^{rs} one Seventeenth part Samuel Solly & Clement March Esqu^{rs} one Seventeenth part Daniel Peirce Esqu^r and y^e Right of Mary Moore Deceas'd one Seventeenth part Joseph Blanchard Nathaniel Meserve Esqu^{rs} & Associates one Seventeenth part M^r John Rindge one Seventeenth part Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r Thomas Bell Esqu^r John Gage Esqu^r & m^r Walter Brient one Seventeenth part in the following proportions Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r eight hundred Acres Thomas Bell Esqu^r four hundred Acres John Gage Esqu^r four hundred Acres and Walter Brient four hundred Acres and one Seventeenth part to be Reserved to be disposed of as hereafter shall be agreed on—Therefore—

Voted That the afore described Tract of land be and hereby is granted Severed and Appropriated to the Respective Persons and Uses aforesaid and in the Proportions aforesaid and that each Seventeenth part be laid into two equal Divisions for Quantity and Equitably Coupled together So as to make each Seventeenth part of equal Value as near as may be—

Voted That all the Right Interest and Demand in that Tract of Land called Peterborough Slip which is not allotted laid out and returned as Severed to Particular Persons either Grantors or Grantees in Said Township be and hereby is granted unto Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r his Heirs and Assigns—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to the Morrow The 29th Instant at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this Place the Meeting was accordingly adjourned
a true Record attest.

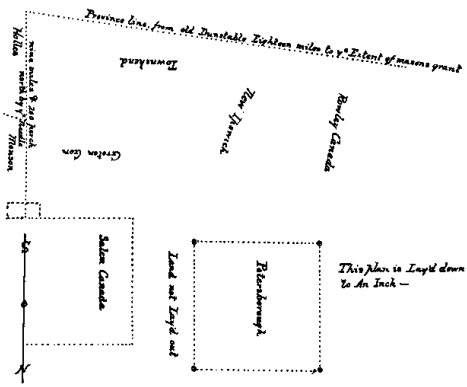
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Province of } Portsmouth March 29th 1754 Fryday five of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann
Slayton Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas John Goffe Esqu^r y^e 23^d Instant Represented to this Propriety that in that Tract of Land called Rands farm there is about eight Acres of land which lyes between a Tract of land granted to James Walker and himselfe and the forty Acres granted to the Widow Secomb, which said Eight Acres is not yet granted or appropriated by Said Proprietors—and also that there is a Small Island called Carthagene & Sukuos Island, one containing about four Acres the other about half an Acre—which Said tract of land about eight Acres and the Said Islands the Said John Goff also Prayeth the said Proprietors would Grant to him in Consideration of what Services he hath done for Said Proprietors—In Consideration thereof—Therefore

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto the Said John Goffe Esqu^r all the Right Title and Interest of the said Proprietors of in and to the abovesaid Tract of about eight Acres of Land and to the abovesaid two Islands to have & to hold to him his heirs and assigns for ever—

Whereas Francis Borland—of Boston in the County of Suffolk & Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esqu^r in y^e year 1749, Represented unto the Said Proprietors that he had, for a Valuable Consideration, purchased of one Lunn four hundred Acres of land, laying within the Tract of Land granted by Said Proprietors to John Goffe Esqu^r & others, which said Tract of four hundred Acres the Said Proprietors intended to Confirm to the said Francis Borland Esqu^r on y^e Conditions of said Grant made to John Goffe Esqu^r and others, but it appearing to said Proprietors that the said four hundred Acres had been layd out & Severed to Sundry Persons before that, they could not then make a Confirmation thereof to the Said



Francis, it was also then determined to make to the Said Francis a grant of four hundred Acres of land elsewhere and upon his Request and in Expectation of a Speedy Settlement to be made thereon by the Said Francis or some Person in his behalf—Therefore—

Voted That all the Right Title Interest & Demand of the Said Proprietors of in and to four hundred Acres of Land being part of that Tract lying between Petersborough so called & Lyndsborough so called, be and hereby is granted unto the said Francis Borland Esqu^r his Heirs and assigns, to be laid out by Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r in a regular Form, and a Plan of the laying out thereof to be returned to this Propriety by the Said Francis, in a reasonable time from the date hereof—

Voted that This Meeting be Adjourned to Monday the first day of April next at five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly Adjourned

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton April 1 and 17, 1754, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 18th 1754. Thursday eight of
New Hampshire } the clock before Noon at the Dwelling House of
Ann Slayton Innholder—

The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas Samuel Gerrish jun^r of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Yeoman has represented to Said Proprietors that he had purchased Sundry Rights of land within the Boundaries of that Tract of Land called & known by the name Contoocoke within Said Province which Rights were derived from a grant made of Said Tract of Land to Sundry Persons by the Government of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay—That in pursuance of those Purchases he had been at great Expence in Improving part of the lands so purchased and making a Settlement there Supposing his Title to be good but was now Convinced he could derive no legal Title from Said Grant and that Such Title could only be derived from Said Proprietors—and thereupon Praying Said Proprietors in Consideration of the Charges he had been at and the Improvements he had made as aforesaid, to grant to him their Right and Title to the Several parcels of land he had So purchased and the Said Proprietors being willing to Quiet those who have done any thing worthy of Notice towards Settling and Improving the Lands tho' they at first unlawfully entered thereon—

Voted That all the Right Title Property & Demand of said Proprietors of in and unto the Several parcels of land herein after mentioned lying within the Bounds of the Said Tract of Land called Contoocoke viz^t That parcel of land called and known by the name of the Original Right of Joseph Gerrish the original Right of Samuel Bailey the Original right of James Allen the Original Right of Stephen Emery and that of Joseph Gerrish Jun^r and that of Henry Kingbury and that of John Chandler that of Nicholas Cheney & that of Samuel Sweet jun^r be and hereby is given granted and Conveyed unto the Said Samuel Gerrish jun^r his Heirs and assigns for ever—

Joseph Coffin of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Tanner making the Same Representation as made by Samuel Gerrish jun^r to Said Proprietors Respecting the following Rights and praying a grant of y^e Title of said Proprietors thereto—Therefore—

Voted—That as to the Land known by and called the original Right of William Atkins the Original Right of Daniel Knight half a Right of Willoughby Favor—and half a Right of John Akors—all within the Limits of y^e Tract of Land called Contoocoke all the Right Title Property & Demand of the Said Proprietors be and hereby is granted Given & Conveyed to the Said Joseph Coffin his heirs and assigns forever—

Thomas Pearson of Newbury in y^e County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Boat Builder—making the Same Representation as made by Samuel Gerrish ju^r to Said Proprietors Respecting several half Rights in the Limitts of a Tract of land called Contoocoke hereafter mentioned also a Tract of land of three hundred Acres lying On the easterly Side of Merrimack River out of y^e Bounds of Said Contoocoke—Therefore—

Voted That all the Right Title Interest Property & Demand of the Said Proprietors of in and unto That Tract of land called & known by the Farm of Richard Kent Esqu^r or Kent's Farm containing three hundred Acres, which lies on the Easterly Side of Merrimack River and without the bounds of Contoocoke aforesaid joins on Rumford so called the land called the half Right of Jeremiah Gatchell the land called the half Right of Richard Hubbard and that land called the half Right of Joseph Morse all within the Limitts of Contoocoke be and hereby is granted Conveyed and Confirmed unto him the Said Thomas Pearson his Heirs & Assigns for ever—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the Second day of May next at four of the Clock after noon to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ra} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth May 2^d 1754. Thursday four of the
New Hampshire } Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann
Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to y^e morrow the 3^d Ins^t to meet at this place at eight of the Clock before noon The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsmouth May 3^d 1754. Fryday eight of the
New Hampshire } Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of Ann
Slayton Innholder—the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Then follows the interpretation of the grant of Meredith as printed in vol. 27, pp. 485-487.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Wenesday y^e 22 Ins^t to meet at this place at five of y^e Clock afternoon

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsmouth May 22^d 1754. Wenesday five of the
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann
Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That all the Right Title Property & Demand of Said Proprietors of in & unto all that Original Right of Land in that place, called Contoocook in Said Province which is called the Original Right of Jonathan Sampson of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Caulker according as the Same has been granted to Said Sampson by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay and to half the right called the original Right of Thomas Webster of Haverhill in said County of Essex Yeoman be and hereby is granted unto Samuel Fowler of Said Newbury shipwright as he has purchased the Same to have and to hold to him the Said Samuel Fowler his Heirs and assigns for ever upon the Same Grounds and Reasons as the Said Proprietors Have granted to Samuel Gerrish jun^r

Voted That all the Right Title Property and Demand of the said Proprietors of in and unto all that Original Right of Land in that place in Said Province call'd Contoocook which is called the Original Right of Moses Gerrish of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gent^m according as the Same has been granted to him under or by the Government of the Said massachusetts Bay, be and hereby is granted to the said Moses Gerrish To

have & to hold to him his heirs and assigns for ever upon the Same Grounds & Reasons as the said Proprietors have granted to Sam^l Gerrish jun^r of said Newbury—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday next the 28th Instant five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth May 28th 1754. Tuesday five of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock Afternoon at the dwelling house of Ann Slayton
Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that This Meeting be adjourned to y^e morrow y^e 29th Ins^t at five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly Adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth May 29th 1754 Wenesday five of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton
Innholder at Portsmouth the Proprietors meet according to
Adjournment—

Voted that this meeting be dissolved—

The Meeting was accordingly dissolved—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 8.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampshire } lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
within the Province of New Hampshire that there will be a meeting
of said Proprietors held at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton Innholder at Portsmouth in Said Province on Wenesday the Eleventh day of December Ins^t at four of the Clock afternoon

To Receive the Report of any Committee or Person appointed to do or transact any matter or thing relating to the Propriety—

To grant Sell convey or Sever any part of said Propriety not already granted conveyed or severed

To determine upon Some method of raising money to defrey any Charge or Expences that hath already arisen or that shall arise to said Proprietors on Acco^t of the Propriety and to Cancel and discharge any Acco^t thereof

To appoint any person or persons to Consult execute or transact any affair relating to said Propriety, to consider and determine upon any suit or Action which the said Proprietors may judge proper to be prosecuted and to appoint agents to appear for said Proprietors, and to prosecute answer and defend any Action or suit that is or shall be prosecuted by or against Said Proprietors, or any which they shall see cause to espouse, and to conduct the same to final Judgement & Execution—also to Vote & transact any matter or thing that shall be judged for y^e Benefitt of said Propriety—

Portsmouth December y^e 4th 1754—

R Wibird
John Wentworth
Tho^s Packer
John Moffatt
Theod^r Atkinson

Jn^o Rindge
Tho^s Wallingford
Mark H^s Wentworth
D Peirce
Geo Jaffrey

Province of } Pursuant to a Notification notifying the Pro-
New Hampsh^r } prietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton
Mason Esqu^r within the Province of New Hampshire, That there
would be a meeting of said Proprietors held at the Dwelling house
of Ann Slayton Innholder at Portsmouth in said Province, on Wenes-
day the Eleventh day of December 1754, at four of the Clock After-
noon—

The Proprietors meet at time and Place accordingly

Voted That the Honourable Richard Wibird Esqu^r be the Moderator of this Meeting

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to monday next the 16th Instant four of y^e Clock Afternoon to meet at this Place—the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Dec. 16, 19, 24, and 30, 1754, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth January 15th day 1755 Wenesday five
 New Hampsh^r } of the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of
 Ann Slayton Innholder—The Moderator nor Proprietors appearing
 to hold the Meeting according to Adjournment The meeting Dis-
 solved—

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl:

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 10.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
 New Hampsh^r } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
 within the Province of New Hampshire that there will be a meeting
 of Said Proprietors held at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton Inn-
 holder at Portsmouth on monday next the twelfth Instant at four of
 the Clock afternoon—

To Receive the Report of any Committee or Person appointed to
 do or Transact any matter or thing relating to the Propriety—

To Grant Sell Convey or Sever any part of Said Lands not
 already granted Conveyed or Severed—

To Determine upon Some Method of raising money to defrey any
 Charge or Expences that hath already arisen or that shall arise to
 Said Proprietors on Acco^t of the Propriety

To Appoint any Person or Persons to Consult upon Execute or
 Tra^sact any affair relating to Said Propriety—to consider and
 determine upon any Suit or Action which y^e Said Proprietors may
 Judge proper to be prosecuted to appoint Agent or Agents to appear
 for said Proprietors and to prosecute answer and Defend any Action
 or suit that is or shall be prosecuted by or against Said Proprietors
 or any Action they shall See Cause to espouse and to conduct the
 same to final Judgement & Execution—

Also to Vote & Transact any Matter or thing that shall be judged
 for the benefit of Said Propriety—

Portsmouth January 6th 1756

R Wibird
 Theod^r Atkinson
 Mark H^s Wentworth
 John Moffatt
 Tho^s Wallingford

D Peirce
 Tho^s Packer
 John Wentworth
 Jn^o Rindge
 Nath Meserve

Province of } Portsmouth January 12th day 1756 Monday four
 New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of
 Ann Slayton Innholder—The Proprietors of the Lands purchased of
 John Tufton Mason Esqu^r within the Province of New Hampshire
 Meet agreeable to a Notification of y^e 6th Instant notifying a meeting
 to be held on the Said 12th day of Jan^r as aforesaid—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be Moderator of this
 Meeting—

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday next the 19th
 Ins^t at five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place the meeting
 was Accordingly Adjourn'd—

a true Record

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:—

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton Jan. 19, Feb. 2,
 9, and 16, 1756, and adjourned without transacting any business.—
 Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth March y^e 1st 1756 The Proprietors
 New Hampshire } not Meeting the Meeting was dissolved—

att: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 11.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
 New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in
 y^e Province of New Hampshire, that there will be a Meeting of Said
 Proprietors held at the Dwelling house of Ann Slayton Innholder, at
 Portsmouth, in Said Province, on Fryday the 26th Instant at five of
 the Clock Afternoon

To Receive the Report of any Com[']tee or Person appointed to
 do or transact any matter or thing relating the Propriety

To grant, Sell, Convey, or Sever any part of Said Lands not
 already granted conveyed or Severed—

To Determine upon Some Method of raising money to defrey any
 Charge or Expences that hath already arisen or that shall arise to
 Said Proprietors on Acco^t of said Propriety—

To appoint any Person or Persons to Consult Execute or transact
 any affair relating Said Propriety, to consider and determine upon
 any Suit or Action which the Said Proprietors may judge proper to
 be prosecuted—to appoint Agent or Agents to appear for Said Pro-
 prietors and to prosecute answer & defend any Action or suit that is

or shall be prosecuted by or against Said Proprietors or any Action they shall see cause to espouse and to Conduct the Same to final Judgement & Execution—

Also to Vote or Transact any Matter or thing that shall be judged for the Benefit of said Propriety—

Portsmouth March 23^d 1756

Tho^s Packer
Joseph Blanchard
D Peirce
Mark H^s Wentworth
John Wentworth
John Moffatt

Theodore Atkinson
R Wibard
Jn^o Rindge
Geo: Jaffrey
Nath Meserve

Province of } Portsmouth March 26th 1756. Fryday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon pursuant to a Notification of
the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
lying in the Province of New Hampshire notifying a Meeting of
Said Proprietors to be held at the dwelling house of Ann Slayton
Innholder at Portsmouth in Said Province on Said day The Proprietors
meet accordingly

Voted That The Honb^{ls} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be moderator of
this meeting—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday y^e 30th Ins^t
five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

The meeting was accordingly adjourned—
a true Record—

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth March y^e 30th 1756 Tuesday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Ann
Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Whereas Joshua Peirce & Thomas Packer Esqu^r were appointed
a Committee to make Agreements with Such Person or Persons
who were Settled on the Gore adjacent to Allen's Town so called,
and part of Said Allen's Town adjoining to Said Gore, which were
intended to be divided into fifteen equal Shares or Rights to the
fifteen Proprietors or their Assigns &^o &^o and as the Said Joshua
Peirce Esqu^r is deceas'd and Said Thomas Packer Esqu^r declined
Said Service by himself Solely—Therefore

Voted That Thomas Wallingford Joseph Blanchard Thomas Packer Nathaniel Meserve & Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqu^r or any three of them, be a Committee for and in behalf of Said Proprietors, and are hereby impowered and desired to make a Settlement with any person or persons, who shall be Settled upon any part of Said land, or adjacent thereto within Said Proprietors Claim, and to Act upon any motion that may be made by the Proprietors of Bow, in the most Advantageous manner for this Propriety, or to divide the Said tracts of land, or the Remainder thereof, after they have Settled for any particular tracts, with particular persons, or to make Sale of the Same, as they the said Committee or any three of them shall determine— and what the Said Committee or any three of them Shall do upon the Premises shall be final & Conclusive relating to Said Premises, and to make Report of their doings therein within three months from this date—

Whereas in that Tract of land or Township called Manadnock Number Eight or New Concord granted by Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r in behalf of Said Proprietors unto Captⁿ Peter Prescott Stephen Hosmer jun^r John Wood and others as by his Grant bearing date December 11th 1752. there are twenty shares in Said Tract of Land reserved to Said Proprietors or original Grantors which Said twenty Shares are not drawn for, therefore

Voted That the Said Proportion of twenty shares, first reserving three hundred Acres to and for the Use of the Proprietors the grantors as they hereafter shall See cause to dispose of the same, and the Remainder being three hundred & fifty Acres to each of said Sixteen Shares be now drawn for—fifteen of the Same to the original purchasers, and one to Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r in Consideration of his Service, in granting out the Same, and that the Same be held in Severalty according to the Draft now made and entered in the Schedule for the Grantors, annexed to original grantees Schedule—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to fryday y^e 30th day of April next five of the clock afternoon to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly Adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of Ann Slayton April 30 and July 20, 1756, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 21st 1756 Wenesday eight of
 New Hampshire } the Clock before noon at the late dwelling house
 of Ann Slayton deceased the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Whereas John Fowler of a place called Contoocook in said Province Yeoman has Represented to Said Proprietors that he had purchased Sundry Rights & Parcels of land within the Limitts of that tract of land called Contoocook aforesaid which were derived from a grant made of Said Tract of land to Sundry persons by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay that he had been at Considerable Expence in making improvements thereon Supposing his Title there to be good but now found he could not derive a legal title thereto from Said Grant but that Such Title could be derived from Said Proprietors only and thereupon praying Said Proprietors would in Consideration of the Charges he had been at and the Improvements by him made grant him their Right to the Several parcels of land within the Lim'itts aforesaid which he now claimed of the purchases he had made as aforesaid—and the Said Proprietors being willing to quiet those who have made any Progress in improving Said Lands—Therefore—

Voted That all the Right Title Property and Demand of Said Proprietors of in and unto the Several Tracts and parcels of land within the Lim'its of that Tract called Contoocook aforesaid viz' all those parcels of land mentioned in a certain Deed Executed by James Varney to the Said John Fowler dated the thirty first day of July Anno Domini 1741— (Excepting an eighty Acre Lot numbred thirty four which belonged to the Original Right of Richard Kelly which the said John Fowler does not now Claim) they also grant as aforesaid one hundred Acre Lot which belonged to the Original Right of Jacob Noyce And the Undivided Lands thereto belonging according as said Tract of land has been proportioned in the Right of the Grantees of the Same by the Government aforesaid and also that house Lot laid out to the Original Right of Joseph Knight & also the House Lot laid out to the Original Right of Cutten Lunt and half the Undivided lands belonging to the Original Right of Joseph Toppan as aforesaid: be and hereby is granted to the Said John Fowler to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever—

And upon the like Motion made in behalf of George Jackman and for the Same Reasons—

Voted all the Right Title Interest Property and Demand of Said Proprietors of in and unto all that Tract of land within the Limitts of Contoocook aforesaid called the original Right of the Said George and all those parcells of land Sold by Nath^l Meloon to Said George

by deed dated the twenty first day of February 1750/51 and also that house Lot which was laid out to the original Right of John Plummer be and hereby is granted to the Said George Jackman to hold to him his heirs and assigns—

And upon the like Motion for the Same Reasons in behalf of the Heirs of Richard Jackman Deceased—

Voted That all the Right Title Claim Property and Demand of Said Proprietors of in and unto the Original Right of the Said Richard and that House Lot laid out to the original Right of the Said Richard and that House Lot laid out to the original Right of Samuel Swett be and hereby is granted to the Said heirs & to their Heirs and assigns for ever

And upon the like Motion and for the Same Reasons in behalf of Joel Manuel—

Voted That all the Right Title Property and Demand of Said Proprietors of in and unto the house Lot laid out to the original Right of William Hsley, and one Interval Lot laid out to said Right and one half the undivided Land thereto belonging according to The Proportion aforesaid, be and hereby is granted unto Said Manuel his Heirs and assigns forever—

And upon the like motion of the same Reasons in behalf of Ambrose Goold—

Voted That all the Right Title Property and Demand of the Said Proprietors of in and unto the Common & undivided Lands which belongs to the Original Right of Joseph Toppan as aforesaid and that house Lot belonging to the original Right of Robert Greenough, and that part of the lower Interval So called laid out to the original Right of Thomas Peirce and the house Lot laid out to the original Right of John Noyce & the half the Interval Lot laid out to Said Right in the lower Interval So called and the westerly half of the eighty acre Lot laid out to Said Right and the one half of the undivided Lands belonging to Said Right and also the hundred Acre Lot the Interval Lot and the house lot all belonging to the Original Right of Stephen Jaquish be and hereby is granted to the Said Ambrose his heirs and Assigns for ever—

And upon a like motion and for the Same reasons in behalf of Enoch Rolfe—

Voted—That all the Right Title Property and Demand of the Said Proprietors of in and unto all that Right or share which was originally Stephen Doles within the Limmitts of Contoocook aforesaid be and hereby is granted to him the Said Enoch Rolfe his Heirs and assigns for ever—

And upon a like motion and for the Same Reasons made in behalf of Benjamin Rolfe—

Voted That all the Right Title Interest Property and Demand of the Said Proprietors of in and unto that Right or share of land in Contoocook aforesaid, which was the original Right of Seth Shove and also that half of the Original Right of John French which the Said Benjamin is Said to have purchased or claims by deed from his father John Rolfe Dated the first day of March 1755 be and hereby is granted to him the Said Benjamin his heirs and Assigns for ever

And upon a like motion and reasons offered in behalf of Henry Rolfe—

Voted—That all the Right Title Interest Property and Demand of the Said Proprietors of in and unto half an eighty Acre Lot and one half of an hundred Acre Lot laid out to the original Right of Joseph Knight in Said Contoocook with half the after Divisions or Common Land which According to the proportion made of Said Land by the Grantees under the Government of the Massachusetts Bay belongs to the Said half part of said Lots and also all that Right in Contoocook aforesaid which was originally laid out or Appropriated to Moses Knight be and hereby is granted to the Said Henry his Heirs and assigns for ever

And upon a like motion & reasons offered in behalf of William Ilsley—

Voted that all the Right Title Interest Property and Demand of the Said Proprietors of in and unto half that Right of which the the Said William was the original Proprietor or Grantee in Contoocook aforesaid as the Same was granted by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay and that Right which originally belonged to John Wainwright there in manner aforesaid be and hereby is granted to the Said William his Heirs and Assigns for ever—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to wednesday the first day of September next to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^m Cl

Province of } Portsmouth September 1st 1756. At the late
 New Hampsh^r } Dwelling house of Ann Slayton Widow deceas'd
 The Moderator of this meeting being Absent no meeting was held
 but dissolved—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle:—

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 12.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of
 New Hampsh^r } the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
 within the Province of New Hampshire that there will be a Meeting
 of said Proprietors held at the Dwelling house of Rich^d Hervey
 In'holder at Portsmouth in said Province on Fryday next the thir-
 teenth Instant at four of the Clock afternoon—

To Receive the Report of any Committee or Person appointed to
 do or Transact any matter or thing relating to the Propriety—

To Grant Sell Convey or Sever any part of said Lands not
 already granted Conveyed or Severed—

To Determine upon some Method of raising Money to defrey any
 Charge or Expences that hath already arisen or that shall arise to
 said Proprietors on acco^t of the Propriety—

To Appoint any Person or Persons to Consult upon, Execute or
 Transact any affair relating to said Propriety, to Consider and
 determine upon any Suit or Action which the said Proprietors may
 Judge proper to be Prosecuted, to Appoint agent or Agents to
 appear for said Proprietors, and to Prosecute answer and Defend
 any Action or Suit that is or shall be Prosecuted by or against said
 Proprietors, or any Action they shall see Cause to espouse, and
 Conduct the same to final Judgement and Execution—

Also to Vote and Transact any Matter or thing that shall be
 judged for the Benefit of said Propriety—

Portsmouth May 7th 1757—

Geo: Jaffrey
 R Wibird
 John Moffatt
 Tho^s Packer

Jn^o Rindge
 Theod^r Atkinson
 D Peirce
 Mark H^s Wentworth

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands
 New Hampshire } Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in the
 Province of New Hampshire, held at Portsmouth in Said Province
 on Fryday the thirteenth day of may anno Domini 1757 at the
 Dwelling house of Richard Hervey Innholder—pursuant to a Notifi-
 cation of said Meeting—

Voted That the Honb^{le} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be moderator of this
 Meeting

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday next the 19th
 Instant six of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth May 19th 1757—Thursday Six of
 New Hampsh^r } the Clock Afternoon, at the Dwelling House of
 Richard Hervey Innholder, The Proprietors meet according to Ad-
 journment—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the ninth day
 of June next, at Six of the Clock afternoon, to meet at this place

—The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth June 9th Six of the Clock afternoon
 New Hampsh^r. } 1757. at the Dwelling house of Richard Hervey
 Innholder The Proprietors not attending the time & place of Meet-
 ing—The Meeting dissolved—

a true Record—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle^r

[Masonian Papers, Vol 2, p. 13.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
 New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
 within the Province of New Hampshire, that there will be a Meet-
 ing of Said Proprietors, held at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly
 Innholder at Portsmouth, in Said Province, on Fryday the twenty
 first day of October Instant, at four of the Clock afternoon

To Receive the Report of any Committee, or Person Appointed
 to do or transact any Matter or thing relating to the Propriety—

To Grant, Sell, Convey or Sever, any part of Said Lands not
 already granted Conveyed or Severed—

To determine upon Some Method of raising money, to defrey any Charge or Expences, that hath already arisen, or shall hereafter arise, to the Proprietors, on Acco^t of the Propriety—

To Appoint any Person or Persons, to Consult upon, Execute or transact any matter relating to the Propriety, to Consider or determine upon any Suit or Action, which the Said Proprietors may judge proper to be prosecuted, to appoint Agent or Agents, to appear for Said Proprietors, & to prosecute, answer and defend any Action or suit, that is, or may be prosecuted, by or against Said Proprietors; or any Action they Shall See Cause to defend and Espouse & Conduct the same to final Judgement & Execution—

Also to Vote, and Transact any Matter or Thing, that shall be adjudged for the Benefit of Said Propriety—

Portsm^o October 18th 1757—

Jn^o Rindge
Tho^o Packer
John Moffatt
Tho^o Wallingford
R Wibird

John Wentworth
Mark H^o Wentworth
Theodore Atkinson
D Peirce

Province of } Portsmouth Fryday the twenty first day of
New Hampshire } October 1757 four of the Clock afternoon at the
Dwelling house of James Stoodly Innholder, The Proprietors of the
Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in the Province of
New Hampshire meet pursuant to a Notification for a meeting of
Said Proprietors at Said time & place—

Voted That the Honb^{le} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be Moderator of
this Meeting—

Whereas Thomas Packer Esqu^r one of Said Proprietors hath Sold
and Conveyed to Thomas Lucas of a place called Buckstreet in Said
Province Husbandman a certain Strip of Land Joining to a Lot of
Land Number'd three which Said Packer has also Conveyed to Said
Lucass by deed dated the fourteenth day of January 1755 which
Strip of Land lay's Joining to Said Lot on the South west Side
thereof nine Rods in breadth and So running the whole Length of
Said Lot as Set forth in Said Deed but as no Power has yet been
granted to the Said Packer to Sell & Convey the Same—Therefore—

Voted That the Sale made by the Said Thomas Packer to the
said Thomas Lucas be and hereby is Confirmed and all the Right
Title Interest Claim Challenge & Demand of Said Proprietors unto
Said Strip of Land is hereby granted and Confirmed unto the Said
Thomas Lucas his heirs and Assign's

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Tuesday the 22^d day of November next, five of the Clock afternoon, to meet at this place
The Meeting was accordingly Adjourned a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cler:—

Province of } Portsmouth November 22^d 1757, Tuesday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the House of James
Stoodly Innholder The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas at a Meeting of Said Proprietors held on y^e 30th day of march 1756 It appeared that Joshua Peirce and Thomas Packer Esqu^r were appointed a Committee to make Agreements with Such Person or Persons who were Settled on the Gore Adjacent to Allen's Town so called and part of Said Allens Town Adjoining to Said Gore, which were intended to be divided into fifteen equal Shares or Rights to the fifteen Proprietors or their assigns &^c &^c and as the Said Joshua Peirce Esqu^r is deceas'd, and Said Thomas Packer Esqu^r declined Said Service by him Self Solely—It was then voted That Thomas Walingford, Joseph Blanchard Thomas Packer Nathaniel Meserve and Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqu^r or any three of them be a Committee for and in behalf of Said Proprietors, to make a Settlement with any Person or Persons, who Shall be Settled upon any part of Said Lands or Adjacent thereto within Said Proprietors Claim, and to act upon any Motion that may be made by the Proprietors of Bow, in the most advantageous manner for this Propriety, or to divide y^e Said Tract of Land, or the Remainder thereof after they have Settled for any particular Tracts, with particular persons, or to make Sale of the Same, as they the Said Com[']ittee or any three of them shall determine, and what the Said Committee or any three of them shall do upon the Premises shall be final and Conclusive relating to Said Premises and to make Report of their doings therein, within three months from the date of the abovesaid Meeting—And whereas the Said Committee or any Three of them have not made Report of their doing any Matter upon the Premises—Therefore

Voted That Nathaniel Meserve and George Jaffrey Esqu^r and m^r John Rindge be a Committee for and in behalf of Said Proprietors & they or any two of them are hereby Empowered and desired to do and perform every or any Matter and thing aforementioned to be done by either or both of the aforesaid Committees—and also to make a Settlement of the Line between the Township of Bow, with the Proprietors of Said Bow & the Adjacent Lands of this Proprie-

ty or of Such as hold by or under them—and this last mentioned Committee take and use Such Assistance and means for Said Service as they shall think necessary and Convenient for Said service—and what the Said Committee or any two of them shall do upon or about the Premises shall be final & Conclusive relating to Said Premises and to make Report of their Doing therein within five months from this Date—

Whereas by Vote of this Propriety bearing date the first day of October last past, it appear's that there was a Confirmation of a Strip of land Sold by Thomas Packer Esqu^r to Thomas Lucass, which Strip of land is Supposed to be about nine rods wide, and in length of said Lucass's Land, but it being represented that in the Said Deed there is a Consideration for the Payment of a Certain Sum of Money, which, Considering the Trouble & Expence the Said Lucass has been at—

Voted that the Consideration in the Said Deed be repaid to the Said Lucass by the Said Packer—

Voted That this meeting be Adjourned to Thursday the twenty Second day of December next five of the Clock afternoon, to meet at this Place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned—a true Record

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl:—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Dec. 22 and 29, 1757, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth January y^e 10th day 1758 Tuesday
New Hampshire } five of the Clock afternoon at the house of James
Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjourn-
ment—

Voted that all the Right Title Claim & Demand of Said Proprietors of in & unto a Certain Tract of Land lying within the bounds of that Tract of Land called Allens Town Containing about thirty Acres be & hereby is Granted unto Richard Wibird Esq^r in Consideration of Sundry Services by him Done for Said Proprietors Bounded as follows viz Begining at a Pitch Pine Tree marked 15, 16, On the Road between the third & fourth Range of Lots in Said Allens Town & from Said Tree to Run Such a Course to SunCook River as will leave thirty Acres on the South West Side of Said Line

between that the Said Wibirds other Land & Said River To have & to hold to him his Heirs & assigns forever

Voted That in the Same manner & for the Same Reasons be & hereby is Granted to Clement March Esq^r all the Remaining part of the Land there lying between his other Land & the Said River To have & to hold to him the said March his Heirs & assigns for Ever

Voted That in the Same manner and for the Same Reasons be & hereby is Granted to Nath^l Meserve Esq^r a Certain Tract of Land at Said Place Containing about One hundred & fifteen Acres of Land Bounded as follows viz Beginning at the Corner made by the Land left for High Ways between Range Numberd One & the Range Numberd two of the Lots of Land Laid out there thence runing by the Said Land left for a highway leading to the River calld SunCook aforesaid then begining at said Corner & Runing by the said Land for high Way between the Land hereby Granted & his other Land which is calld Lot N^o 11 till it Comes to Land of Thomas Hines then by his Land to the said River & by that till it Comes to the End of the Line first Mentiond that run from the Corner afores^d To have and to hold to him the Said Nathaniel his Heirs & assigns

[Then follows a quitclaim to certain lots in Boscawen as printed in vol. 27, p. 116.—ED.]

Whereas said Proprietors Impowered Thomas Packer Esq^r to Grant one Thousand acres of Land to James Cockran and others upon Certain Conditions and Reservations as may appear by s^d Grant which Thousand acres is lying between suncook River and the Towns of Bow and Epsom and other Lands of said Proprietors and which Thousand acres is divided into fifteen shares or Lotts and the lott N^o 13 which was drawn by the said James Cockran thro' mistake of the surveyor who laid out said Lott falls short of the Quantity that other Grantees of said Lotts hold and enjoy by Virtue of the Grant aforesaid and whereas no Person has hitherto appeared to Comply with the Conditions of The Grant of the Lott N^o 14 which lott also falls short of the designed Quantity—

Voted That the said Thomas Packer be and hereby is Impowered & Authorized to Grant and Convey all the Right &^c of the s^d Proprietors to the s^d Lot N^o 14 unto the said James Cockran his heirs &^e he paying such Price to said Packer for y^e Use of the Prop^{rs} as such Lands sell for in that Vicinage that is for so much of said Lott N^o 14 as shall appear to be more than will make good the Deficiency of the Lott N^o 13 Drawn by the said James as aforesaid—

one of which Shares was originally granted to Timothy Laskin the other Share was sold to said Mitchell by John Riddan who purchased the same of Henry Collins and the said Mitchel being necessitated to sell his Lands for his Support in his Old age, and being fully Sensible that he could derive no Good Right to said Tracts of Land from any Grant of the Massachusetts Government or from any who hold under such Grants, but that a just Right & Title of said Tracts can be only derived from said Proprietors Therefore—

Voted that all the Right Title Property and Demand of in and unto so much of said Shares or Tracts as herein Expressed and as the same is laid out and planned & Severred pursuant to the Grant aforesaid, namely, in the first Division Lott numbered Sixty five except forty acres of said Lott numbered Sixty five, and lott numbered Sixty six, in the Second Division, lott numbered ninety two, in the third Division, Lott numbered one hundred twelve, and Lott numbered One hundred eighteen, be and hereby, is granted unto the Said Samuel Mitchell his heirs and assigns—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wene'sday the fifth day of July next five of y^e Clock Afternoon to meet at this place—The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth July 5th 1758 Wen'esday five of y^e
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly
the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That John Moffatt Daniel Peirce and George Jaffrey Esqu^{rs} be a Committee to Examine into y^e Petition of James M^cHard Esqu^r &^o for a Gore of land near Stark's Town and to Transact and Settle y^e affair in behalf of Said Proprietors and to Convey the Right & Title of Said Proprietors to the Same on Such Terms as said Committee shall think proper in behalf of Said Proprietors—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to y^e 26th day of July Ins^t five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place The meeting was accordingly adjourned a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly July 26, Aug. 9, 15, and Sept. 13, 1758, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth October 18. 1758—Wednesday five
 New Hampsh' } of the Clock afternoon at the house of James
 Stoodly—The Proprietors and Moderator not meeting according
 to Adjournment y^e meeting Dissolved—
 a true Record Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 15.]

Province of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
 New Hampshire } lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
 within the Province of New Hampshire, that there will be held a
 meeting of Said Proprietors, at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly
 Innholder, in Portsmouth in Said Province, on monday the fifteenth
 day of January Instant, at five of the Clock Afternoon

To Receive the Report of any Com[']tee or Person Appointed to
 do or transact any Matter or thing relating to the Propriety—

To Grant, Sell, Sever, or Convey any Part of Said Lands, not
 already granted Conveyed or Severed—

To Determine upon Some Method of raising Money to defrey any
 Charge or Expence of the Propriety that has already arisen, or that
 may or shall arise, and to adjust the Same—

To Appoint any Person or Persons to Consult upon, execute or
 Transact any matter relating to the Propriety—to Consider or
 Determine upon any Suit or Action, which the Said Proprietors
 may judge proper to be prosecuted, to Appoint Agent or Agents to
 appear for Said Proprietors, and to prosecute, answer and defend
 any Action or Suit, that is or may be prosecuted, by or against Said
 Proprietors, or any Action they may See Cause to espouse and
 Defend, and Conduct the Same to final Judgement & Execution—
 also to Vote, and Transact any Matter or thing that shall be thought
 of, for the Benefit of Said Propriety—

Portsmouth January 8th 1759—

Theodore Atkinson
 R Wibird
 John Moffatt
 Mark H^s Wentworth
 Tho^s Packer

John Wentworth
 D Peirce
 Jn^o Rindge
 Geo: Jaffrey

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands
 New Hampshire } purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in New
 Hampshire held at Portsmouth in Said Province at y^e Dwelling
 house of James Stoodly Innholder on Monday the fifteenth day of
 January 1759. at five of the Clock afternoon pursuant to a Notifica-
 tion of Said Meeting—

Voted That the Honb^{le} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be the Moderator
 of Said Meeting—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 24th Ins^t
 five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—The Meeting was
 accordingly adjourned—a true Record

attest : Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Jan. 24, Feb.
 1 and 8, 1759, and adjourned without transacting any business.
 —ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 22^d 1759 Thursday five
 New Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Innholder. The Proprietors meet according to Adjourn-
 ment—

WHEREAS the Rev^d M^r Samuel Bacheller pastor of the west parish
 in Haverhill in the County of Essex & Province of the Massachu-
 setts Bay has represented to the said Proprietors that the proprie-
 tors of said Haverhill on the 6th of December 1736 to enable him to
 settle in said parish granted him Seventy acres of Land which by
 their Committee thereto appointed was on the 23^d of May then next
 laid out to him by the following bounds viz^t, beginning at a pitch
 pine marked which is a bound of the farm known by the name of
 Atkinson's farm, thence running by said Farm easterly about two
 hundred & eighty eight poles to a stake and Stones which is a
 bounds also of Linforths farm & Atkinsons thence running north-
 westerly sixty six rods or thereabouts by Common land to another
 stake & stones thence westerly to a stake and stones by or near
 Providence road, thence Southeasterly thirty eight rods to the
 bounds first mentioned saving and reserving any part of Providence
 road which may run through the same," as may appear by the
 return of said Committee dated 23^d of May 1737 Which tract of
 Land falling within the claim of said Proprietors first above men-

tioned, the said Bacheller petitioned them for a grant of their right to the same, all which being Considered as also his possession and Improvement of the said Land—therefore—

Voted that all the right, title, Interest, property & demand of the said proprietors be and hereby is granted, released, Quit Claimed and conveyed to him the said Samuel Bacheller his heirs and assigns forever—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday y^e 8th day of march next five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth March y^e 8th 1759 Thursday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
James Stoodly Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Ad-
journment—

Voted That the Clerk of Said Proprietors pay Abraham Bachel- der ten pounds old Tennor for his making a Plan of the Interval and other Lands between Canterbury and Merimac River—

Voted that all that Tract of Land lying between the Tract of Land granted by said Proprietors to Ichabod Robie Esq^r & others and that Tract of Land called New Boston, be Severed and equally divided by lot, to the Proprietors in fifteen Shares or Lots, to be laid out and divided into so many Lotts as shall be hereafter agreed upon by Said Proprietors

[Then follows a quitclaim to Salem as printed in vol. 28, pp. 213-215.—ED.]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the twenty Second Ins^t five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly, March 22, April 4, 18, 25, and May 9, 1759, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth May 23^d 1759 Wednesday five of
 New Hampsh' } the Clock afternoon—at the House of James
 Stoodly Innholder—The Moderator of this meeting being sick at his
 house, could not attend at the Adjournment of this meeting and no
 meeting was held according to adjournment so that the meeting was
 dissolved.—a true Record

Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle^r

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 16.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of
 New Hampshire } the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r
 within the Province of New Hampshire; That there will be held a
 meeting of said Proprietors, at the dwelling house of James Stoodly
 Innholder, in Portsmouth in said Province, on Monday the thirteenth
 day of August Instant at four of the clock afternoon—

To receive the report of any Committee or Person appointed to
 do or transact any matter or thing relating to the Propriety—

To Grant, Sell, Sever or Convey any part of said lands, not
 already granted, conveyed or Severed—

To determine upon some method of raising money, to defrey any
 charge or expence of the propriety that is already arisen, or that
 may or shall arise, and to adjust or Settle any accounts of said
 Propriety—

To appoint any person or persons to Consult upon, Execute or
 transact any matter relating to the Propriety to Consider or deter-
 mine upon any Suit or action which the said Proprietors may judge
 proper to be Prosecuted, to appoint agent or agents to appear for
 said Proprietors, and to Prosecute, answer and defend any action or
 Suit, that is or may be prosecuted, by or against said Proprietors
 or any action they may see cause to espouse and defend, & Conduct
 the same to final Judgement and Execution Also to Vote and Tran-
 sact any matter or thing that shall be thought of, for the benefit of
 said Propriety—

Portsmouth August 1st 1759

Tho^s Packer
 Jn^o Rindge
 R Wibird
 Geo: Jaffrey
 Mark H^s Wentworth

Theodore Atkinson
 Tho^s Wallingford
 John Moffatt
 D Peirce

Province of } Portsmouth August y^e 13th day 1759 four of the
 New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet at the
 house of James Stoodly Innholder in Said Portsmouth pursuant to a
 Notification for Said meeting bearing date y^e first Instant

Voted That the Hon^{bl} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be Moderator of this
 Meeting—

Voted that Mark Hunking Wentworth & John Moffatt Esqu^r
 audit & Settle the Accompts of George Jaffrey Clerk of Said Pro-
 prietors and Report thereon

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Thursday y^e 23^d Instant
 at four of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle^r

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Aug. 23, 31,
 Sept. 7, 11, and 28, 1759, and adjourned without transacting any
 business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth October 5th 1759. Fryday five of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of James
 Stoodly Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Adjourn-
 ment—

[Then follows the grant of Wolfeborough as printed in vol. 28,
 pp. 469-471.—Ed.]

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Fryday y^e 12th Ins^t five
 of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the [meeting] was
 accordingly adjourn'd

a true record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Oct. 12, Nov.
 6 and 9, 1759, and adjourned without transacting any business.
 —Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 27th 1759 Tuesday five
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of James
 Stoodly Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

WHEREAS at a meeting of said Proprietors on the 8th day of March last past it was voted that all that tract of land lying between the tract of land granted by said proprietors to Ichabod Robie Esq^r &° & that tract of land called New Boston be severed and equally divided by lot to the Proprietors in fifteen Shares or lotts, to be laid out into so many Lotts as shall be hereafter agreed upon by said Proprietors—AND whereas M^r Robert Fletcher Surveyor has been requested by severall of the said Proprietors to Survey the said Tract of land and make an equal division of the same into fifteen equal shares in one or two Lots to a Share as the Quality of said land would best admitt of and render a plan of the survey and division of the same to said Proprietors, and as a plan of the Survey and division of said tract of land was returned to said proprietors by said Robert Fletcher the 21st Instant dividing said tract into fifteen equal Shares, two lotts to a Share & coupled as by said plan Therefore—

VOTED that the said plan be accepted and received & that the division of said tract of land be made agreeable thereto and that the same be drawn for by Lott in the usual manner of drawing of Lotts in said Propriety at this meeting and that the Lotts so drawn to each of the said fifteen original rights of said Proprietors shall be a severance of said Tract of land to each of the said fifteen proprietors Rights or Shares as respectively drawn to them, & shall be to them their heirs and assigns forever as the lotts are drawn—And that the Clerk pay said Robert Fletcher the sum of One hundred fifty six pounds old Tenor for said Plan of Survey and Division—

Pursuant to the above Vote for the Draft of the fifteen proprietors Shares of the tract of land lying between the tract of land granted to Ichabod Robie Esq^r &° & New Boston so called, the following draft of Lotts was made, viz^t—

1 st drawn to	George Jaffrey	N ^o 13 & N ^o 24
2	Thomas Wallingford Esq ^r	N ^o 10 & N ^o 17
3	Samuel Solly & Clement March Esq ^{rs}	N ^o 21 & N ^o 14
4	Jothan Odiorne Esq ^{rs} Right	N ^o 20 & N ^o 12
5	John Moffatt Esq ^r	N ^o 27 & N ^o 30
6	Richard Wibird Esq ^r	N ^o 4 & N ^o 5
7	John Wentworth Esq ^{rs} Right	N ^o 22 & N ^o 23

- 8 Nathl Meserve Esq^r &
C^o Right N^o 28 & N^o 29
- 9 Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq^r N^o 1 & N^o 9
- 10 Thomlison & Mason N^o 19 & N^o 15
- 11 Daniel Peirce Esq^r & Mary
Moore N^o 8 & N^o 18
- 12 Joshua Peirce Esq^r Right N^o 2 & N^o 11
- 13 M^r John Rindge N^o 16 & N^o 25
- 14 Thomas Packer Esq^r N^o 7 & N^o 6
- 15 Theodore Atkinson Esq^r N^o 3 & N^o 26

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to the morrow Evening five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place, the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—
a true Record attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Nov 28 and 30, 1759, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth December y^e 1st 1759 three of the
New Hampshire } Clock Afternoon at the House of James Stoodly
Innholder The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

At the request of the reverend M^r James Cushing Voted that there be and hereby is given and granted unto him the said James his heirs and assigns all the right, title, Interest, claim, Property and demand of said proprietors of in & unto a certain tract of land of about four acres and another tract of land said to be about twenty five acres both laid out by Richard Hazzen, James Ayer & James Pecker May 7th 1731 and approved & confirmed to the said James Cushing by the proprietors of the common land in Haverhill as may appear by a return thereof, which Grant hereby made is according to the bounds in said return—

[Then follows a quitclaim to certain lots in Amherst as printed in vol. 27, pp. 67-73.—ED.]

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to Fryday the 14th Instant five of the clock afternoon, to meet at this place the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—
a true record attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler.

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Dec. 14 and 28, 1759, and Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 8, 22, March 7, 21, April 4 and 18, 1760, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth 9th May 1760 fryday five of the
New Hampshire } clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly
Innholder, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

At the petition and earnest request of Elizabeth Rand of Derryfield in said province Widow in consideration of her having made some Improvements on a tract of land belonging to said Proprietors of about Sixty acres in said Derryfield bounded easterly by Londonderry Line, Southerly by the lot N^o 1 laid out to John Tufton Mason, westerly by Merrimack River and northerly by land of John Goffe Esq^r and of her dependence thereon for her Support—

Voted That there be and hereby is Granted to her the said Elizabeth Rand, excepting the road or highway that goes through said Tract of Land, all the right, Title, Interest, Claim, Property and demand of said Proprietors of in and unto the said Tract of land, to hold to her and her heirs & assigns forever.—

Upon and for the same considerations moved by Elizabeth Rand respecting Rachel Secum who has in her possession about forty acres of the said Proprietors Land in Derryfield aforesaid bounded Southerly by land of John Goffe Esq^r westerly by merrimac river easterly by Londonderry Line and northerly by the lot N^o 1 laid out to John Tufton Mason Esq^r

Voted That all the right, estate, title, property & demand of said Proprietors to said forty acres of land more or less excepting the road or highway that goes through said tract of land, be and hereby is Granted to the said Rachel Secom her heirs and assigns, to hold to her & them forever—

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to Wednesday the 21st Instant at five of the clock afternoon, to meet at this place, the meeting was accordingly adjourned—

A True record attest

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth 21st May 1760 Wednesday five of
 New Hamp^t } the clock afternoon at the house of James Stoodly
 Innholder, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to Wednesday the 18th day
 of June next at five of the Clock afternoon, to meet at this place,
 the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

a true record attest

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth June 18th 1760 Wednesday five of the
 New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the house of James Stoodly Inn-
 holder

The Moderator of this meeting being Absent & the Proprietors
 not attending y^e Meeting was dissolv'd—

A true record—

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2. p. 18.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of
 New Hampshire } the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r
 within the Province of New Hampshire, That there will be held a
 meeting of said Proprietors, at the dwelling house of James Stoodly
 Innholder, in Portsmouth in said Province, on Monday the Seventh
 day of July Instant, at four of the clock afternoon—

To receive the Report of any Committee or person appointed to do
 or Transact any matter or thing relating to the propriety—

To Grant, Sell, Sever, or Convey any part of said lands, not
 already granted, conveyed or Severed—

To determine upon some method of raising money to defrey any
 charge or expence of the Propriety that is already arisen, or that
 may or shall arise, & to adjust or Settle any accounts of said Pro-
 priety—

To appoint any person or persons to consult upon, execute or trans-
 act any matter relating to the Propriety, to consider or determine
 upon any Suit or Action which the said Proprietors may judge
 Proper to be Prosecuted, to appoint Agent or agents to appear for
 said Proprietors, & to Prosecute answer and defend any action or
 Suit that is or may be Prosecuted, by or against said Proprietors,
 or any action they may see cause to espouse and defend, & Conduct
 the same to final Judgement and Execution—Also to Vote and

transact and matter or thing that shall be thought of, for the benefit of said Propriety—

Portsmouth 2nd July 1760

Theodore Atkinson
John Moffatt
Mark H^s Wentworth
Jn^s Rindge
Dan^l Peirce

Geo: Jaffrey
Tho^s Wallingford
R Wibird
Tho^s Packer

Province of } Pursuant to a Notification for a meeting of the
New Hampshire } Proprietors of the lands purchased of John
Tufton Mason Esqu^r in the Province of New Hampshire to be held
at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Innholder at Portsmouth in
Said Province on monday the Seventh day of July 1760—The
Proprietors meet accordingly and—

Voted That the Honb^{le} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be Moderator of
this Meeting—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Lyndeborough as
printed in vol. 27, p. 411.—ED.]

Whereas there was a certain tract of Land Granted in the right
of the Proprietors aforesaid, Pursuant to their Power and Authority
to Sundry Grantees, (therein named) by name of Manadock number
Six in Which Grant twenty Shares are reserved besides three Shares
for publick uses viz^t (one for the first Settled Minister, one for the use
of the ministry, & One for the use of a School there, Which Number
of twenty besides the said three Publick Lotts is a mistake and
shou^d have been but seventeen that is twenty in the whole as may
fully appear by Comparing the Shares of the Grantees and the
declaration in the said Grant, that the whole shou^d be divided into
one hundred and twenty Equal shares &c—

And Whereas it is agreed between the Grantors & Grantees that
the Reserved Shares should be taken altogether in one part of said
tract of land laying out one lot belonging to each of the said Publick
Shares as near to the middle of the said tract of land as may be
agreeable to said Grant and as is therein Ordered—Therefore—

Voted that the said mistake be and hereby is rectified and the
Reserved shares hereby declared to be but twenty in the Whole
three of which are to be for the publick uses aforesaid and one lot of
each laid out in form aforesaid & that the Other of the said Seven-
teen Shares shall be and hereby is declared to be taken, & lay in a

square in the Southwest Quarter or part of said tract of land, and Also the said three Public Shares aforesaid shall be taken in the same Quarter Observing the Order aforesaid—

Voted That this meeting be adjourn'd to Wednesday the 23^d Instant at five of the clock afternoon, to meet at this place, the Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

A True record attest

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cler.

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly July 23, Aug. 6, 20, Sept. 3, 17, Nov. 6, 13, 19, 20, Dec. 2, 16, and 30, 1760, and Jan. 20, Feb. 4, and 17, 1761; at the house of Hannah Horney Feb. 18, 1761; at the house of James Stoodly March 4, 25, April 8, 22, and May 6, 1761; at the house of Ann Horney May 20, 1761; at the house of James Stoodly June 3 and 10, 1761, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth June 11th 1761—Thursday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling House of
James Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—and adjourned to the dwelling house of Hannah Horney Innholder—

At the Dwelling house of Hannah Horney Innholder, The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

[Then follows the grant of an addition to Hopkinton as printed in vol. 27, p. 373.—ED.]

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held on 28th day of march 1754 did appropriate a Tract of Land bounding on Gilman Town and grants already made—and on Barnstead and on Winnissiokee Pond, Said Tract of land to be Severed and divided into Seventeen equal Parts and shares, one of which Said Seventeen shares to be reserved to be disposed of as thereafter should be agreed upon—upon a motion made in Respect to Meshech Weare of Hampton Falls Esqu^r

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto the Said Meshech Weare Esqu^r his heirs and Assigns for ever four hundred Acres of the Said reserved Seventeenth share to be thereafter disposed of, in said Tract of Land—

upon Considering that Daniel Marston late of North-Hampton in

the Province of New Hampshire yeoman deceas'd was desired by Said Proprietors to forward and assist in y^e Settlement of the Tract of land called y^e Gore near allen's Town so called, and for Said Service was encouraged to expect a grant of a Tract of land In Said Gore, which Grant has not been made—Therefore

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto Theodore Marston Son of the Said Daniel Marston Deceas'd in Consideration of his father's Service in forwarding and Assisting y^e Settlement of Said Gore—and in lieu of said intended Grant—one hundred and fifty Acres in the One Seventeenth reserved Share, in the Tract of land, bounding on Gilman-town and Grants by this Propriety already made and on Barnstead and by Winipissiokee Pond, to be Severed and divided into seventeen equal shares or Parts—the Said one hundred and fifty Acres to be to him the Said Theodore Marston his Heirs and assigns forever—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the first day of July next five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Innholder—The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Recōrd attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly July 1 and 22, 1761, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth September 2^d 1761 Wednesday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling House of
Boston—the meeting dissolved—
James Stoodley Innholder—The Moderator of this meeting being at
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 19.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby given to the Prop^{rs} of the
New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r
within the Province of New Hamp^t That there will be held a Meet-
ing of said Prop^{rs} at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Inn-
holder in Portsm^o in said Province, on Fryday, the 2nd day of
October next, at four of the Clock afternoon—

To receive the Report of any Committee or person appointed to do or Transact any matter or thing relating to the Propriety—

To Grant, Sell, Sever, or Convey any part of said lands, not already granted, conveyed, or Severed—

To determine upon some method of raising money to defrey any charge or expence of the Propriety, that is already arisen, or that may or shall arise, & to adjust or Settle any Accounts of said Propriety—

To appoint any Person, or persons to consult upon, execute, or transact any matter relating to the Propriety; to consider or determine upon any Suit or Action, which the said Prop^{rs} may judge proper to be prosecuted, to appoint agent, or agents to appear for said Prop^{rs}, & to Prosecute answer, and defend any action, or Suit, that is or may be Prosecuted, by or against said Proprietors, or any action they may see cause to espouse, & defend, & conduct the same to final Judgment, & Execution, Also to vote & transact, any matter or thing that shall be thought of, for the benefit of said Propriety—

Portsm^o Sep^r 30th 1761—

John Moffatt

Geo: Jaffrey

Theodore Atkinson

Tho^s Wallingford

Tho^s Packer

Mark H^s Wentworth

D Peirce

R Wibird

Province of } Portsmouth October 2^d 1761. Fryday four of
New Hampshire } the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of
James Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to a Notifi-
cation for Said meeting—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be moderator of this Meeting—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday next the eighth Instant at three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth October y^e 8th 1761 Thursday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
James Stoodly Innholder The Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
ment—

Whereas a Vote of the Proprietors was formerly pass'd for running and marking out the inland curve line of the land belonging to Said Proprietors according to the Several original Patents or Grants pursuant to which the Said line was begun and partly run but has not yet been compleated—Therefore—

Voted that the Said line be finished & compleated as Soon as may be and that Walter Bryant and Joseph Blanchard Esqu^r are hereby chosen and authorized to perform the Same & are to employ proper assistance for that purpose accordingly and to mark Said line in the best manner they can—and to be paid by this Propriety on their Returning the Plan of the Same—

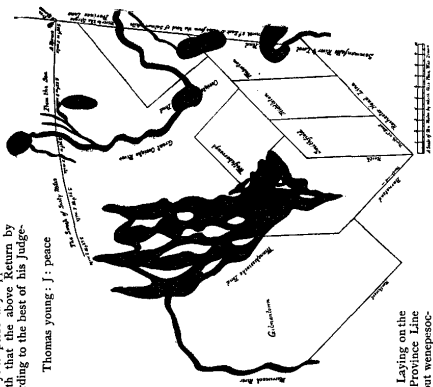
Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto Thomas Packer Esqu^r his Heirs & assigns all the Right & Title of the Proprietors to a tract or peice of land that lay's common and undivided at Suncook River opposite to Buck Street Lots and bounded as follows on the North West by Sunkook River & on the north East by Sixty two Acres of land reserved for the Proprietors use as laid out by Coll^o Meserve & George Jaffrey as A Committee for said Proprietors—and on the South east by Lot N^o 12. in the Second Range drawn to the Right of John Wentworth Esqu^r and on the South-West on a gore of land granted to Clement march Esqu^r with other Lands of Said march his Said Gore lay's to the North East of the Lott N^o 15 in the third Range drawn to the Right of Samuel Solley & Clement March Esqu^r

Province of } in the months of October & November Anno
 Newhampt. } Decemr 1761 the Subscriber with Sundry other
 persons being Employed by the Proprietors of the Land in
 newhamshire purchased of John tufton mason Esqr^r went to
 Samonfall River & to the head thereof then on the Province Line
 until we were at Sixty miles Distance from the Sea from the
 mouth of Perataqua Harbour according to my measuring & the
 Certificate of the Proprietors of the Province of Newhampt.
 in order to my Running the Province Line pursuant to the order of
 the King in Council & at Said Sixty miles Distance we marked
 a Spruce tree as mentioned at the N. E. Corner of this Plan &
 from thence Ran the Course & Distance as mentioned & Layed
 Down on this plan from Said Spruce tree to about the middle of
 the head of weneposooke Pond & about two miles westward
 from thence we Surveyed the Province Line until we came
 home & we Spotted the Curve Line well & in this Survey and
 all the other Lines Laid Down in this Plan I have Done it to
 the Best of my Skill & Judgement tho Some of the other Lines in
 this Plan are Laid Down by Conjecture

Walter Bryant Surveyor
 Province of } then walter Bryant personally appeared &
 Newhampt. } made Solomons oath that the above Return by
 him Subscribed is the truth according to the best of his Judge-
 ment Sworne before me

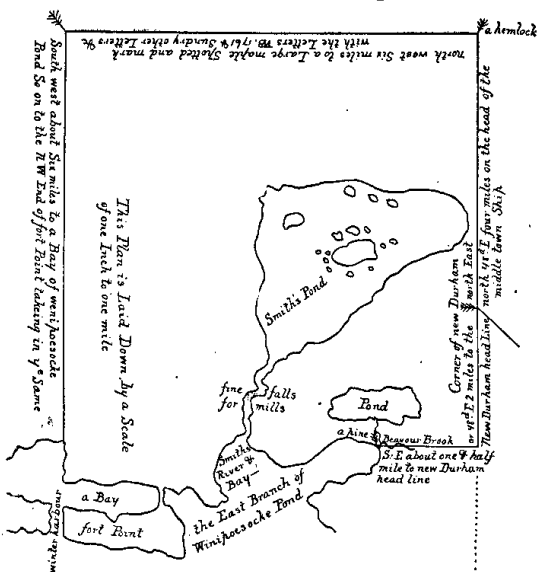
Thomas young: J: peace

the Spruce Standing in the Prov-
 ince Line Stands between two Ex-
 ceding high mountains on a Little
 hill about 50 Rods to y^e East of
 Said mountain that Lays E. Said
 Spruce tree is a Spruce tree &
 other trees by him are well Spotted
 & Sundry Letters put on them as
 M & W B & C



Province of } nov^r 3^o 18^o 1761
 Newhampt. }
 This is a true Plan of the Land Laying on the
 head of Rochester and on the Province Line
 Sixty miles from the Sea and about weneposooke
 Pond as Surveyed by me Last month and
 agreeable to Sundry other surveys formerly
 made by me according to my Best Skill & Judg-
 ment —
 Walter Bryant Sur^r

[Plan of Wolfeborough.]



Whereas in the Grant made to William Earl Treadwell Henry Apthorp and others on the 5th of October 1759 there was a mistake in fixing the Boundaries so that the Grantees cannot have and hold the land According to the Intention of the Grantors therein Therefore voted that all the land represented by the Plan above delineated and the Limits thereof shall be and hereby are Granted to the Said Grantees mentioned in Said Grant of the 5th of October aforesaid their Associates and their Respective Heirs and Assigns on the Terms Limitations and Conditions expressed in the Said Grant provided it do not interfere with any former Grants—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday y^e 10th day of November next five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^o Cl

Province of } Portsmouth November y^e 10th 1761 Tuesday five
 New Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjourn-
 ment—

Mark Hunking Wentworth & John Moffatt Esqu^r a Committee appointed to adjust & Settle the Proprietors Acco^{ts} with George Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Clerk who produced Said Acco^{ts} and made Report thereon, as on file—

Voted that the Said Report be and hereby is accepted and that the Said George Jaffrey be and hereby is discharged of the Sums he chargeth said Prop^{rs} with in his Said Acco^{ts} and that y^e Cash in his hands, the Ballance of said, Acco^{ts} be divided to y^e fifteen Proprietors or their orders except y^e sum of forty three pounds two shillings Sixpence Sterl^s, he received of James M^eHard Esqu^r, for land Sold him &^o by a Comⁱtee in behalf of said Proprietors, which sum Said Jaffrey is to keep in his hand for said Proprietors till further orders of said Proprietors.—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday y^e 18th Ins^t five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this Place the meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth November 18th 1761 Wednesday
 New Hampshire } five of the Clock afternoon, at the Dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday y^e 26th Instant five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth November 26th 1761, Thursday five
 New Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Ad-
 journment—

Whereas Stephen Gerrish of Contoocook in the Province aforesaid Gentleman hath Represented that he hath made Improvement on a Certain Parcel of Land lying near said Place called Contoocook, & between that and the Township of Canterbury Bounded as follows viz^t—Beginning at Merrimack River Joining on Kent's farm so

Called, thence Running East fifteen Deg. North One hundred & Sixty Poles, then North fifteen Deg: West two hundred & Eighty Rods or Poles then West fifteen Deg: South One hundred & Sixty Poles to the River aforesaid, and then by said River to the place where it begins, and was Sollicitous to Obtain a Title from said Proprietors, & therefore Desired a Grant of their Right to said Land. Wherefore in Consideration of his Improvements, & for his further Encouragement therein—

Voted—that all the Right, Title, Claim, Property & Demand of said Proprietors of in and unto the said Tract of Land Bounded as aforesaid, being by Estimation about three hundred acres, not infringing upon the Property or Possession of any other Person or Persons Be and hereby is Granted to him the said Stephen Gerrish his Heirs, and Assigns forever—

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held on the 28th day of March 1754 did Appropriate a tract of Land bounding on Gilman Town, & Grants already made, and on Barnstead, and on Winnipisiokee Pond, said tract of Land to be Severed, and divided into Seventeen equal Parts, and Shares, one of which said Seventeen shares to be reserved, to be disposed of as thereafter shou'd be agreed upon—at the Motion and request of Major Samuel Hale of Portsmouth, It is therefore—

Voted That he have all the Right and Title of said Proprietors in three hundred acres of land in the said Seventeenth Part or Share reserved to be disposed of, as Should be thereafter agreed upon, to him and his Heirs forever—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday y^e 16th day of December next five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place—

The meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Dec. 16, 1761, and Jan. 6, 1762, and adjourned without transacting any business.. —ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth January 20th 1762 Wednesday five
New Hampshire { of the Clock afternoon The Moderator nor Proprietors meeting according to Adjournment The Meeting Dissolved
a true Record attes^t Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

[Masonian Papers, Vol 2, p. 20.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby given to the Prop^{rs} of the
 New Hampshire } Lands purchased of Jn^o Tufton Mason Esq within
 the Province of New Hampshire that there will be held a Meeting of
 said Proprietors at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Innholder
 in Portsm^o in said Province, on Wednesday the 3rd day of February
 next at four of the Clock Afternoon—

To receive the Report of any Committee or Person appointed to
 do or transact any matter or thing relating to said Propriety—

To Grant, Sell, Sever, or Convey any part of said lands, not
 already Granted, Conveyed, or Severed—

To determine upon some Method of raising money to defrey any
 Charge or expence of the Propriety, that is already arisen, or that
 may or shall arise, & to adjust, or Settle any Accounts of said Propriety—

To appoint any Person or Persons to consult upon, execute, or
 transact any matter or thing relating to the Propriety, to consider or
 determine upon any Suit or Action which the said Proprietors may
 judge proper to be prosecuted, to appoint agent or agents to appear
 for said Proprietors, & to Prosecute, answer & defend any Action
 or Suit, that is, or may be Prosecuted, by or against said Proprietors
 or any Action that they may see cause to espouse, & defend, and
 Conduct the same to final Judgem^t and Execution, Also to vote and
 transact any matter or thing that shall be thought of for the benefit
 of said Propriety—

Portsm^o Jan^r 22nd 1762—

Theodore Atkinson
 R Wibird
 Mark H^s Wentworth
 Tho^s Packer

D Peirce
 John Moffatt
 Jn^o Rindge
 Geo: Jaffrey

Province of } Portsmouth February 3^d 1762 Wednesday four
 New Hampshire } of y^e Clock afternoon at the dwelling House of
 James Stoodly Innholder—The Proprietors meet pursuant to a Noti-
 fication for that purpose—

Voted that The Hon^{ble} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be moderator of this
 Meeting—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday y^e 17th
 Instant five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place the Meeting
 was accordingly adjourned

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Feb. 17, March 8, and 10, 1762, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 24th 1762 Wednesday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James
Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That that Tract of Land lying on the North Eastern side or part of Winipissiokee Pond and granted to W^m Earl Treadwel Henry Apthorp Ammi Ruhammah Cutter David Sewal &^o on y^e 5th day of October 1759, be divided by two Lines cutting Said Tract at right Angles as near may be agreeable to Said Grant, that is for Quantity & Quality, and that Quarter the Western Part or Angle that is Numbered 2. on y^e Plan of Said Tract be laid for y^e use of y^e Grantors, agreeable to Grant that is one fourth part of y^e whole of Said Tract for Quantity & Quality as aforesaid at the Expence of y^e Grantees—

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the Seventh day of April next five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth April 7th 1762 Wednesday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock Afternoon at the House of James
Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That the Township promised to Cap^t Ephraim Marston and now moved for by Major Jonathan Moulton be granted to Said Moulton & Associates, and shall Contain fifty Square miles of land and no more and bounded as follow's—it shall begin at the South East Corner of y^e Township lately granted to Samuel Palmer Esqu^r and his Associates, at Winepissiokee pond—and run's north 85 D^o west to y^e north or Curve line of Mason's Patent, and then run's on Said line easterly so far as that a line run South east Seven miles, then South West to Winepissiokee pond then bounding by said Pond to y^e place where it began—shall compleatly contain Said fifty Square miles of land, exclusive of y^e north easterly point or Neck of land that run's into Said Pond—and under Such Reservations and Limitations as shall be hereafter agreed upon—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday y^e 21st Inst^t five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—the meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth April 21st 1762. Wednesday five of
New Hampshire } the Afternoon, at the house of James Stoodly
Innholder, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 12th day
of May next five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place The
Meeting was accordingly adjourned—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth May 12th 1762 Wednesday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly
Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That the Plan of y^e Tract of Land granted to Nathaniel
Gookin & others and returns of y^e laying out of the first and Second
Division of Lotts as on file, be accepted, and that y^e drawing of the
Lotts be now made at this meeting which were drawn accordingly
as on file—

Whereas the Proprietors at their meeting held on the thirtieth
day of June 1752 granted to the Proprietors of Gilman Town so
called in said Province & their assigns all thier Right Title Claim
Interest Estate Property and Demand of Said Proprietors of in and
unto y^e Tract of Land called Gilman Town as ^{is} Said Grant—only
reserving to y^e Proprietors, y^e Grantors, Eighteen shares, each equal
for Quantity and Quality with the other Single shares of the Said
Proprietors of Gilman Town, which reserved shares are to lye in a
body altogether, to be laid out on the northerly part of Said Town-
ship between their Second Division and the north line of Said Town-
ship from the pond called Winnepiseokee Pond and so running back
till the whole Quantity aforesaid shall be made up, that the said
Proprietors of Gilman Town at their own Expençe lay out y^e Same
reserved land and make a Division thereof as y^e said Grantors shall
direct & order and return an exact plan thereof &^c—and upon Con-
sideration of the manner of y^e laying out y^e Reserved Land afore-
said to y^e Rights of y^e Proprietors y^e Grantors—

Voted That the Said Reserved Land be laid out to y^e fifteen Pro-
prietors Rights or shares into two equal Lotts, and the Lotts coupled
to make all y^e Rights equal for Quality as near as may be, and when
a Plan of said laying out shall be returned, to be drawn for by lot,
and so Severed to each of the fifteen Proprietors Rights—and that
the Clerk be desired to write y^e Purport of this Vote to y^e Proprie-
tors of Gilman Town and to request that y^e laying out and y^e Plan
thereof be returned as soon as may be—

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 2^d day of June next five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

The meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true Record attes^t

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly June 2, 16, and July 7, 1762, and adjourned without transacting any business. —Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth September the 1st 1762—at the
New Hampshire } house of James Stoodly Innholder Wednesday
five of the Clock afternoon—The Moderator being out of the
Province, no meeting of the Proprietors being held, the meeting
dissolv'd—

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[Then follow, in vol. 6 of the manuscript records, the grant of Mason, and draft of lots, as printed in vol. 27, pp. 468-473; (a plan is also found, which, being similar to that printed on p. 474, of vol. 27, though less in detail, it is not considered advisable to reproduce;) the grant of Wilton, plan, draft of lots, and acceptance of grant, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 447-453; the grant of Rindge, acceptance of grant, plan, and draft of lots, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 198-204; the grant of Jaffrey, plan, draft of lots, and acceptance of grant, as printed in vol. 27, pp. 380-386; the grant of Dublin, plan, draft of lots, and acceptance of grant, as printed in vol. 27, pp. 171-178; the grant of Marlborough, plan, and acceptance of grant, as printed in vol. 27, pp. 446-450; the grant of Nelson, plan, and acceptance of grant, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 3-8; the grant of Stoddard, draft of lots, and acceptance of grant, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 263-272, and also a plan; the grant of Washington, plan, draft of lots, and acceptance of grant, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 394-403; the grant of Peterborough Slip, plan, draft of lots, and acceptance of grant, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 335-341. —Ed.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 21.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of
New Hampshire } the Lands, purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r
within the Province of New Hampshire that there will be held a
Meeting of said Proprietors at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly
Innholder in Portsmouth, in said Province on Wednesday the ninth
day of February next, Four of the Clock afternoon—

TO Receive the Report of any Committee, or Person appointed to
do or transact any matter or thing relating to said Propriety—

TO Grant, Sell, Sever, or Convey any part of said Lands, not
already Granted, Conveyed, or Severed—

TO determine upon some Method of raising money to defray any
Charge, or Expence of the Propriety that is already arisen, or that
may, or shall arise, & to adjust, or Settle any Accounts of said
Propriety—

TO appoint any Person, or Persons, to consult upon, execute, or
transact, any matter or thing, relating to the Propriety to Consider,
or determine upon any Suit, or Action which the said Proprietors
may judge proper to be Prosecuted, to appoint agent, or agents to
appear for said Proprietors, and to Prosecute, answer, & Defend,
any Action, or Suit, that is or may be Prosecuted, by, or against
said Proprietors, or any Action, that they may see Cause to espouse
& Defend, & Conduct the samè to final Judgement & Execution,
also, to vote, & transact any matter or thing, that shall be tho't of,
for the Benefit of said Propriety—

Portsm^o Jan^y 25th 1763—

Theodore Atkinson
R Wibird
John Moffatt
D Peirce

Tho^s Packer
Mark H^s Wentworth
Jn^o Rindge
Geo: Jaffrey

Province of } Portsmouth February 9th 1763 Wednesday four
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon Pursuant to a Notification,
bearing date at Portsmouth January 25th day anno Domini 1763
that a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John
Tufton Mason Esqu^r in New Hampshire, would be held at Ports-
mouth in Said Province at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Inn-
holder on Wednesday the ninth day of February in Said year, at
four of the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet at Said Time
and place—and—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be the Moderator of this Meeting—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the Second day of March next, to meet at this place, at five of the Clock afternoon—the Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd—
a true Record—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly March 2, 23, April 13, 27, May 11, 25, June 8, 22, July 6, 20, 27, and Sept. 21, 1763, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth September y^e 22^d 1763 Thursday four
New Hampsh^r } of y^e Clock afternoon at the house of James Stoodly
Innholder The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That Daniel Peirce & George Jaffrey Esqu^{rs} be and hereby are appointed a Committee to agree with and employ Walter Brient Esqu^r or any other Surveyor to make and return an exact Plan of the Proprietors land lying situate between Gilman Town Barnstead New Durham and Winipisioke pond and of any other Tracts of land within the Bounds of the Propriety that they may judge expedient to be measured and plann'd and So to mark the Angles and lines in his Several Surveys and Plans that they may be easily found hereafter—

The Meeting was adjourn'd to meet at this place on Wednesday next y^e 28th Ins^t four of y^e Clock afternoon
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, Nov. 2, and 16, 1763, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 17th 1763 Thursday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly
Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

[Then follows the grant of Moultonborough as printed in vol. 27, pp. 521-524.—ED.]

This Meeting is adjourned to Fryday y^e 25th Inst^t five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this Place—

A true Record Attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth November 25th 1763 Fryday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly
Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

The Meeting is Adjourned to Tuesday y^e 29th Instant five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth November 29th 1763 Tuesday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of James
Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Then follows the grant of forfeited lots in Sanbornton to the town proprietors, as printed in vol. 28, p. 242.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 11th day of January next five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cle^r

Province of } Portsmouth January 11th 1764 Wednesday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at House of James Stoodly
Innholder—no meeting of the Proprietors was held the Moderator
being absent, at Boston in y^e Province of y^e Mass^a Bay—The Meeting
dissolv'd

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 22.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of
New Hampshire } the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
within the Province of New Hampshire, that there will be held a
Meeting of said Proprietors at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly

Innholder in Portsmouth in said Province on Wednesday the Eighth day of February next, five of the clock afternoon

To Receive the Report of any Committee or Person appointed to do or transact any matter or thing relating to said Propriety—

To Grant, Sell, Sever or Convey, any part of said Lands not already Granted, Conveyed, or Severed.

To Determine upon some Method of raising money to Defrey any Charge or Expence, of the Propriety, that is already arisen or that may or shall arise & to adjust or Settle any Accounts of said Propriety—

To appoint any Person or Persons to consult upon, Execute, or Transact, any matter or thing relating to the Propriety, to Consider, or determine upon any Suit, or Action which the said Proprietors may judge proper to be Prosecuted to appoint Agent or Agents to appear for said Proprietors & to Prosecute, answer and Defend, any Action, or Suit, that is, or may be Prosecuted by, or against said Proprietors or any that they may see Cause to espouse and Defend & Conduct the same to final Judgement and Execution, also to vote and transact any matter or thing that shall be thought of for y^e Benefit of said Propriety—

Portsm^o Jan^r 20th 1764

Theodore Atkinson
R Wibird
D Peirce
Tho^s Packer

Mark H^s Wentworth
Jn^o Rindge
Samuel Moffatt
Geo: Jaffrey

Province of } Portsmouth February 8th 1764 Wednesday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of
James Stoodly Innholder—Pursuant to a Notification of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r in New Hampshire Notifying a Meeting of said Proprietors to be held on Said day at Said dwelling house at five of the Clock afternoon—
The Proprietors meet accordingly—and—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be the Moderator of this Meeting—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 15th Instant, five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this Place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ria} Cler:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Feb. 15, 20, 22, March 7, 21, 22, April 4, 11, 25, May 9, 23, June 6, 20, July 4, 11, and 18, 1764, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 25th 1764 Wednesday five of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock afternoon at the Dwelling-house of Cap^t
James Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas it has been Suggested to said Proprietors that some persons have attempted to and others have encroached upon and trespassed on the Proprietors Lands, or on lands Granted and Severed within y^e Patent and unless a Speedy Stop to Such Practices is made—Trespases may encrease and occasion much trouble in removing a greater number of Trespassers, than appear's at present. Therefore—

Voted That Thomas Packer Daniel Peirce and George Jaffrey Esqu^s be and are hereby are appointed a Committee for and in behalf of Said Proprietors to enquire into and Search out any Trespases or Encroachments committed by any Persons upon any of their Lands undivided and unsevered, or on any of their particular or Severed Rights, and also of Trespases on any of the lands granted to any other Persons; and to prosecute or procure a Prosecution in the law against any Trespasser or Trespassers, they shall judge Expedient—and at y^e Expence of Said Proprietors—and to make report of their Proceedings to Said Proprietors at their meeting, when effected—

Whereas there is a Gore or tract of land of said Proprietors unappropriated by them, lying on y^e Southwesterly Side of Canterbury and between said Canterbury and Merrimack River, and bounding Southeasterly on y^e Town of Bow—part of which Sundry Persons of Canterbury have made Some motion to make a purchase of but are dilatory in making their Proposals—Therefore—

Voted that Thomas Packer Daniel Peirce and George Jaffrey Esqu^s be and hereby are appointed a Com[']ittee, and be and hereby are authorized and impowered for and in behalf of said Proprietors to make any Agreements with any Persons for, and make Sale of any part of Said Premisses and make and execute any deed or deeds for y^e Same—or have Said Tract of land or any part thereof divided into fifteen equal parts and shares to & for y^e original Rights of y^e fifteen purchasers of Cap^t Jn^o Tufton Mason Esqu^t and to have y^e

Same layd out into Such divisions as they shall think best for y^e use of Said Proprietors, and that y^e particular Rights of said Proprietors be drawn for as usual at thier Meeting—and to be done at their joint Expençe—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 8th day of August next five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Aug. 8, 15, 29, Sept. 5, 7, 12, and 26, 1764, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth November the 7th day 1764 at the
New Hampshire } Dwelling house of Cap^t James Stoodly Innholder—
five of the Clock Afternoon—the time and place to which the Meeting of the Proprietors was adjourned—The Moderator of Said meeting not appearing, he being then out of the Province The meeting dissolv'd—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 23.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby Given to the Proprietors of
New Hamp^r } the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r
within the Province of New Hampshire that there will be held a Meeting of said Proprietors at the Dwelling house of Cap^t James Stoodly Innholder in Portsmouth in said Province on Wednesday the 9th day of Jan^{ry} next five of the clock afternoon—

TO—Receive the Report of any Committee or Person appointed to do or transact any matter, or thing relating to said Propriety—

TO—Grant Sell Sever, or Convey, any part of said Lands, not already Granted Conveyed or Severed.—

TO—Determine upon some Method of raising money to Defrey, any Charge or Expençe of the Propriety that is already arisen, or that may, or shall arise & to adjust or Settle any Accounts of said Propriety—

TO—Appoint any Person or Persons to Consult upon Execute or transact any matter or thing relating to the Propriety to Consider,

or determine upon any Suit or Action which the said Proprietors may judge proper to be Prosecuted, to appoint Agent or Agents to appear for said Proprietors, & to Prosecute, answer & defend any Action or Suit that is or may be Prosecuted, by or against said Proprietors, or any that they may see Cause to Espouse & Defend & Conduct the same to final Judgement & Execution also to vote & transact any matter or thing that shall be thought of for the Benefit of said Propriety

Portsm^o Dec^r 10th 1764.

Theodore Atkinson
J Tufton Mason
D Peirce
Tho^s Packer

Mark H^s Wentworth
R Wibird
Geo: Jaffrey
Samuel Moffatt

Province of } Portsmouth January y^e 9th 1765, Wednesday
New Hampshire } five of the Clock Afternoon, at the dwelling house
of Cap^t James Stoodly Innholder, The Proprietors meet agreeable to a
Notification for that Purpose dated December 10th 1764—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Richard Wibird Esqu^r be the Moderator of
this Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next y^e 16th Ins^t five of
the Clock afternoon to meet at this Place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth January 16th 1765 Wednesday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of
Cap^t James Stoodly Innholder—the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to thursday next y^e 17th Ins^t five of
the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Oler:

Province of } Portsmouth January 17th 1765.—Thursday five
New Hampshire } of the clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
Cap^t James Stoodly Innholder. The Proprietors meet according
to adjournment.

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held by adjournment,

on the 28th day of March 1754 Voted that the Tract of Land bounding on Gilman town, and, on the Grants by this Propriety already made, on Barnstead and by Winipisiokee Pond, and also to appropriate all the Lands included within said Tract in the manner Express'd in said Vote—and Walter Bryent Esqu^r at the Request of said Proprietors, hath run out, marked, and divided said Tract of Land, into Seventeen equal Shares, in two Divisions or Lots, and two Lots joining & bounding on Gilman Town line & Winipisiokee pond &c^s—and returned a Plan thereof; and said Lots are coupled to be drawn for, and marked on said Plan Except two Lots marked on said Plan not to be drawn for—Therefore

Voted That the said Plan be, & hereby is approved Accepted, & Allowed of, and that the Lots be now drawn for & marked on the Plan, and that the same Lots as so marked be and hereby shall be Severed to & for the Right & Property of the Persons to whom so drawn and marked on said Plan to them in Severalty & to their Heirs & Assigns for ever, and the said two Lots last mentioned not to be drawn for are to be disposed of as shall be hereafter Determined by said Proprietors with any other part of Lots Contained in said Plan, not already Voted or disposed of, by said Proprietors—

At this Meeting the Lots were drawn for, and the Persons names were Entered accordingly, on the Plan above-mentioned to whom they were drawn agreeable to the above Vote—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 23^d day of this Instant 5 of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl:—

Province of } Portsmouth January 23^d 1765 Wednesday five
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of
Cap^t James Stoodly Innholder The Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday next y^e 24th day of this Instant five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsmouth January 24th 1765 Thursday five of
New Hampshire } the clock afternoon, at the dwelling house of Cap^t
James Stoodly Innholder The Proprietors meet according to adjournment

[Then follows the grant of New Hampton as printed in vol. 28, p. 110.—ED.]

Whereas the Said Proprietors are willing to do all they can to Encourage the Settlement of the lands belonging to their Propriety, and for that Purpose freely to Grant from time to time to such Persons who are likely to Settle the same agreeable to the Grants—

Therefore Voted that there be & hereby is Granted on the Terms and Conditions hereafter Express'd all our right Title & Interest in & to the tract of Land hereafter mentioned Viz^t To D^r Clement Jackson, James Stoodly Esq^r & Hugh Hall Wentworth five hundred & ten Acres of Land each to be laid together, the said Quantity to the said Wentworth being in Satisfaction of so much was Promised to his father John Wentworth Esq^r and to the said Hugh Hall Wentworth three hundred Acres more in Satisfaction of so much given to him by Joshua Peirce Esq^r in & by his last Will & Testament to be laid at the Easterly end of Wolfborough and bounded as follows viz. beginning at the East Corner of said Wolfborough thence running North forty Eight Deg. East three hundred rods thence North West three Miles thence South forty Eight Deg. West three hundred rods to Wolfborough then South East by said Wolfborough to the place where it begins. To have and to hold to them their heirs, and Assigns for ever, their Several & Respective number of Acres aforesaid in Severalty within the said Limits to be joined to said Wolfborough as part of that Township and the said Grantees, are hereby held Obligated & bound to the same Terms & Conditions as the Grantees of said Wolfborough to all Intents and Purposes Each for himself his Heirs & Assigns

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next y^e 30th day of this Ins^t five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ra} Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Jan. 30, Feb. 13, 27, March 13, April 3, and 17, 1765, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth May 1st 1765. Wednesday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock Afternoon at the dwelling house of
Cap^t James Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
Adjournment—

[Then follows the regrant of Fitzwilliam as printed in vol. 27, pp. 264-266.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 15th Ins^t five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this Place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth May 15th 1765—The meeting was
New Hampsh^r } adjourned to Wednesday y^e 29th Ins^t five of y^e
Clock afternoon
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth may 29th 1765 Wednesday five of
New Hampshire } Clock Afternoon The Moderator of this meeting
being confined to his house by Sickness and the Proprietors not
meeting—the Meeting dissolved—a true Record—
attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[Then follow, in vol. 6 of the manuscript records, the draft of lots in Fitzwilliam as printed in vol. 27, pp. 267-269, and a plan not materially different from that between pp. 266 and 267; a plan of Alton as printed in vol. 27, p.60; and a plan of a gore between Weare and New Boston as printed in vol. 28, p. 436.—ED.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 24.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby Given to the Proprietors of
New Hamps^r } the Lands purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq^r
within the Province of New Hampshire that there will be held a
Meeting of said Proprietors at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly
Esq^r Inholder in Portsmouth in said Province on Tuesday the 31st
Instant at four of the clock afternoon—

TO Receive the Report of any Committee or Person appointed
to do or transact any matter or thing relating to said Propriety

TO Grant Sell, Sever or Convey any part of said Lands not
already Granted Conveyed or Severed—

TO Determine upon some Method of raising money to Defrey any Charge or Expençe of the Propriety that is already arisen or that may or shall arise and to adjust or Settle any Acco^{ts} of said Propriety—

TO Appoint any Person or Persons to Consult upon, Execute or transact any matter, or thing, relating to the Propriety, to Consider or determine upon any Suit or Action which the said Proprietors may judge proper to be Prosecuted, to appoint Agent or Agents to appear for said Proprietors and to Prosecute answer & defend any Action or Suit that is or may be Prosecuted by or against said Proprietors or any that they may see Cause to Espouse & Defend and Conduct the same to final Judgement & Execution also to vote & transact any matter or thing that shall be thought of for the Benefit of said Propriety—

Portsm^o December 16th 1765.

Theodore Atkinson
Mark H^e Wentworth
Tho^s Packer
D Peirce

Samuel Moffatt
Jn^o Rindge
J: Tufton Mason
Geo: Jaffrey

Province of } Portsmouth December 31st 1765 Tuesday four
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon, at the Dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder, The Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r within the Province of New Hampshire meet agreeable to a Notification for holding a meeting of Said Proprietors, at Said time and place, dated December y^e 16th 1765—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r be the Moderator of this Meeting—

[Then follows the grant of forfeited lots in Meredith to the town proprietors, as printed in vol. 27, p. 487.—ED.]

Whereas William Stark of Starks Town hath petitioned the Proprietors to confirm and allow the Exchange of the ninth Lot in the third Range in Said Stark's Town which was allotted for a School Lot, for the twelfth Lot in the fourth Range to be appropriated for a School Lot, and it appearing by a Certificate under y^e hand of the proprietors Clerk of said Starks Town that they had voted and freely consented to y^e above said Exchange of Lots on Condition that the Said Stark should purchase the Said twelfth Lot in the fourth Range of Said Stark's Town to lay for the use of the School

in Said Town—and it being also certified that y^e Said Stark had purchased the said twelfth Lot in the fourth Range accordingly to lay for the use of Said School—Therefore—

Voted that the Exchange of the Said Lots for the School aforesaid, is approved of and hereby is allowed ratified and confirmed—

The Meeting is adjourned to Wednesday the fifteenth day of January next four of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Jan. 15, 29, Feb. 19, March 5, and 19, 1766, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 2^d 1766 Wednesday four of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of James
Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas Joshua Tolford Esq^r hath Petitioned the Proprietors to grant to him or Exchange with him the Lot Numbered Seventy two in the first Division of Lots in the tract of Land, granted to John Tolford Esq^r & others for his Lot in said granted tract of Land numbered Sixty six in said first Division of Lots in order to the making a Settlement with the Mill Lot assigned to such Person as would undertake to erect Mills for the use & Benefit of the Grantees & Settlers of said Tract.—Therefore

Voted that upon Condition that the said Joshua make a good & sufficient Deed of Conveyance of said Lot numbered Sixty Six in said first Division of Lots of said Tract to the said Proprietors & shall erect good Mills on the Mill Priviledge reserved in said Tract of Land, that the said Proprietors hereby grant all their Right Title & Property, of, in & to the said Lot numbered seventy two in the said first Division of Lots in said tract of Land to the said Joshua Tolford his Heirs & assigns—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 16th Instant four of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth April 16th 1766 Wednesday four of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
 Adjournment—

Forasmuch as it may be necessary for this Propriety to have Some
 Person to appear for, and represent them in great Britian—therefore

Voted That John Wentworth of Portsmouth in New Hampshire
 Esqu^r who is now in London be and hereby is appointed Agent to
 this Propriety and impowered and authorized to appear for and
 represent them before his Majesty, or any of the Courts, Boards or
 Offices in London, and there to Prosecute and defend Our Title to
 the S^d Propriety in every Respect, as he may think for the Benefit
 or Advantage of this Propriety—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 30th Inst^e five of y^e
 Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly April 30,
 May 14, 26, June 17, July 9, 23, Aug. 6, 20, 27, Sept. 10, and 24,
 1766, and adjourned without transacting and business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth Sept^r 29th 1766 Monday five of the
 New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James
 Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
 ment

[Then follows the regrant of Effingham as printed in vol. 27, pp.
 247-249.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 15th day of October
 next five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Oct. 15 and
 21, 1766, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 12th 1766 five of the clock
 New Hamp^r } afternoon, at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly
 Esq^r Innholder, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that there be & hereby is granted to James M^cherd of Haverhill in the County of Essex & Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esq^r in Consideration of his Conveying to John Moffatt, Daniel Peirce & George Jaffrey Esq^{rs} in trust for the use of said Proprietors all his right, title Interest & Demand in & unto a Certain Tract of Land, which they in the Year 1758 Convey'd to him, all the Right, title, Interest, Claim, Property & Demand of said Proprietors in & unto a certain Tract of Land in New hopkinton Containing Sixteen hundred Acres bounded as follows viz^t beginning at the South West Corner of said Hopkinton thence runs Easterly One hundred & Eighty rods on Weare's Town to the line run by Walter Bryant Esq^r for the dividing line between the said Proprietors & the Proprietors of said Hopkinton, thence running Northerly bounding on N^o 6 on the West and the said Bryents line on the East keeping the breadth of One hundred & Eighty rods until said Sixteen hundred Acres is completed—To have and to hold to him the said James M^cHard, his Heirs & Assigns forever—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 26th Ins^t five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place
 a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

Province of } Portsmouth November 26th 1766 Wednesday
 New Hampshire } five of the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet
 according to Adjournment—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the tenth day of December next five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—a true Record—

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth December 10th 1766 Wednesday
 New Hampshire } five of the Clock Afternoon the Proprietors meet
 according to adjournment

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held at Portsmouth Sept^r 29th 1766, did grant to Nath^l Gookin, Thomas Marston & Samuel Marston & others, a Tract of Land in said Province, within the Claim of said Proprietors, containing Six Miles Square & bounded

by the Bounds expressed in said Grant, which said Tract was granted to said Persons & others the 28th day of June 1749, but being forfeited & Surrendered to said Grantors, Sixteen of those Persons who were inserted, in said last-mentioned Grant are not inserted in the Grant first-mentioned, but Sixteen other Persons placed in their Stead, & their Lots to be drawn for in Portsmouth under the Care & Direction of said Grantors. Therefore—

Voted that the said Sixteen Lots or Shares be now drawn for as Thomas Parsons of Exeter appears in Behalf of said Grantees to attend to the drawing of said Lots and said Sixteen Lots or Shares were drawn to & for the said Sixteen Persons as in a Schedule on file—

The Meeting was Adjourned to Wenesday the 24th Ins^t to meet at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Dec. 24, 1766, Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, 18, March 3, 11, and 12, 1767, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

[The adjournment of Dec. 24 is followed, in vol. 6 of the manuscript record, by a plan of Lyndeborough as printed in vol. 27, p. 410; the draft of lots in Goffstown as printed in vol. 27, pp. 309-312; draft of lots in Dunbarton as printed in vol. 27, pp. 201-202; draft of lots in Sanbornton as printed in vol. 28, pp. 240-242; draft of lots in Meredith as printed in vol. 27, pp. 483-485; draft of lots in Wakefield as printed in vol. 28, pp. 359-362; draft of lots in Middleton as printed in vol. 27, pp. 498-499; draft of lots in New Durham as printed in vol. 28, pp. 102-104; draft of lots in Effingham as printed in vol. 27, pp. 244-246; draft of lots in Weare as printed in vol. 28, pp. 431-432; draft of lots in Salisbury as printed in vol. 28, pp. 221-222; draft of lots in Sutton as printed in vol. 28, pp. 309-311; draft of lots in Andover as printed in vol. 27, pp. 87-88; draft of lots in Henniker as printed in vol. 27, pp. 330-332; draft of lots in Moultonborough as printed in vol. 27, pp. 525-528; draft of lots in Hill as printed in vol. 27, pp. 338-340.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 13th 1767 Fryday ten of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of James
Stoodly Esqu^r } Innholder—the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

Province of } Portsmouth November 4th 1767 Wednesday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon, at the dwelling house of James
Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder The Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
ment—

[Then follows the regrant of Stoddard as printed in vol. 28, pp.
276-279.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 25th Ins^t five of y^e
Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Nov. 25, Dec.
16, and 23, 1767, and adjourned without transacting any business.
—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth December 24th 1767 Eleaven of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock before noon at the dwelling house of Daniel
Peirce Esqu^r the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

[Then follows the regrant of Warner as printed in vol. 28, pp.
379-381.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 6th day of January
next four of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place—a true Record

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Jan. 6, 20,
Feb. 3, 10, 18, March 2, and 3, 1768, and adjourned without trans-
acting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth March the 4th 1768 Fryday five of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Voted that the following address be presented to Isaac Rindge
Esqu^r Surveyor general of all his Majesty's Lands within the Pro-
vince of New Hampsh^r and Sign'd by the Clerk in behalf of y^e
Prop^{rs} viz^t—

Province of } To Isaac Rindge Esqu' Surveyor General of all
 New Hampsh' } his Majesty's Lands in the Province of New Hamp-
 shire—

The Petition and Request of the Owners and Proprietors of the land com'only called Masons Patent Lands lying within the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid Sheweth

That that part of the Patent under which the Said Proprietors claim that lyes within the Said Province is bounded on the South or South West by the Province line between this Province and the Massachusetts Bay and on the north Easterly Side of Said Patent by the dividing Line between this Province and the Tract heretofore called the Province of Main, and by a line com'encing at a Station on one of the aforesaid divisional lines sixty miles from the Atlantick Ocean and ending at another Station on the other divisional line at the Same Distance of Sixty miles from the Ocean aforesaid, and by a line extended from one of these Stations to the other drawn in Such a Method as that all parts of the said last mentioned line may be Sixty miles from the said Atlantick Ocean—the Petitioners would further Suggest that the last mentioned Line as a dividing line between his majesty's land and land granted by his majesty into Townships to a great number of Grantees and your Petitioners and the Grantees claiming under them—Now to prevent Disputes that may probably arise in and about the said last mentioned Line between his majesty's Tenants and your Petitioners and their Tennants, your Petitioners conceive that it would be of great Utility, if not absolutely necessary to prevent the Disputes and Confusion that may hereafter ensue to have the Said Line run and Sufficiently marked out with Such observations Marks and Monuments described in a Plan thereof made in the course of Said line as may be necessary to ascertain the Same in all time to come—

We therefore most earnestly intreat that you will as soon as may be consistant with your pleasure, to order one of your Officers to run the said line and to return a Plan thereof taking notice therein of Such rivers Ponds and Mountains as may be necessary now and hereafter to ascertain the Same—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 16th Ins^t five of the Clock afternoon to meet at y^e dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu' Innholder in this place

a true Record attest

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsmouth March 16th 1768 Wednesday five
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon The meeting was ad-
 journed to the next day, being thursday, y^e 17th Ins^t five of the
 Clock Afternoon, to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly
 Esqu^r Innholder in this place—
 a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsmouth March 17th 1768 Thursday five of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
 ing to Adjournment—

[Then follows the regrant of Washington as printed in vol. 28,
 p. 405.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 30th Ins^t five of the
 Clock afternoon to meet at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly
 Esqu^r Innholder in this place—
 a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly March 30,
 April 13, May 4, 11, and 18, 1768, and adjourned without transact-
 ing any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth May 25th 1768 Wednesday five of the
 New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon—the Proprietors meet at the dwell-
 ing house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in Portsmouth accord-
 ing to adjournment—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Mark Hunking Wentworth Daniel Peirce
 and George Jaffrey Esqu^r be and hereby are apointed a Committee
 to Agree with and employ a good able Surveyor, and suitable Chain-
 men to measure perambulate and mark the Sixty mile line from the
 Sea through Piscataqua River upon y^e northern boundary line of
 masons Grant, and get a Plan thereof to be return'd as Soon may
 be—and also to have any mistake rectified of y^e Curve line—near
 the Said Sixty mile line at y^e Expence of the Said Proprietors

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 8th day of June
 next five of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place
 a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cle^r

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly June 8, 22, July 6, 20, 29, Aug. 10, and 17, 1768, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 18th 1768 Thursday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock before Noon The Proprietors meet at
the Dwelling House of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder according to
adjournment—

[Then follows the regrant of certain lots in Fitzwilliam as printed in vol. 27, p. 272.—ED.]

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Mark Hunking Wentworth and John Moffatt Esqu^r be a Com^{it}tee for and in behalf of the Proprietors to audit and Settle the Acco^{ts} of George Jaffrey Clerk of the said Proprietors, and to report the Same to Said Proprietors at their meeting—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 31st Ins^t five of the Clock afternoon to meet at y^e dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place.—

a true Record attes^t

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Aug. 31, Sept. 9, 13, Oct. 12, 19, Nov. 9, 23, Dec. 7, and 21, 1768, and Jan. 4, 5, 11, and 18, 1769, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth January 19th 1769 Thursday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock Afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Voted an additional Grant be made to Coll^o Jonathan Moulton Esqu^r according to the Form of the Vote now read, but Suspended to be recorded till the Proprietors of Sandwich petition this Propriety for a Grant of all their Right to lands within the Bounds of Sandwich, on which Petition this Propriety agrees to grant their Right without any Reservation to Themselves of any land but Subject to the usual and Customary Terms of Compleating the Settlement of Said lands—Voted that the Grant now made to Said Moulton shall run on the curve line Eight Miles instead of Seven and three quarters first entered and be made So accordingly—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the first of February next—

The meeting was accordingly adjourned to Wednesday the first day of February next four of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this Place—

The Clerk of this Propriety being absent from this meeting by Sickness—This Entry is attested

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Moderat^r

Province of } Portsmouth February 1st 1769 Wednesday four of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of James
Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
ment—

Voted That there be a Committee appointed and Chosen to take under Consideration the Agreement entered into between the Grantees of Moultonborough and the Claimers of a Tract of Land granted by the Governour & Council by the name of Sandwich and also the Petitions of the Claimers of the Several Tracts called Tamworth Eaton & Burton & to make a report to this meeting upon the adjournment and That Theodore Atkinson George Jaffrey & Jon^s Warner Esqu^{rs} be the Committee for the above purpose and to make Report as above—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 15th Ins^t four of y^e Clock afternoon to meet at this place

a True Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler

Province of } Portsmouth Febr^y 15th Wednesday four of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James
Stoodly Esqu^r Inholder The Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
ment

Several Persons making Petition and application to Said Proprietors, for their Grant or Quit-Claim to Sundry Peices of land within a Tract formerly granted by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay by the name of Contoocook, but lately Incorporated a Township by the Governour & Council of the Province of New Hampshire, by the name of Boscawen—Said Tract being within Mason's Patent—and the Petitioners shewing the Conveyances from y^e Rights first granted by the mass^a Government

The Said Proprietors willing to encourage the Settlers & Im-

provers in Said Township and for other Considiration The Said Tracts of land not being granted or Quitclaimed by Said Proprietors—be it Therefore—

Voted That all the Right Title & Property of Said Proprietors in and to the peices of land within Said Boscawen, hereafter mentioned, be and hereby is granted, namely To Isaac Noyes of Newbury in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay, The original Right of Samuel Little, House Lott N° 39—on Queen Street Interval Lot N° 46—in middle Interval 80 Acres—Lot N° 54—100 Acre Lot N° 2—45 Acre Lot N° 8—to Stephen Cross of Newbury Port in Said County & Province for the Original Right of John Wait—Interval Lot N° 12—home Lot N° 6—80 Acre Lott N° 91—also 80 Acre Lot N° 6—and all the Commons undivided land belonging to the whole Right of Edward Emery. To Richard and John Little both of Said Newbury the whole Original Right of Tristram Little—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the first day of March next four of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place—a true Record—

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl.

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly March 1, 15, and 29, 1769, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 11th 1769 Tuesday five of the
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of James
Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to ad-
jourment—

Upon the Petitions and Request of Sundry Persons for Grants and Quit Claims of Several peices of land in Boscawen in the Province of New Hampshire which were included in a grant of Tract of Land made by the Government of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, by the name of Contoocook which Grant being relinquished as illegal by said Petitioners and being Sensible that Said Tract of Land lay's within Mason's Patent The Proprietors willing to encourage the Settlements & Improvements in Said Township, and on other Considerations—it is therefore—

Voted That all the Right Title and Interest of Said Proprietors in one hundred Acre Lot of land in Said Boscawen, laid out to the Original Right of Stephen Moody of Said Boscawen, be and hereby

is granted to Joseph Atkinson of Said Boscawen his heirs & assigns for ever

Voted that there be and hereby is granted to Joseph Gerrish and Samuel Gerrish both of Newbury, in y^e County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gentlemen their heirs and assigns for ever all the right Title and Interest of Said Proprietors in and to one hundred and fifty Acres of land, being part of the farm originally laid out to Benjamin Bird, over the River called black Water, in Said Boscawen—also to an Eighty Acre Lot, drawn to the original Right of George Little in Said Boscawen—also

Voted that there be and hereby is granted to Samuel Gerrish of Newbury in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay—and Henry Gerrish of Boscawen, in the Province of New Hampshire Gentlemen their heirs and assigns for ever all y^e Right & Title of s^d Prop^{rs} to one Eighty Acre Lot of land in Said Boscawen, originally laid out to Daniel Peirce—also

Voted That there be and hereby is granted to Benjamin Coker of Newbury Port, in the County of Essex, and Province of y^e Massachusetts Bay Yeoman, his heirs and Assigns for ever, all the Right Title & Interest of Said Proprietors, of in and to one Eighty Acre Lot of land in Said Boscawen, laid out to the original Right of Stephen Moody—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 10th day of may next five of the Clock afternoon to meet at this Place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly May 10, 24, June 7, July 5, 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, and Oct. 25, 1769, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 8th 1769 Wednesday four
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder The Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Wolfeborough as printed in vol. 28, p. 473.—ED.]

Upon the Petition of Nathaniel Atkinson of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman, for a grant or Quit Claim to Sundry peices of land

in Boscawen in the Province of New Hampshire, conveyed and Sold to him by Thomas Foss of Boscawen aforesaid Yeoman, by his deed bearing date the 6th day of March 1769 and recorded in the Record of Deeds for the Province of New Hampshire Lib. 97. fol 195—upon Consideration of Said Application it is determined and

Voted, that if the peices of land hereafter mentioned have not been already granted by Said Proprietors, laying in Said Boscawen viz^t one eighty Acre lot laid out to y^e original right of John Akers, also one Eighty Acre Lot adjoining the aforementioned, laid out to the original Right of Jonathan Plummer; also one hundred Acre Lot adjoining thereto, except forty Acres of y^e land beforementioned conveyed to Jesse Flanders before the date of Said Deed—and as Said Tracts of land are bounded in the Records of Said Boscawen— That all the Right and title of Said Proprietors of in and to The Said Tracts of land, except y^e Said forty Acres thereof, be & hereby are granted to the Said Nathaniel Atkinson his heirs and Assigns forever—

The Meeting was adjourned to monday next the 13th Ins^t ten of the Clock before noon, to meet at this place

a true Record

Geo: Jaffrey attest Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Nov. 13, 20, 21, 24, 27, and Dec. 27, 1769, and Jan. 3, 10, and 17, 1770, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 7th 1770 Wednesday four
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon the Proprietors met accord-
ing to adjournment—

The Grantees of y^e Tract of land granted to Ebenezer Varney &^c on Consideration of y^e Terms proposed to renew y^e forfeited Grant Sent down their Vote on Said proposed Terms

Voted That the Proprietors are determined to renew their grant to Such of the Grantees of the Tract of Land granted to Ebenezer Varney &^c on y^e Terms proposed to the Agents of said Grantees by said Proprietors—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next y^e 14th Ins^t ten of y^e Clock before noon to meet at y^e dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs}—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Feb. 14, 21, 26, March 7, and 14, 1770, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 21st 1770 Wednesday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according
to adjournment

[Then follows the regrant of Middleton and the draft of reserved lots as printed in vol. 27, pp. 514-516; and the grant of further time to Wakefield proprietors as printed in vol. 28, p. 362.—ED.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 28th Curr^r five of the Clock Afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly March 28 and April 4, 1770, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 11th 1770 Wednesday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock Afternoon the Proprietors meet according
to adjournment—

Voted That Mark Hunking Wentworth & Daniel Rogers Esqu^{rs} and m^r Peter Pearce be and hereby are appointed a Com^{it}tee of Said Proprietors to employ a Surveyor to run Such Lines, and make Such Surveys, and return Such Plans thereof as they Shall think proper for the advantage and Benefitt of the Proprietors, and that the Same be done by the Surveyor upon Oath, and the Chainmen who may be employed in the above Service be also under Oath, for the faithfull performance of the part they be employed in the Premises, and that the above Service be done as Soon as conveniently may be

The Meeting is adjourned to Wednesday the 25th Instantⁿ ten of the Clock before noon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r in this place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth April 25th 1770 Wednesday ten of
 New Hampsh^r } the Clock before noon—The meeting was adjourned
 to Wednesday the ninth day of May next five of the Clock afternoon
 to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in
 this place
 a true Record— Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl
 Attest^r Theodore Atkinson Moderator

Province of } Portsmouth May 9th 1770 Wednesday five of the
 New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment—

Voted That Daniel Rogers Esqu^r and m^r John Penhallow be a
 Comitee to examine into the Reports of y^e Settlements at New
 Durham, and of Menadnock N^o 5—and make Report of what they
 think best for the Proprietors to determine in Respect to Said Town-
 ships—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next y^e 16th Inst^s five
 of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James
 Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this Place—
 a true Record attes^t Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly May 16 and
 30, 1770, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth June 13th 1770 Wednesday five of
 New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according
 to adjournment—

Voted That the Consideration of the Grantees of Leavets Town
 So called, not complying with the Terms of their Grant be referred
 to Daniel Rogers Esqu^r and m^r John Penhallow as a Com'ittee and
 to Report what they think will be the best Interest of the Proprie-
 tors to determine upon the affair, and as Soon as they can con-
 veniently—

Upon Consideration of the Application of Mess^{rs} George Meserve
 and Stephen Batson for land in the Propriete, in lieu of a Proprie-
 tor's Right in the Tract of land or Township sold by y^e Proprietors
 to Cap^t Jonathan Barnard and others, which was claimed by Said
 Meserve in his fathers Right, the late Coll^o Nath^l meserve, and Said

Batson claiming a Proprietor's Right in New Hopkington in the Right of his wife, Daughter of Said Coll^o Meserve—the Proprietors having also sold y^e greatest part of their Interest in Said New Hopkington, they having Sold their Interest in both those Tracts to defrey the Common Expence of the Propriete—and it being also represented that as Coll^o Joseph Blanchard and the Said Coll^o Meserve Joseph Green Deceas'd, and Paul March being jointly interested in a fifteenth Share in this Propriete, and having Severed and divided their Respective Interests in Said Share, So y^t their Right in the said Tracts of land Sold to Cap^t Jon^s Barnard &^c and in New Hopkington aforesaid, became y^e Property of Said Coll^o Meserve, and Since his Decease, his Right in Said Tracts are become the Right of the Said George meserve, and Stephen Batson in the Right of his wife—and Said George Meserve desiring a grant made to him may be made in the Proprietors unappropriated Lands lying north East of Wolfborough and contiguous or as near as may be to his Lotts in Wolfborough, and Said Batson desiring a grant made to him may be contiguous to Said Meserve's grant—It is therefore determined and Voted that the Said George Meserve have five hundred Acres to be laid out joining on Wolfbourough and to the land granted to D^r Clement Jackson James Stoodly Esqu^r & m^r Hugh Hall Wentworth in parrellel lines with said land; and Stephen Batson in Right of his wife, have five hundred Acres of land joining to Said Messerve's, in the Same form and as the Said two five hundred Acre Lotts is the fifteenth Proprietors Share owned by Said Coll^o Blanchard Coll^o Meserve Joseph Green & Paul March—it is also Voted that there be laid out fourteen one thousand Acre Lotts in Said unappropriated land to and for the other fourteen Proprietors Shares, as equally as may be—and a Plan thereof made, and drawn for by lot to the Said other fourteen Proprietors Rights—and that as soon as conveniently may be—

Whereas there has been Application to this Propriete requesting that the Bounds of the Tract of land Sold to Jonathan Barnard & others may be run and marked by a skillfull Surveyor by order and Direction of the proprietors y^e Vendors—and the Charge of the Same to be defreyed by the Vendees or those who hold under them—Therefore Voted that Daniel Rogers Esqu^r and M^r Peter Pearce be a Committee to have the Same performed at the Expence of aforesaid Vendees &^c—

Voted That Daniel Rogers and Thomas Packer Esqu^r and m^r Peter Pearce be a Committee for and in behalf of this Propriete to consult about & transact any matter relative to the boundary lines of y^e Gore so called, between Barnstead Gilman Town, or any other

Town whereby the Interest of the Propriete may be affected or injured—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 20th Current ten of the Clock before noon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly June 20, 21, and 27, 1770, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 11th 1770 Wednesday the Pro-
New Hampsh^r } prietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That Daniel Rogers and George Jaffrey Esqu^{rs} and m^r Peter Pearse be a Committee in behalf of this Propriety to advise with mess^{rs} Livermore & Parker Esqu^{rs} what may be thought advisable to be done by this Propriety in relation to their Grants of Moultonborough taking under Consideration the Several Grants additional Grants Votes and the Course and Periods of the lines together with Conditions of the Grants &c and to make a report as Soon as they conveniently can—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 25th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to meet at y^e dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth July 25th 1770 Wednesday three of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment

Voted That m^r John Penhallow and m^r Peter Pearse be a Committee to Audit m^r John Quigly's Acco^t and Walter Brient Esqu^r his Acco^t exhibited this day and make Report thereon as soon as may be—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the first day of August next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at y^e Dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attes^t

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Aug. 1, 2, 8, 22, 29, Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 17, and 24, 1770, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth October 31 1770 Wednesday four of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according
to adjournment—

Voted That Daniel Rogers Esqu^r m^r Peter Peirce and m^r John Penhallow be a Committee to examine the bounds of the first Grant to Jonathan Moulton Esqu^r &^c and the Grant to John Tufton Mason Esqu^r and to represent the Same in a Plan, and what vacant land lay's between Said grants, and Said Grants and Wolfborough—

Voted That Daniel Rogers Esqu^r m^r Peter Peirce and m^r John Penhallow be a Committee to Treat with Andrew M^cMillan Esqu^r a Committee for y^e Proprietors & Inhabitants of Rumford or Concord about a Convey^a and the Terms thereof in behalf of this Propriete for a Gore of land referred to in s^d M^cMillans Petition and report thereon as Soon as may be—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the Seventh day of November next, three of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r in this place—a true Record

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth November 7th 1770 Wednesday
New Hampshire } three of the Clock afternoon—The meeting was
adjourned to Wednesday next four of the Clock afternoon to meet
at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this
place—

a true Record attes^t

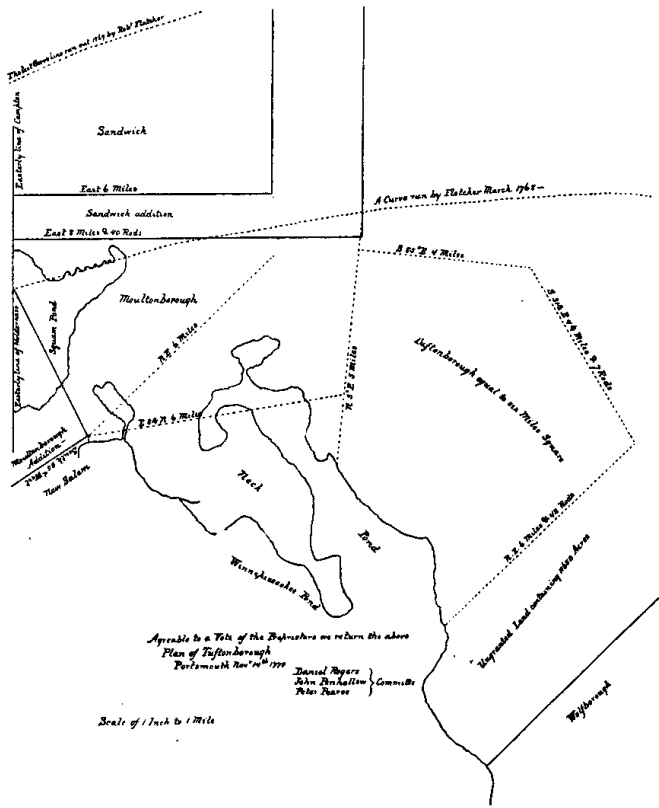
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Province of } The Proprietors met according to adjournment
New Hampshire } November 14th 1770

The clerk being not well in Health being Absent

Therefore Voted John Penhallow Clerk Pro Tempore.

Voted That the plan of Tuftonborough exhibited by the Committee the Hon^l Daniel Rogers Esqu^r M^r Peter Pearse and John Penhallow be accepted.



Agreed to a Vote of the Deputies on return the above
 Plan of Tiptonborough
 Portsmouth Nov^r 26th 1777

Daniel Rogers }
 John Burdett } Committee
 Peter Parson }

Voted That the Township of Tuftonborough be run out by M^r Robert Fletcher agreeable to the Lines laid out upon said plan of Tuftonborough and that George Jaffrey Esq^r be Desired to send for the said M^r Robert Fletcher to run out the said Township of Tuftonborough agreeable to the Directions that shall be given him by the Committee and make return thereof as soon as Possible to the Proprietors, and the said Expence to be Defrayed by the Grantees, according to the Petition of John Moffatt Esq^r

Voted. That the Hon^l Daniel Rogers Esq^r M^r Peter Pearse and John Penhallow be and hereby are a Committee to agree with suitable Persons to cut a Passable road from Wolfeborough to Conway upon the best Terms they can, and as soon as Possible, and make report accordingly

Whereas a number of People are making Improvements at Places called Tanmouth & Eaton, Therefore voted, That George Jaffrey Esq^r the clerk, be Desired to notify them that the same is within the Proprietors claim, and that he cause the same to be advertized in the public Prints.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 21st Instant at three OClock in the afternoon of said Day to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Inholder in this Place.

and the meeting is accordingly adjourned.

John Penhallow Clerk, P. Tempore
Theod^r Atkinson Moderat^r

Attest

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Nov. 21 and 28, 1770, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth December 12th 1770 Wednesday
New Hampshire } four of the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—

A Committee of the Grantees of the Tract of land granted to Samuel Palmer Esq^r and others, now called Meredith, viz' Josiah Sanborn and Ebenezer Smith Esq^r in behalf of Said Grantees, present a Plan made by a Committee of Said grantees being more correct and exact than the Plan formerly returned by Said Grantees to the Proprietors y^e Grantors—which Plan is attested by said Committee—upon Representation of said Plan—

Voted that Said Plan be and hereby is accepted and approved

of as a true Plan of y^e Divisions of said Tract of land now called Meredith—

Upon the Petition of Jedediah Jewett of Rowley in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Clerk for a grant of a whole Right or Share of land, excepting the house Lot N^o 55, and the Interval lot N^o 43, which was the original Right of Eleazer Peirce laying in Boscawen lately called Contoocook, and which, in the year 1738, Said Jedediah purchased of Andrew Bohanan,—for encouragement of the Settlements of those lands and other Considerations—

Therefore Voted That all the Right Title and Interest That the Proprietors now have in the Said whole Right or share of land in Boscawen except the Said house lot n^o 55 and said Interval lot N^o 43—be and hereby is granted to the Said Jedediah Jewett his heirs and assigns—and also one house Lot and one Interval Lot in Said Boscawen belonging to y^e original Right of John Poor—

Voted that Daniel Rogers Esqu^r Peter Pearse and John Penhallow be a Committee to examine the Papers belonging to this Propriete and Sort the Same to be placed in file

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 19th Ins^t five of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder, in this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Dec 19, 1770, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 13, 20, 27, and March 6, 1771, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 13th 1771 Wednesday five of the
New Hampsb^r } Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

Voted That m^r John Penhallow and m^r Peter Pearse be a Committee to audit the Acco^{ts} of John Quigly and any others that are filed—and to make report thereon as soon as may be—

Whereas Thomas Packer Esqu^r has informed the Proprietors that he had prosecuted one John Atwood for Trespassing on his division in the Society land So called, and that on trial of the Case on the Appeal at the Super^r Court of Judicature held in February last Judgement was rendered against him for Cost, and the Trespass continued on his lot in the Division of Society Land—therefore

Voted That Daniel Rogers Esqu^r m^r John Pehallow and m^r Peter Pearse be a Committee to enquire into the State of the Case to know how far the general Interest of the Proprietors is affected by the Event of the Case and to make Report thereon as soon may be

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next y^e 20th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodley Esqu^r Innholder in this place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly March 20 and April 3, 1771, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 17th 1771 Wednesday four of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Whereas The Proprietors are well informed that the Grantees have not complied with the Terms of the last Grant of the Tract of Land called manadnock N^o Seven, notwithstanding their repeated neglects of complying with the Terms of former and repeated grants after Forfeiture—It is now determined unanimously at this meeting, that the Proprietors will reassume and reenter on all the forfeited land of Said Manadnock N^o Seven—and that the Clerk is now desired and directed to write to Coll^o Sampson Stoddard & Jon^s Blanchard Esqu^r To advise them of their Determination of reentering into Said Tract of Land and reassuring their Land so forfeited by y^e non-compliance of the Terms of the Grant—

This meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the first day of may next nine of the Clock before noon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth May 1st 1771 Wednesday nine of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock beforenoon at the House of James
Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
ment The Moderator being absent by Sickness did not attend There-
fore it is the opinion of the Proprietors that this meeting be de-
solved—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 35.]

Province of } NOTICE is hereby given to the Proprietors of
New Hampsh^r } the Lands purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq^r
within the Province of new Hampshire, that there will be held a
meeting of said Proprietors at the Dwelling house of James Stoodley
Esq^r Inholder in Portsmouth in said Province on Monday the 24th
Instant at three O Clock in the Afternoon.—

TO receive the Report of any Committee or Person, appointed to
do or transact any matter or thing relating to said Propriety.—

TO Grant, sell sever or convey any part of said Lands not already
Granted, Conveyed or Severed.—

TO Determine upon some Method of raising Money to Defray
any charge or Expence of the Propriety, that is already arisen or
that may or shall arise, and to adjust or settle any accounts of said
Propriety.—

TO appoint any Person or Persons to Consult upon Execute or
transact any Matter or Thing relating to the Propriety to Consider
or Determine upon any suit or action, which the said Proprietors may
Judge proper to be prosecuted to appoint Agent or Agents to appear
for said Proprietors, and to prosecute answer & defend any action or
suit that is or may be prosecuted by or against said Proprietors, or
any that they may see Cause to espouse & defend and conduct the
same to final Judgment & Execution also to vote & transact any
Matter or thing that shall be thought of, for the Benefit of said
Propriety.—

Portsm^o June 6th 1771—

Geo: Jaffrey	Peter Pearse for the Right	}
John Moffatt	of Jotham Odiorne Esq ^r Dec ^d	
Jn ^o Rindge	Peter Pearse for Tho ^s	
Theod ^r Atkinson	Wallingford Esq ^r	}
Jonathan Warner for	Tho ^s Packer	
John Tufton Mason Esq ^r	Clem ^t March	
Mark H ^s Wentworth	John Penhallow for the	
Daniel Peirce	Right of Rich ^d Wibird	
	Esq Dec ^d	

June 24th 1771—

The Notification & Signing the same on the other Side is a Copy
of the Notification publish'd—

attes^t

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ra} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth June 24th 1771 The Proprietors of
New Hampshire } the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu^r
in New Hampshire meet at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly
Esqu^r in Said Portsmouth on Monday being the Said Day, at three
of the Clock afternoon, pursuant to a Notification for Said Meet-
ing—

Voted That the Honb^{le} Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r be Moderator
of this Meeting—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next nine of the Clock
beforenoon to meet at this Place

a true Record—attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth June 26th 1771 Wednesday nine of
New Hampsh^r } the clock beforenoon the Proprietors meet accord-
ing to Adjournment—

Voted That Daniel Rogers Esqu^r Peter Pearse and John Penhal-
low be a Committee to Treat with John Fisher Esqu^r and Jonas Minot
about two Tracts of Land or Townships, viz^t with John Fisher Esqu^r
about the Township of Hereford and with Jonas Minot about the
Township, called Bradford Township and to make return of their
Report thereon to the Proprietors as soon as may be—

Voted That Daniel Rogers Esqu^r Peter Pearse and John Penhal-
low be a Committee to Confer with Walter Brient Esqu^r who appears
in behalf of the Grantees of y^e Government of y^e Township of Eaton,
and treat with them about Terms for a grant of any of Said Tract of
Land and make return of their Report thereon as soon as may be

The meeting was adjourned to Fryday next ten of the clock before
noon to meet at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Inn-
holder in this Place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth June 28th 1771 Fryday ten of the
New Hampshire } Clock beforenoon the Proprietors meet according
to adjournment—

John Fisher Esqu^r having made application to the Proprietors for
a grant of a Tract of land to make Settlements, and it appearing
that the Tract of land described by the following boundaries viz^t be-
ginning at the north West Corner of New Concord or N^o 8 So called,
on the curve patent line, from thence running by Said N^o 8 to the
north east corner thereof from thence to the Southerly corner of

Parry's Town, So called, from thence by the Southe Westerly Side of said Parry's Town to the north West Corner thereof from thence west to the Curve line, from thence on the curve line to the first point where the bounds begin—and it appearing that the tract of land described within Said boundaries is not under Grant or the grants of every part thereof being forfeited by the failure of compliance with the Conditions or Terms of any grant of any part of the Premises and reverting to the Said Proprietors, and in expectation of having the Said Tract of land under Settlement, are determined to make Said Fisher a grant thereof on certain Conditions and Reservations, if he shall have a compleat Survey of the Tract of land contained within said Boundaries, and have a true and exact Plan thereof made and returned to Said Proprietors within three months from this date—

The meeting was adjourned to three of the Clock this afternoon to meet at this place
a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsm^o June 28th 1771 the Proprietors meet
New Hampsh^r } according to Adjournment

Whereas the Proprietors have granted Sundry Tracts of Land, called Parrys Town, Heidlebourg and Alexandria—the Grantees of those Tracts of land have wholly, or in great part, forfeited their Grants by not fulfilling the Conditions or Terms of their Respective Grants—and as m^r Jonas Minot having applied to the Proprietors for a grant of a Tract of land to make Speedy Settlements on Such land—and in expectation of having either of those Said Tracts of land Speedily Settled—Therefore the Proprietors propose to grant to Said Minot one of those Said forfeited Tracts and consent to his going thereon to view the State of the Settlement of either of those Tracts if any be made thereon—and that he have an exact Survey made of the outlines of the Tract and make a true Report if any Settlements be made thereon by virtue of a former grant, and by whom—and a true plan of y^e outlines and Contents of the Tract of land he desires the Grant of—which is intended to be made upon certain Conditions & Considerations—and that his Return be Made to this propriete within two months from this date

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held on November 14th 1770—Voted that the Township of Tufftonborough be Run out by m^r Robert Fletcher Agreeable to Lines Laid out upon a Plan Exhibitted by the Committee, Daniel Rogers Esq^r m^r Peter Pearse and John

Penhallow, and Make Return thereof as Soon as Possible to the Proprietors at the Expence of the Grantees of Tufftonborough and as the said Fletcher has been Applied to to Run the Lines of Tufftonborough Agreeable to the Said Plan, who Could not Attend that Service, and it being thought Necessary that the Lines of said Tufftonborough be Run and Ascertained—Therefore Voted that the Committee before Mentioned be and hereby are Authorized and Empower'd to have the said Lines Run and Ascertained by some Suitable Persons that they Shall think Proper to Employ and the Expence of the Same be paid by the Grantees or Owners of Tufftonborough, According to the Petition of John Moffatt Esq^r—

Voted that m^r William Whipple and m^r Peter Pearse be a Committee to Confer with the Proprietors of Gilman Town about the incroachments of the Proprietors of Gilman Town on the Gore, so called, & to know what the Intention of Gilman Town Proprietors is respecting that Incroachment—and to report to the Proprietors what they think will be best to be done in that affair—

Voted that John Fisher Daniel Peirce and Daniel Rogers Esqu^{rs} mess^{rs} John Penhallow Peter Pearse and William whipple be a Com^{mittee} to examine into and render the State of the Proprieter's affairs to the Proprietors—

M^r Jonas Minot is requested to take a View of the Tract of land called Bradford Town, and report the Quality of the Same to the Proprietors as soon as may be—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 17th day of July next ten of the Clock beforenoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this Place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth July 17th 1771 Wednesday ten of
New Hampshire { the Clock before noon—the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Grantees of Sundry Tracts of lands for Townships have not complied with the Terms and Conditions of their respective Grants, viz^t of That Tract called Alexandria, that Tract called Parry's Town, that Tract called Heidlebourg, that Tract called New Chester, & that Tract called New Briton—Therefore Voted the Grants of Said Tracts of land be forfeited, and Some Person or Persons be imediately employed to reenter and take Possession of those said Tracts of Land for and in behalf of the Proprietors the Grantors ; and that the Said Proprietors resume their former Estate in those

Said Tracts, and forthwith dispose of or make new Grants of the same upon Such Terms and Conditions as they shall agree upon—

Voted that John Fisher Esqu^r mess^{rs} William Whipple and Peter Pearse be a Com^{it}tee to employ Agent or Agents in behalf of the Proprietors, to enter into & upon the Tracts of Lands called Parry's Town, Alexandria, Heidlebourg, New Chester, & New Briton, to reasume the former Right and Possession of the Proprietors, and to examine what Improvements and Settlements and buildings are made upon either of Said Tracts of Land, and by whom made, and make return of a Report of the Same as Soon as may be—

John Fisher Esqu^r returning a Plan of Survey of a Tract of Land described in a Proposal made and entered at the meeting of the Proprietors held on the 28th day of June 1771—Voted that the Said Plan be accepted—and that Mess^{rs} John Penhallow William Whipple and Peter Pearse be a Committee to make Terms and Conditions for a grant of the Tract of land described in Said Plan, and make a Return of their Proceedings as soon as may be

Voted that George Jaffrey Proprietors Clerk be and hereby is desired to Write to the Grantees of the Tracts of Lands, called Parry's Town, Alexandria, Heidlebourg, New Chester, and New Briton, to inform them respectively, that as the Grants of those Tracts of land, are forfeited by the Tenour of those Grants, for the Neglect of the Grantees not complying with the Terms and Conditions of their Respective Grants, and that the Proprietors the Grantors, will im^{me}diately reenter upon the Said Tracts, and reasume their former Right & Possession of the Premises—

The meeting is adjourned to Tuesday the 30th Ins^t ten of the clock before noon to be held at y^e Dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attes^t

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth July 30th 1771 Tuesday ten of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet according
to adjournment—

Voted That Daniel Rogers & John Fisher Esqu^{rs} and m^r William Whipple be a Committee to conferr with the Committee of the Township of Savill as they have Suggested that there may be occasion of Dispute of the boundary line between the Tract of land called Hereford and Said Savill, and make a Report of their Conference

Voted that John Fisher & Daniel Rogers Esqu^{rs} and m^r William Whipple be a Committee to conferr with any Persons who shall

appear in behalf of New Chester referring to y^e Grant and forfeiture of said new Chester, and to report to the Proprietors y^e Circumstances of y^e Conference—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 14th day of August next ten of the Clock before noon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth August 14th 1771. Wednesday ten
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock before noon the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday y^e 15th Instant nine of the clock before noon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodley Esqu^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth August 15th 1771 Thursday nine of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock before noon the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Upon the Report of the Committee to employ an agent for to reassume the Possession of Townships forfeited, and to get information of what improvements have been made in any of Said Townships—who have reported as on file—

Voted that the Township of Alexandria rest in the disposal of this Propriety as they shall determine—

Voted that m^r Jonas Minot have the preference in the Grant of the Township of Alexandria if he shall agree to have a grant—upon such Terms, Reservations, obligations and Conditions, as shall be propos'd or agreed upon by a Committee, who shall be appointed, for to agree with him thereon—

Jonathan Warner & Daniel Peirce Esqu^{rs} desire their Dissent to the Vote imediately entered before the Entry of this Dissent—

Voted Daniel Rogers and Georje Jaffrey Esqu^{rs} & m^r William Whipple be a Committee to conferr with m^r Jonas Minot about a grant of Alexandria, and agree with him on Such Terms Reservations Obligations and Conditions as they think will be for the Interest of the Proprietors—

it being desired that Persons present at meeting when the foregoing votes were pass'd be noted in this place—which were viz^t Theodore Atkinson Esqu^r Jon^s Warner Esqu^r Daniel Peirce Esqu^r

George Jaffrey Esqu^r Daniel Rogers Esqu^r John Fisher Esqu^r m^r William Whipple m^r Peter Pearse

Voted that George Jaffrey & Daniel Rogers Esqu^{rs} and m^r William Whipple & m^r John Penhallow & m^r Peter Pearse be a Committee to conferr with and treat with the late owners or claimers of the Tract of land called Parry's Town concerning the Terms and Conditions of a new Grant and make a Report of their doings therein and also to conferr with the late owners or claimers of New-Chester concerning Terms and Conditions of a new grant, and make report of their doings therein—and also to conferr with the late owners or claimers of New Britton concerning Terms and Conditions of a new Grant and make a Report of their doings therein—

The meeting is adjourned to Wednesday the Second day of October next ten of the Clock before noon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place

a true Record, attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth October 2^d 1771. Wednesday ten of
New Hampsh^r } the clock before noon at the Dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esqu^r in Portsm^o the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

Voted that George Jaffrey Esqu^r be added to the Committee to make Terms and Conditions for a grant of the tract of land described in a proposal made and entered at the meeting of the Proprietors held on the 28th day of June 1771—

Voted that the Agreement made by a Committee of this Propriete with the Committee of Rumford so called, be carried into execution by a grant, upon condition of y^e Compliance of y^e Com[']ittee of Rumford on their part

Voted That Daniel Peirce George Jaffrey & Daniel Rogers Esqu^{rs} & m^r John Penhallow be a Committee to prosecute any Suits in law respecting the Propriete that may be thought necessary for to prosecute or defend—at the Expence of the Propriete

Voted That George Jaffrey Daniel Rogers Esqu^{rs} mess^{rs} William whipple Peter Pearse and m^r John Penhallow be a Committee to enquire into y^e unappropriated or Common Land in Dunbarton and hear any Propoposal of Caleb Page Esqu^r or any others of the Grantees of Dunbarton respecting Said unappropriated lands, and make Report of their opinion on the Premises—

And that the Said Committee hear m^r Enoch Bartlet on his Petition and make Report thereon

The Meeting was adjourned to thursday the 3^d of this Ins^r three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsmouth October 3^d 1771 Thursday three of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

[Then follows a quitclaim to a part of Concord as printed in vol. 27, p. 156.—ED.]

The meeting was adjourned to the 7th of this Instant nine of the clock before noon to meet at this place
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Oct. 7, 8, 16, and 23, 1771, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth October 30th 1771 Wednesday, at
New Hampshire } the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Inn-
holder the Proprietors meet to which time and place the meeting was
adjourn'd—

Voted that Mess^{rs} Peter Pearse William Whipple and John Penhallow be a Committee, to employ Some Suitable Person or Persons to examine into the Settlements and improvements made in Manadnock N^o 7 granted to Sampson Stoddard Esq^r &^c that a true State thereof & the Bounds as marked may be known—and also of any other tract of land granted by the Proprietors, as there may be occasion—and to make Report—

The meeting was adjourned to fryday nine of the Clock before noon being the first day of november next to meet at this place
a true Record—attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth November 1st 1771. fryday nine of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock before noon the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

Whereas there was a Committee appointed the 2^d day of October last to prosecute any Suits in law &^c which Com^{tee} have not acted on

Said appointment It is now Voted That George Jaffrey & Daniel Rogers Esqu^r William whipple Peter Pearse and John Penballow or any two of them be the Committee for and in behalf of Said Proprietors to prosecute answer and defend any Action Suit or process and Appeal Commenced or to be commenced for or against Said Proprietors, in their name, to appear plead and pursue to final Judgement & Execution—

Voted That George Jaffrey Daniel Rogers and William whipple be a Committee to employ any Person or Persons to put on any Settlers on the Tract of land called Alexandria, for and in behalf of Said Proprietors

The meeting is adjourned to Wednesday next y^e 6th Ins^t ten. of y^e Clock beforenoon to meet at y^e dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsmouth November 6th 1771 Wednesday at
New Hampsh^r } the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

[Then follows the renewal of the grant of Andover as printed in vol. 27, p. 91.—ED.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 13th of this Ins^t three of the clock afternoon to be held at y^e dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder in this place, a true Record—

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Nov. 13 and 27, 1771, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth December 4th 1771 Wednesday three
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas Sundry Persons made a motion of making a Purchase of a Tract of land called Bradford Town and the Proprietors being undetermined in what manner of appropriating Said Tract whether by Sale, Dividing it amongst themselves or otherwise—Therefore—

Voted That Daniel Rogers Esqu^r mess^r John Penhallow & Peter

Province of } Portsmouth December 10th 1771 Tuesday three of
 New Hampsh^r } the clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James
 Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
 ment—

upon a motion made in behalf of John Fisher Esq^r as his Request, that the Proprietors engage that the Bond he is to give for the performance of the Conditions and Terms of the Grant to be made to him of Fishersfield—upon the forfeiture of the Bond, the Same Shall be prosecuted within twelve months—therefore Voted that upon forfeiture of Said Bond the Same be prosecuted within twelve months after the forfeiture of the Penalty—

Voted That each Proprietor the Grantors shall be obliged to Settle a Family on his particular share or Right, which Shall be laid out and Severed to his Right, in the Tract of land to be granted to John Fisher Esq^r (called Fishersfield) within five years after his Share therein shall be allotted and Severed, and in failure thereof the delinquent Proprietor shall forfeit to those of the Proprietors who shall settle a family on their respective Rights or shares in Said Tract, one hundred Acres of said Delinquents Right or share, on which a Family shall not be Settled within Said Term of five years—

Voted that the Tract of Land called Bradford Town, and the Gores and Tracts adjacent, be and hereby is determined and resolved to be divided and Severed to and among the Proprietors, and that the Same be Surveyed, laid out and divided as Soon as may be, and upon Such Terms and Limitations of Settlement as shall be agreed upon by the Proprietors—

Voted that James Mitchel, upon Application, may have a Lease of a meadow, in Campbel's Gore so called, till Severed to any of the Proprietors, and that the Clerk give such a lease—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 18th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

Province of } Portsmouth December 18th 1771 at the dwelling
 New Hampsh^r } house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder—the Pro-
 prietors meet according to adjournment—The meeting was ad-
 journed to Thursday the 26th Ins^t three of the clock afternoon to be
 held at this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth December 26th 1771 Thursday three
 New Hamp^r } of the clock afternoon at the dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment—

Voted that Jonas Minot be and hereby is desired authorised and
 impowered in behalf of the Proprietors to sue any Trespassers on the
 tract of land called alexandria, at the expence of this Propriete, and
 also to Settle forty Families or persons on Said Tract of land, agre-
 able to the Intention of a grant to be made to him &c and to engage
 to defend them in their Settlements

The meeting was adjourned to Fryday the 27th Ins^t Eleaven of the
 Clock beforenoon to meet at this place—
 a true Record

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth December 27th 1771 Fryday Eleaven
 New Hampsh^r } of the Clock beforenoon, at the dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Esqu^r Innholder, the Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment—

Voted that Jonas Minot Gentleman be and hereby is desired,
 authorised, and impowered, in behalf of, and in the name or Names
 of Said Proprietors, to Sue, prosecute, and defend to final Judgement,
 any person or persons, who have entered or worked on the Tract of
 land within Said Province, called alexandria, or any who may enter
 or work on Said Tract of land without the leave of Said Proprietors,
 at the Expence of Said Proprietors—and the Said minot is hereby
 further impowered in behalf of Said Proprietors, to Settle forty Fam-
 ilies or persons on Said Land; and to engage to defend them in their
 Settlements there, at the charge of Said Proprietors—any Vote hereto-
 fore pass'd notwithstanding—

Whereas many affairs relative to this Propriete occurring which
 require a Speedy Determination and Dispatch; and many affairs are
 omitted to be done in Season, to the Detriment of the Proprietors
 Interest, when their meetings are under Adjournment—and many
 Accidents frequently prevent a Sufficient number of the Proprietors
 attending at the meetings, at the times to which they are adjourned,
 sufficient to pass a Vote—Therefore Voted That George Jaffrey &
 Daniel Rogers Esq^{rs}, mess^{rs} William Whipple John Penhallow and
 Peter Pearse, and Daniel Peirce Esq^r or any three of them, be and
 hereby are a Committee for and in behalf of Said Proprietors to
 transact all affairs relating to Said Propriete, (excepting the grant-
 ing of any Lands) to be done at the Expence of Said Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 8th day of January

next, three of the Clock afternoon, to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place
 a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Jan. 8 and 22, 1772, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 5th 1772, Wednesday
 New Hampsh^r } three of y^e clock afternoon—the Proprietors meet
 according to adjournment—

[Then follows the renewal of the grant of Washington as printed in vol. 28, p. 409.—ED.]

Voted that the Committe appointed on the 27th day of December to transact affairs for the Propriete are authorised and impowered to employ and Substitute any person or persons to act and do any matter or thing in behalf of Said Propriete as the Said Committee or any three of them shall See cause—

Voted that Said Committee be and hereby are impowered to grant any tract of Land upon the road on or near Ossipee River for any accomodation for keeping a Ferry over that River, and agree with any person to keep Said Ferry upon Such Terms as they shall think proper for the Benefit of the Propriete

[Then follows the grant of Fishersfield, now Newbury, to John Fisher, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 91-93.—ED.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 19th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—
 a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Feb. 19, 26, March 11, 24, April 8, 15, and 29, 1772, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsm^o May 13th 1772 Wednesday four of the
 New Hamp } Clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of James
 Stoodly Esq^r Innholder The Proprietors Meet According to Adjournment

The Clerk George Jaffrey Esq^r being at Boston—
 Therefore Voted John Penhallow Clerk Pro. Tem^e
 Voted This Meeting was Adjourn'd to Wednesday the 20th Day of
 Instant May four Clock Afternoon to meet at this Place—
 a True Record Attest

John Penhallow Clerk Pro. Tem^e

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly May 20, June 3, 17, July 1, and 15, 1772, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 29th 1772 Wednesday four of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder, the Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment—

Whereas there is an Island lying in the Westerly part of Winipisiokee Pond, which has heretofore, been called distinguished and known by the name of Governour's Island, not Severed to The particular Right of any Proprietor—and as his Excellency John Wentworth Esq^r has greatly encouraged and promoted the Settlement of the Lands about Said Pond, by his improvements and Cultivation in Wolfborough; and from the personal Respect born by Said Proprietors to his Excellency—It is considered—and Therefore Voted That all the Right Title Interest and Estate of Said Proprietors of, in and to the Said Island in Winipisiokee Pond, called distinguished and known by the name of Governours Island—be and hereby is granted to His Excellency John Wentworth Esq^r To have and to hold the said Island to him the Said John Wentworth Esq^r his Heirs and Assigns for ever—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 5th day of August next, four of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place
 a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Aug. 5 and 12, 1772, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 13th 1772 Thursday nine of
 New Hampsh^r } the Clock before noon the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted that George Jaffrey Esq^r be & hereby is desired to write to the Clerk of the Grantees of Leavets Town So called, requesting that Said Grantees, within two months from this date, or as Soon as may be, Shew Cause to this Propriete why they have not complied with the Terms of their Grant—

Voted that the Committee appointed by a Vote of the 27th December 1771 be and hereby are impowered and authorized to place as many Settlers on the land joining to the road lately opened between Wolfborough & Conway, & also on any other road in that part of their lands, that may be opened the next Autumn, on the best Terms they can agree with Such Settlers—

Voted that Daniel Rogers Esq^r have four hundred Acres of land laid out to him and his heirs between Wolfeborough & Leavets Town, under the direction of the Committee—

The meeting was adjourned to friday next the 14th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Aug. 14, Oct. 23, and 28, 1772, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 4th 1772 Wednesday
New Hampshire } three of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house
of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in New Boston as printed in vol. 28, p. 72.—Ed.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wenesday next the 11th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler.

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Nov. 11, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 23, and 30, 1772, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, Feb. 1, 15, 24, and March 17, 1773, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

In Pursuance of My Instructions from the Committee of the Proprietors of Masons Patent I have Laid out in the Town of Camden for Said Proprietors Shares of Reservation thirty Lots Containing three Hundred and Sixty acres Each for their first Reservation Lots in Said Town in three Different Situations and in three Divisions; The first Division is Laid out in the North West Corner of Said Town in two Ranges, five Lots in a Range and Runs Parallel With the town Lines three Hundred twenty three Rods Long & one Hundred Eighty four Rods Wide and Contains three Hundred Sixty acres in Each Lot.

The Second Division of Said Shares or Lots is Laid out on the East Boundry Line of Said town and Begins at a Beach tree in Said Line 3 miles two hundred & thirty Rods from the South East Corner of Said town and Runs North 82° Degrees West (by the North Side of a Large Rock about 12 feet high & 5 Rods Long) Said Lots are three Hundred twenty Rods Long & one hundred Eighty six Rods Wide and Lays Parallel With the Line of the town Contains three hundred Sixty acres in Each Lot as they are mark'd out on this Plan, in two Ranges five Lots in a Range Numbered from one to five in Each Range.

The third Division of Said Shares is Laid out in the South East Corner of Said town — and Lays in two Ranges five Lots in a Range 320 Rods Long 186 Rods Wide the Courses of these Lots is Parallel With the Lines of the town the Lots are Numbered from one to five in Each Range as mark'd on the Plan, and Contains 150 acres in Each Lot.

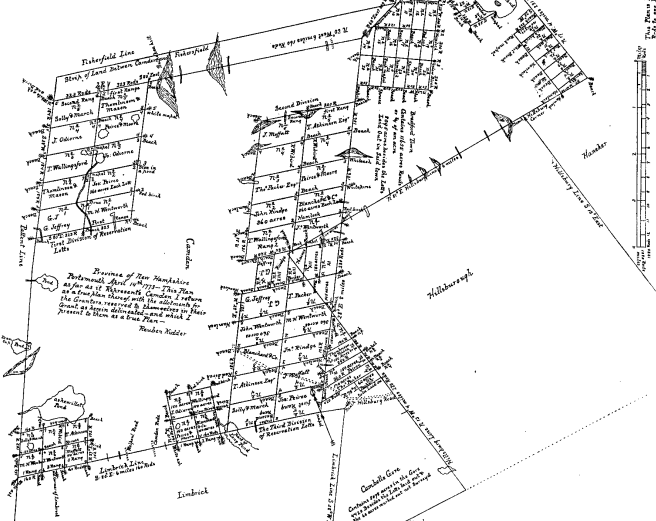
The Last fifteen Lots of Reservation Shares Contains 150 acres in Each Lot and are Laid out in three Different Situations the first four Lots are Laid out about the Middle of Limbeck North Line on the South Boundry Line of Said Camden and is 160 Rods Each Lot Long, on the town Line S 80° E. and 150 Rods wide Each Lot back N 10° East and are Numbered 1: 2: 3: 4: as Marked on this Plan and Contains 150 acres Each Lot.

The Second Situation of 150 acre Lots, Lays in the South West Corner of Said Town and Bounds on the South and West Boundry Lines of the town, and is Laid out in three Ranges two Lots Deep 160 Rods S 80° E. & 150 Rods N 28° East Contains 150 acres in Each Lot and Numbered from five to ten as mark'd in this Plan, and on Every Corner tree of the Lots — the Last five Lots of 150 acre Each is Laid out on the East Boundry Line of the town and Lays Between the Second and third Divisions of the first Reservation Lots, and are 130 Rods Long, N 28° E. and 150 Rods Wide, North 80° West, and are marked on Each Corner tree of the Lots S. R. N. 21: xii: xiii: xiiii: xV, as Each tree is Numbered & mark'd in this Plan.

The 4 Lots Laid out in Cambells Gore is to make Good those taken out of Camden by Hillsborough, the Lot N° 1 in Cambells Gore is to make up What is take out of N° 1 in the Second Division of Reservation Lots in the first Range, by Hillsborough and N° 2 in the third Division and Lot N° 2 in Said Gore Makes up Lot N° xii in the one hundred fifty acre Lots taken out by Hillsborough, and Lot N° 3 in Said Gore, Makes Good Lot N° xi in Said hundred fifty acre Lots. The Lot N° 4 in said Cambells Gore that is Laid out and a Lot of Sixty acre mark'd on this Plan Will Lay out Will Make Good for all the Land taken out of Lot N° 1 in the third Division of Reservation Lots in the first Range and Lot N° xii in the 150 acre Lots: the Lot N° 1 in the 3^d Division N° xii in the Last Reservation and N° 4 and the Sixty acres in the Gore not Laid out Should be afford to one proprietors Shear, With one Lot More Where you please to fix it to make a Whole Shear.

Finished this Survey the 13th of Sept 1772

Hubartus Neal Surv



I have also Laid out 35 Lots in the Town of Bradford beside the Lot that Frisburey is on Containing 100 acres Each and are marked and Numbered on the trees in the Lines and Ranges at Each Corner tree Named in the Lots and at Each Corner of the Lots in this Plan all the Lots on almsbury Line is 200 Rod Long & 80 Rods Wide Except the Corner Lot on Hawker Line also, all the other Lots Except those that are Part of a Gore that Lays on the angling Lines of the town, and the two Lots in Frisburey Range, and the two Lots on the West side of Bradford Pond that Joines too it, Whose Courses and Distances are Described in the plans of the Lots as also all the other Lots Laid out in the town

Laid out Sept 2th 1772

Hubartus Neal Surv

Province of } Portsmouth April 14th 1773 Wednesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon The Proprietors meet
according to Adjournment—

Reuben Kidder Esq^r presenting to the Proprietors at this meeting a Plan of Camden with the reservations of the Proprietors therein delineated, (and some lots in Campbels Gore adjacent, occasioned by Hillsborough running into the tract intended to be granted to Said Kidder) which Plan being approved of—Therefore—

Voted that it be and hereby is accepted as a true Plan of Said Camden with y^e Reservations to the Grantors as therein delineated

The meeting was adjourned to Fryday next the 16th Ins^t ten of the Clock before noon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly April 16, 17, and 19, 1773, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 20th 1773 Tuesday ten of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock before noon the Proprietors meet according
to Adjournment—

Voted and Resolved that the Committee of this Propriete, Speedily and vigorously prosecute in the law, for the recovery of the lands granted by this Propriete, on which the terms and Conditions of the Grants are not complied with—and also that Said Committee take Some Methods to ascertain what lands are ungranted and undisposed of by the Proprietors, and to be informed of the Quantity and Quality of the Same—and Such tracts of land as will not admitt of a Division of one hundred Acres to each Proprietors Right, the Said Committee may Sell the Same for the advantage of the Proprietors as they shall think best—unless the Proprietors shall otherwise order in respect to any of Said ungranted tracts of land

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 19th day of may next five of the Clock afternoon, to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly May 19, June 9, 30, July 1, 2, and 3, 1773, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 7th 1773 Wednesday five
 New-Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment—

[Then follows the regrant of Alexandria as printed in vol. 27, pp. 29-34.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 14th Instant three
 of the Clock afternoon to be held at the dwelling house of James
 Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—
 a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth July 14th 1773 Wednesday three of
 New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Alexandria as printed
 in vol. 27, pp. 35-37.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to fryday next the 16th Inst^t three of
 the Clock afternoon to be held at the dwelling house of James
 Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—
 a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler—

Province of } Portsmouth July 16th 1773 Fryday three of the
 New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of James
 Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjourn-
 ment—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 21st Ins^t three
 of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—a true Record—
 attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler.

Province of } Portsmouth July 21st 1773 Wednesday three of
 New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of
 James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Washington as printed
 in vol. 28, p. 414.—ED.]

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday next the 22^d Inst^t three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsmouth July 22^d 1773—Thursday three of
New-Hampshire } the Clock afternoon, at the dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder, the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the fourth day of August next three of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—
a true Record—Attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cler:

Province of } Portsm^o Aug^t 4th 1773 Met According to Ad-
New Hamp } ournement at the Dwelling House of James Stoodly
Esq^r Innholder—

Voted—John Penhallow Clerk Pro Tem^e—

Voted This Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday the 11th Day of Aug^t at Three of the Clock Afternoon to meet at the Dwelling House of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this Place—
John Penhallow Clerk P. Tem

Province of } Portsmouth August 11th 1773 Wednesday three
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock Afternoon, at the dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 18th Inst^t three of the Clock Afternoon to meet at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth August 18th 1773, Wednesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon—at the dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder, The Proprietors meet according to
Adjournment—

[Then follows the renewal of the grant of Sutton as printed in vol. 28, pp. 326-327.—Ed.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 29th day of September next, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth September 29th 1773 Wednesday
New Hampsh^r } three of the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—and the meeting was adjourned to
Thursday next the 30th Instant ten of the Clock beforenoon to be
held at the dwelling house of the Hon: Theodore Atkinson Esq^r in
Portsmouth aforesaid, at ten of the Clock beforenoon—
a true Record attest : Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

Province of } Portsmouth September 30th 1773 Thursday ten
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of
the Hon: Theodore Atkinson Esq^r The Proprietors meet according
to adjournment—

Voted, that for and in Consideration of the Sum of One hundred and fifty nine Pounds lawfull Money of Said Province, to us in hand, before the making this Grant, paid by David Chandler of Andover, in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gentleman, there be and hereby is given and granted unto the Said David Chandler his Heirs and Assigns for ever All our right and Property of in and to a certain Tract of Land Situate at a place called the Slip, in the County of Hillsborough, and Province of New-Hampshire, within the Claim of Mason's Patent (except what Land may justly belong to Caleb Jones within the bounds of the after described tract of land) The whole of which said tract of land including what belong's to Said Jones, contain's Six hundred and nine Acres, more or less, and is bounded as follow's—viz^t Beginning at a Stake and Stones at Souhegan River, from thence running South one degree east, one hundred and ninety two rods by Amherst line, to a Stake and Stones; then west one degree South, three hundred and twenty rods, to a red Oak; then running north, one degree east, three hundred and ninety Rods by Wilton to a white Oak; then East, one hundred and ninety rods, by Lyndeborough, to a Stake and Stones, then South one degree east, two hundred rods by Duxbury School farm to Souhegan river; and then running by Said river; as that run's to the place first began at, excepting and reserving out of Said premises, so much land as justly belong's to Said Caleb Jones—
To have and to hold the Said Premises, with all the Privileges and

Appurtenances thereof (except as before excepted) to him the said David Chandler his Heirs and Assigns, to his and their only proper Use and benefit forever. and that Said Proprietors, their Heirs and Successors shall and will warrant and defend the same granted Premises to him the Said David Chandler, his heirs and Assigns forever, against any person, who may or shall claim the Same Premises, from by or under said Proprietors, their Heirs or Successors.—And that in case the Said David Chandler, his Heirs, Executors Administrators or Assigns Shall at any time hereafter be evicted and ousted, of Said Premises, or any part thereof, by legal Process, the Said Proprietors hereby for themselves, their Heirs and Successors Covenant and engage to repay to the Said David, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, the Consideration Sum herein before expres't, or in proportion to Such part as he shall be ousted, with lawfull Interest for the Same untill paid, which Said Sum and Interest Shall be in full Satisfaction of all Damage, the Said David, his Heirs Executors or Administrators may Sustain by the Loss of Said Land as aforesaid—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the Sixth day of October next ten of the Clock beforenoon to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodley Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth October 6th 1773 Wednesday ten of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock beforenoon the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 13 Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodley Esq^r in this place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth October 13th 1773 Wednesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon, The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

William Presbury having made improvement in a tract of land called Bradford town to Approbation of the Proprietors, and having petitioned for a grant of the lot where he has improved, with a Small addition, for Encouragement of Said Presbury, therefore

Voted that there be and hereby is granted to the Said William Presbury his heirs and assigns—all the Right title and Interest of Said Proprietors of in and to a certain Tract or lot of land in Said Bradford-town lying and bounded north Westerly on Fishersfield and

runs from the north Westerly Corner of Lot N° 10 to the South Westerly Side of Almsbury river, thence running South easterly on the westerly Side of said river till it come's to the northerly Corner of Lot N° 26, thence on the north Westerly Side line of lot N° 26, thence north westerly partly on lot N° 11 and partly on lot N° 10 to Fishersfield to Said North Westerly corner of N° 8—and also an addition to said Tract of land, of a piece contain^s fifteen Acres more or less bounded as follow's beginning at the north Westerly corner of Lot N° 8—and thence running on the easterly Side of Almsbury river till it come's opposite to the northerly Corner of N° 26, and thence running on a line on the Same Course of the northerly Side line of N° 26 from the easterly Side of said river, to the South westerly Side line of Lot N° 8 and thence on the westerly Side line of Lot N° 8 to the north westerly Corner of Lot N° 8 where it join's to Fishersfield—

Voted that the Committee for transacting the Buisness of the Propriete, be and hereby are impowered and desired to agree with Cap^t John Putney, and as many other persons as they shall think best, to Settle any number of the one hundred Acre lots laid out in Bradford Town upon Such Terms Conditions and Security for performance of Settlement as they think proper for the Purpose—

The meeting was adjourned to wednesday next the 20th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 4, 24, Dec. 8, and 22, 1773, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth December 29th 1773 Wednesday
New Hampsh^r } three of the Clock afternoon, at the dwelling
house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet accord-
ing to Adjournment—

Whereas m^r Jaffrey at the request and desire of the Proprietors wrote to major Willard and Cap^t Ephraim Heald to Survey the Improvements and Buildings made on that Tract of land called Manadnock N° 6—and major Willard having made a Report of a Survey thereof, but not reporting the Same wholly of his own knowlege, which has been objected to—Therefore—

Voted that m^r Jaffrey write again to Cap^t Ephraim Heald to desire that he will, as Soon as may be, go to Manadnock N^o 6 and Survey the Same So as to return a Report to the Proprietors, of all the Improvements and buildings made within said Tract as Soon as may be, upon his own Observation and m^r James Blanchard to pay him for the whole Expencc for his Trouble and Service therein—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 12th day of January next three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place

a true Record

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Jan. 12, 26, and Feb. 9, 1774, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 16th 1774, Wednesday
New Hampsh^r } three of the Clock afternoon, the Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—

Voted that m^r John Peirce be added to the Committee for general affairs of the Propriete—

Voted that mess^{rs} William whipple and John Penhallow be a Committee to examine the Accompts of the Propriete—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 23^d Inst^t three of the Clock afternoon to meet at the dwelling house of James Stood[ly] Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth February 23^d 1774 Wednesday three
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

[Then follows the renewal of the grant of Nelson, and the drawing of reserved lots, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 47-49.—ED.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 9th day of March next at three of the Clock afternoon to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly March 9, 23, April 6, 14, and 15, 1774, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth April 20th 1774 Wednesday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock Afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

[Then follows the drawing of reserved lots in Newbury as printed in vol. 28, p. 94.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 27th Instant five of the Clock afternoon to be held at the Dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

Province of } Portsmouth April 27th 1774 Wednesday five of
New Hampsh^r } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

[Then follows a quitclaim to Pelham as printed in vol. 28, p. 175.—ED.]

Voted that Ephraim Hackit who is Settled upon Bear Camp river be encouraged to go on with his improvements there, and if he doth, a convenient Tract of one hundred Acres, including his improvements, shall be granted to him, as soon as the Same be laid out

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 4th day of may next five of the Clock Afternoon to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl:

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly May 4, 18, 25, June 8, 15, 29, July 6, 20, and Aug. 3, 1774, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 10th 1774. Wednesday four
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock afternoon, at the dwelling house of
James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

[Then follows the drawing of reserved lots in Peterborough as printed in vol. 28, p. 193.—ED.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 24th Inst^r four of the clock afternoon to meet at this place
a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Met According to Adjournment this 26th Day of August at the House of James Stoodly Esq^r—

Voted John Penhallow Clerk Pro Temp^r—

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday the 31st Instant four O Clock Afternoon to Meet at this Place—

John Penhallow Clerk Pro Temp^r

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 1774, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth Wednesday Sept^r 28th 1774 the Pro-
New Hamp^r } prietors Meet According to Adjournment—at the
House of James Stoodly Esq^r—

Voted John Penhallow Clerk Pro Temp^r—

Voted That this Meeting be and hereby is Adjourned to Wednesday the 12th Day of October Next at Three O Clock in the Afternoon to Meet at this Place—

John Penhallow Clerk P. Tem^r

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Oct. 12 and 26, 1774, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 2^d 1774, Wednesday
New Hampshire— } three of the Clock Afternoon, at the Dwelling
Rockingham Ss } House of James Stoodly Esq^r Inholder, the
Proprietors met according to Adjournment.

[Then follows the vote for the sale of land between Peterborough and Lyndeborough as printed in vol. 27, p. 424.—ED.]

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday next the 9th Instant at three O Clock in the Afternoon, to be held at the dwelling House of James Stoodly Esq^r Inholder in Portsmouth.—

Attest John Penhallow Clerk Pro Tempore

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly Nov. 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1774, Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 8, 15, and 21, 1775, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 22^d 1775 Wednesday
New Hampsh^r } three of the Clock afternoon; at the dwelling
House of James Stoodly Esq^r Innholder—The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment

Whereas it is Suggested there are Trespassers on Some of the Proprietors Lots, which are Situated on the east Side of Contoocook River, in the Society land, So called, either on Col: Atkinsons Lot or Some other of the Proprietors Lot, occasioned by a Mistake of the Line of Halestown, or Weare—It is therefore Voted that Col: Atkinson or any Person on whose Lot aforesaid, the Said Trespasses are committed, be desired forthwith to prosecute Said Trespass at the Expence of the Propriete

[Then follows the vote in regard to land sold Joshua Holt and John Abbott as printed in vol. 27, p. 426.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the first day of march next—three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r in this place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth March 1st 1775—Wednesday three
New Hampsh^r } of the Clock Afternoon The Proprietors meet
according to Adjournment—and the meeting was adjourned to
Fryday next the third Instant three of the Clock afternoon to be
held at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq^r in this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

Province of } Portsmouth March 3^d 1775 Fryday three of the
New Hampsh^r } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James
Stoodly Esq^r Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

[Then follows the division of Ossipee as printed in vol. 28, p. 139.—ED.]

Voted that there be and hereby is granted to Daniel Rogers Esq^r the Lot N^o 46: containing four hundred Acres, as laid out in the Plan returned by James Hersey of the forty five five hundred Acre Lots bearing date September 1st 1774—which is in full Consideration of a Right in a Township which he formerly held, but was with the Township, regranted by the Proprietors—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 22^d Ins^t four of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of James Stoodly March 22, April 5, 19, and May 3, 1775, and at the house of Nathaniel Folsom May 31, July 5, Aug. 9, and Sept. 19, 1775, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Province of } Portsmouth October 24th 1775 Tuesday four of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors did not
meet at the dwelling house of Nathaniel Folsom Innholder on Said
day according to adjournment—the Town being alarmed with a
Visit of the King's Ships in the River—None of the Proprietors did
attend at the meeting beside the Clerk & so the meeting dissolved.
a true Record attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 41.]

State of } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
New Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in
New Hampshire, that there will be held a Meeting of Said Proprietors
at the dwelling house of Nathaniel Folsom in Portsmouth in
Said State on Thursday the 23^d day of July Ins^t four of the Clock
afternoon—

To Receive, or demand, the Report of any Committee or Person
appointed to do or transact any matter or thing relative to Said
Propriete.—

To Grant Sell or Sever or convey any part of Said Lands, not al-
ready granted Severed or conveyed by Said Proprietors.—

To Determine upon Some Method of raising money to defrey any charge already arisen, or that may or shall arise, and to require, adjust or Settle any Accounts of Said Propriete—

To Appoint any Person or Persons to Consult upon, execute or transact any matter or thing relative to Said Propriete, to Consider and determine upon any Suit or Action which the Said Proprietors may judge proper to be prosecuted, to appoint agent or Agents to Act and appear for Said Proprietors, & to prosecute, answer & defend any Action or Suit that is or may be prosecuted, by or against Said Proprietors; or any they may See cause to espouse & defend and conduct y^e Same to final Judgement. also to Vote & transact any matter or thing that shall be thought by Said Proprietors, for the Benefit of Said Proprietors—

Portsmouth July 6th 1778

Theodore Atkinson

Mark H^s Wentworth

John Peirce

W^m Pearne in behalf of the Heirs of Tho^s Wallingford Esq^r

W^m Whipple in behalf of John Moffatt Esq^r

Geo: Jaffrey

Daniel Rogers

John Penhallow

Mehe^r Odiorne

Jonathan Warner for Jn^o Tufton Mason Esq^r

State of } Portsmouth July 23^d 1778—Thursday The Pro-
New Hampshire } prietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton
Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire meet at the dwelling House of Na-
thaniel Folsom, agreeable to a Notification of Said Meeting, dated July
6th 1778—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Daniel Rogers Esq^r be Moderator of this Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 29th Ins^t four of the Clock Afternoon, to be held at this Place

a true Record Attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of Nathaniel Folsom July 29, Aug. 12, 26, Sept. 9, 16, 23, and 30, 1778, and at the house "partly improved by m^r John Penhallow as a Store" Oct. 5 and 18, 1778, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsm^o Octob^r 15th 1778 Met According to Ad-
 New Hamp^r } journm^t
 Rockingham ss } Voted—John Penhallow Clerk Pro Tem^o—

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday Next 21 Instant at three O Clock Afternoon at the House of John Penhallow Improved by him as a Store—

John Penhallow Clerk Pro Tem^o

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Oct. 21, 28, and Nov. 18, 1778, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth December 2^d 1778, Wednesday, three
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of m^r John
 Penhallow improved by him as a Store The Proprietors meet accord-
 ing to adjournment—

Voted That Daniel Rogers George King Esq^{rs} m^r John Peirce and Cap^t W^m Pearne be a Committee to take into Consideration the memorial of John Moffatt Esq^r & Cap^t Woodbury Langdon to examine into the true State of y^e Grant to John Tufton Mason Esq^r—and to make a Report to the Proprietors on the Premises, as soon as may be—

The Meeting is adjourned to Wednesday next y^e 9th Ins^t to meet at this place—a true Record

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Dec. 9 and 16, 1778, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth December 21st 1778—Monday nine
 New Hampshire } of the clock before noon, at the house of m^r John
 Penhallow improved by him as a Store—The Proprietors meet accord-
 ing to adjournment—

Voted that in Case John Moffatt and Woodbury Langdon Esq^{rs} release all their Right Claim and Demand to all the Lands granted by Said Proprietors to John Tufton Mason Esq^r (under whom Said Moffatt and Langdon hold) lying in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire not contained within the bounds herein after

described and fixed as the future bounds of the lands now called Tuftonborough And in case the Said Moffatt and Langdon shall likewise release all their right and Interest to Theodore Atkinson and Mark H. Wentworth Esq^{rs} and each of them to any lands they and each of them own in the Township of Ossipee that may be included within the aftermentioned Bounds of Said Tuftonborough, and to the Said Proprietors, the two hundred Acres of land within Said Tuftonborough engaged by Said Proprietors to John Dudley—The Bounds of Said Tuftonborough Shall be Fixed in future as follow's viz^t, beginning at the Corner of Wolfborough at Winter harbour on Winipisiokee Pond and then running by Said Pond to the Southerly Corner of Moultonborough on Said Pond then north East on Moultonborough line about Six Miles to y^e easterly Corner of Said Moultonborough then Southerly on a Streight line from Said last Corner to the north Corner of Wolfborough then running South westerly on wolfborough Line to the Bounds begun at. The Lands within these Bounds shall be held and enjoyed by the Said Moffatt & Langdon and others (claiming said Lands under the Said Mason) their Heirs and assigns—Upon Conditions the Said Moffatt & Langdon shall within ten days from this date release all their right and Interest to any lands as aforesaid with Special Warranty against any persons claiming from by or under them or the Said mason—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next y^e 28th Ins^t ten of the Clock beforenoon, to be held at the house of m^r John Penhallow in Portsmouth, improved by him as a Store—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth December 28th 1778 monday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock beforenoon at the house of m^r John Penhallow in Said Portsm^o improved by him as a Store—the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas John Moffatt & Woodbury Langdon Esq^{rs} have fully performed the Condition of the Vote of said Proprietors passed the 21st day of December 1778—Voted that the Same Vote be and hereby is confirmed and that the Lands within the Bounds of Said Tuftonborough, as therein fixed, be confirmed to the Said Moffatt Langdon & others, claiming under Said Mason as therein mentioned—

The Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday y^e 29th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth December 29th 1778 Tuesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of John Pen-
hallow improved by him as a Store, The Proprietors meet according
to Adjournment—The Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 5th day
of January next to be held at this place three of the Clock after-
noon

a true Record attest: _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

State of } Portsmouth January 5th 1779 Tuesday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon, at the House of m^r John
Penhallow improved by him as a Store The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

[Then follows the drawing of the second division of reserved lots
in Lyndeborough as printed in vol. 27, p. 428.—Ed.]

Voted that m^r John Costello be paid the Sum of £12-15-11 w^{ch}
he paid for the State Tax of the 1000 Acres of land reserved by the
Proprietors in Lot N^o 8 in the Society Land, So called, being for State
Tax for the year 1777—

The Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 19th Ins^t three of the
Clock afternoon, to be held at the house of m^r Jn^o Penhallow im-
proved by him as a Store in this Place—

a true Record attest. _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth January 19th 1779 Tuesday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of M^r John Pen-
hallow improved by him as a Store, the Proprietors meet according
to adjournment; and the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 2^d
day of February next, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this
place—

a true Record attest: _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth February 2^d 1779 Tuesday Three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of m^r John Pen-
hallow improved by him as a Store the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Marlborough as printed
in vol. 27, p. 463.—Ed.]

' The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday y^e 16th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—
 a true Record attest: _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth February 16th 1779 Tuesday Three
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon, at the House of M^r John Penhallow improved by him as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—and the meeting was adjourned to monday next the 22^d Ins^t ten of the clock beforenoon to be held at this place
 a true Record attest. _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth February 22^d 1779 Monday ten of
 New Hampshire } the Clock beforenoon at the House of m^r John Penhallow improved by him as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Hillsborough as printed in vol. 27, p. 355.—ED.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 10th day of march next three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—
 a true Record attest: _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

State of } Portsmouth March 10th 1779 Wednesday three
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the house of m^r John Penhallow improved by him as a Store, The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that Mess^{rs} John Penhallow and John Peirce be a Committee to employ Cap^t Hubartes Neal to have the vacant land adjacent to Kiersarge mountain Surveyed and a plan thereof return'd to this Propriety as Soon as may be—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 24th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—
 a true Record attest. _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

State of } Portsmouth March 24th 1779 Wednesday three
 New Hampshire } of the Clock Afternoon at the House improved by m^r John Penhallow as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—and the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 7th day of April next three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—

a true Record attest: _____ Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth April 7th 1779 Wednesday three of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of m^r John
 Penhallow improved by him as a Store The Proprietors meet accord-
 ing to adjournment—

Voted that Mess^{rs} John Penhallow John Peirce and Cap^t William
 Pearne be a Committee to employ Cap^t Hubartes neal or Some good
 Surveyor to take a Survey of the ungranted land in and about the
 Mountain Kier Sarge and to lay out the Same into one hundred
 Acre Lotts, also Cambells Gore so called, and the land ungranted
 between Washington, So called, and Fishersfield so callid; and the
 land not laid out in lotts in Bradford Town—and that the hundred
 Acre lotts in each of Said Tracts, be So marked, and numbered in
 the Plans of each tract that they may be joined as to make a draft
 of the Same as equal as may be—

Voted That the Clerk Advertise in the News Papers the 1000
 Acres of land in the Society land so called reserved in y^e great Lot
 N^o 8, for Sale, also the 500 Acre lot in New Chester also, two Rights
 in Alexandria of the Proprietors—

The Meeting was adjourned the 8th Inst^t three of the Clock after-
 noon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow April 8,
 21, May 5, 19, and June 2, 1779, and adjourned without transacting
 any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth June 23^d 1779 Wednesday three of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon, at the House improved by
 m^r John Penhallow as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to
 adjournment—

[Then follows the grant of a lot in Lyndeborough to Joseph
 Blanchard as printed in vol. 27, p. 481.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 14th day of July
 next, three of the Clock afternoon, to meet at this place—a true
 Record—

Attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[Then follows, in vol. 7 of the manuscript records, the draft of lots in Goffstown as printed in vol. 27, pp. 309-312; in Dunbarton as printed in vol. 27, p. 201; in Sanbornton as printed in vol. 28, pp. 240-242; in Meredith as printed in vol. 27, pp. 483-485; in Wakefield as printed in vol. 28, pp. 359-362; in Middleton as printed in vol. 27, p. 498; in New Durham as printed in vol. 28, pp. 102-104; in Effingham as printed in vol. 27, pp. 244-246; in Weare as printed in vol. 28, p. 431; in Sutton as printed in vol. 28, pp. 309-312; in Andover as printed in vol. 27, p. 87; in Henniker as printed in vol. 27, pp. 330-332; in Moultonborough as printed in vol. 27, pp. 525-528.—Ed.]

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow July 14, 28, and Aug. 11, 1779, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

State of } Met According to Adjournment Wednesday Sept.
New Hamp^t } 8th at the Store of John Penhallow—

Voted John Penhallow—Clerk Pro. Tem^e

Voted this Meeting be and hereby is Adjourned to the 15th Day of September Three O Clock—

John Penhallow Clerk Pro. Tem^e

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Sept. 15, 22, and 27, 1779, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

State of } Portsmouth September 29th 1779 Wednesday
New Hampshire } three of the Clock afternoon at the House improved by m^r John Penhallow as a Store the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

[Then follows the corrected draft of reserved lots in Marlborough as printed in vol. 27, p. 464.—Ed.]

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 20th day of October next, three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3 and 10, 1779, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth November 24th 1779 Wednesday
New Hampshire } three of the Clock Afternoon at the house of m^r
John Penhallow improved him as a Store—Some of the Proprietors
meet—the moderator being absent at Nottingham the Meeting dis-
solved—

a true Record—attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 43.]

State of New } Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of the
Hampshire } Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New
Hampshire that there will be held a Meeting of Said Proprietors at
the House of M^r John Penhallow partly improved by him as a Store
in Portsmouth, in Said State, on Wednesday the 15th day of Decem-
ber next at three of the Clock afternoon—

To receive or demand a Report of any Committee or Person ap-
pointed by Said Proprietors, to do or transact any matter or thing
for Said Proprietors—

To Determine upon Some Method of raising money to defrey any
Charge already risen, or that may or shall arise to the Propriety;
and to require and adjust and Settle any Account relative to Said
Proprietors—

To Grant, Sell, Sever and Convey any part of Said Lands, not
already granted Severed or conveyed by Said Proprietors.

To Appoint any Person or Persons to consult upon execute or
transact any Matter or thing relative to the Interest or Concern of
Said Propriety—

Portsmouth November 29th 1779—

Mark H^s Wentworth

Mehet Odiorne

Jonathan Warner for Jn^o Tufton Mason Esq

John Penhallow

for Coll^l Wallingford Heirs Will^m Pearne

Geo: Atkinson

Daniel Rogers

W^m Whipple for John Moffatt Esq^r

Geo: Jaffrey

State of } Portsmouth December 15th 1779 Wednesday
 New Hampshire } three of the Clock afternoon, at the house of M^r
 John Penhallow partly improved by him as a Store—The Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, meet pursuant to a Notification dated the 29th day of November last, notifying a Meeting of Said Proprietors would be held at the abovesaid time and place—

Voted That the Hon^{ble} Daniel Rogers Esq^r be the Moderator of this Meeting—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next, the 22^d Inst^t three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Dec. 22 and 29, 1779, Jan. 5 and 12, 1780, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth January 14th 1780 Fryday ten of
 New Hampshire } the Clock beforenoon at the dwelling house of
 George Jaffrey Esq^r The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held on October 25th 1749, had granted unto John Thomlinson Es^r of the City of London two shares in a Tract of Land granted to Samuel Palmer Esq^r & others (now called Meredith) which Two shares have not been ascertained to Said Thomlinson or his heirs or assigns—Therefore Voted that the Shares or Lotts as they Stand on the Plan of Said tract of Land, (now called meredith) and the Draft of the Lotts of the Same, viz^t one share being N^o 3 in 1st division 4th Range N^o 34 in 2^d division & N^o 34 in 3^d division the other Share N^o 5 in 1st division 1st Range in N^o 9 in 2^d division N^o 9. in 3^d division be and are hereby ascertained to the Said Thomlinson his Heirs and assigns—and as there be two other Shares in Said Meredith drawn for to use the Proprietors which are not appropriated, Also Voted that one share viz^t Lot N^o 2—1st division 4th Range N^o 33—2^d division N^o 33—3^d division—be and hereby is granted to the Heirs of Mathew Livermore Esq^r, deceased—and that one other share in Said Meredith viz^t Lot N^o 10—1st divisⁿ 5th Range N^o 52—2^d division N^o 52. 3^d division—be and hereby is granted to William Parker Esq^r his Heirs and assigns—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 26th Inst. three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at the house of m^r John Penhallow partly improved by him as a Store in Portsmouth—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 14, 21, March 6, 20, and 27, 1780, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth April 3^d 1780 Monday three of the
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the House partly improved by
m^r John Penhallow as a Store the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

Voted That William Whipple Esq^r m^r John Penhallow & m^r John Peirce be a Committee to Sell the tract of land called Cambell's Gore to the best advantage for the Proprietors as Soon as may be—

The Meeting was adjourned to monday next the 10th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place—a true Record
attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

State of } Portsmouth April 10th 1780 Monday three of
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon, at the House of m^r John Penhal-
low improved by him as a Store The Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—and the meeting was adjourned to monday next the
17th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

State of } Portsmouth April 17th 1780 Monday Three
New Hamp^r } O Clock, Meet According to Adjournment at the
Rockingham ss } Store Improv'd by John Penhallow—
Voted—John Penhallow—Clerk Pro. Tem^r

Whereas by a Vote of said Proprietors passed the 3^d Day of April 1780—William Whipple John Penhallow Esq^r and M^r John Peirce, were impowered as a Committee to sell the tract of Land called Cambells Gore, to the best Advantage for the Proprietors and some Doubt Arising whether any two of said Committee are Competent for that purpose and it being Also, Necessary to Enable the same Committee for and in behalf of said Proprietors to take any Real or personal Security for the Sale of said Land for the Use of said proprietors—Therefore, Voted that said Committee or any Two of them, hereby are Fully impowered in Behalf of said Proprietors to

sell the same Land as Aforesaid and take any Real or Personal Security for the payment of the purchase Sum they may Judge proper—

Voted That this Meeting be and hereby is Adjourned to Monday next 24th Instant at 3 O Clock Afternoon to be held at this Place
John Penhallow Clerk P Tem^e

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow April 24, May 8, 15, and 29, 1780, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth may 30th 1780 Tuesday ten of the
New Hampshire } Clock beforenoon at the House of m^r John Penhallow partly improved by him as a Store The Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas there be two Strips of Land unappropriated by the Proprietors, one of which lye's between the Province line and the Town of Mason the other lye's between Wilton & Mason Therefore Voted that m^r Jonas Minot be and hereby is requested to have each of the Said Strips of land Surveyed, and planned, into Sixteen equal shares and that the Same be done and returned as Soon as may be—

also that Said Minot make enquiry after a strip or gore of land unappropriated lying between New Ipswich & Peterbough Slip, and if there be a valuable tract there to have the Same Surveyed and a Plan thereof Made and returned to the Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday y^e 31st Ins^t ten of the Clock beforenoon to be held at this place
a true Record attes^t Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow May 31, June 2, 7, 21, 28, and 29, 1780, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth July 5th 1780 Wednesday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of m^r John Penhallow partly improved by him as a Store the Proprietors meet according to adjournment,—

Voted that m^r John Peirce be desired to employ a Surveyor to make a Survey of that part of the Gore claimed by Gilman Town, and on which Sundry Persons claiming under Gilmantown have committed various trespasses and to return a plan thereof describing the lines of each lot, and how much land is taken off from each lot; also a plan of that part of Gilmantown which the Proprietors of Said Town laid out for the Grantors and as it is apprehended that Reservation laid out by the Gilman Town Proprietors for the Grantors, was designedly laid out on Several of the Lots of this Propriete in said Gore—and that Said Surveyor be instructed, to delineate on said Plan, how said Lots laid out by Gilman Town Proprietors for the Grantors Reservation in Said Town, interfere with our Lots in the Gore, for future Consideration: and that m^r Jaffrey is desired to advance to the Surveyor as much money as is necessary for Said Survey &c—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 26th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place
a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 11, 14, 15, and 24, 1780, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

State of } Portsmouth August 31, 1780 Met at the House of
New Hamp^r } John Penhallow, Partly Improv'd as a Store—According
ing to Adjournment—

Voted John Penhallow Clerk Pro Tem^e

The Meeting Was Adjourn'd to Sep^r 1st, 10 OClock forenoon

John Penhallow Cler. P. Tem^e

Met According to Adjournment—

Voted that the Hon^{ble} George Jaffrey Esq^r be desired to pay General Whipple One hundred and Five Spannish Mill'd Dollars or an Equivalent in Paper Bills at the Present Exchange it being in Full for the sum of Eight hundred and Ninety Six pounds 6/5 Borrow'd of said Whipple on the 11th of December Last and the Interest thereon to this day

Voted That this Meeting be and hereby is Adjourned to Wednesday the 13th Instant at Three OClock in the Afternoon

John Penhallow Clerk P. Tem^e

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Sept. 13, 20, and 27, 1780, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Met According to Adjournment Thursday 28th Instant—

Voted That William Whipple Woodbury Langdon Esq^r and Mr John Peirce or any two of them, be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to lay out all the undivided Lands not yet Laid out in Masons Patent and Return the Plans thereof, as soon as may be and to lay out the same, in Such Lots as the Committee Shall Judge to be most for the Advantage of the Propriety and that the same Committee or any Two of them be and hereby are Impowered to make Sale at Auction or Otherwise of as much of the Undivided Lands within said Patent for the use of said propriety as will raise a Sum of money not Exceeding Two thousand Spannish Mill'd Dollers or a Sum in paper Currency Equal thereto, and that the same Committee or any Two of them be and hereby are Impowerd to give good and Sufficient Deeds of all Such Lots of Land as they may Dispose of and After paying all Charges that may Attend the said Survey and Sale of Lands the Ballance that may Remain in their hands to be paid to the Treasuer of said proprietors—

Voted That this Meeting be and hereby is Adjourned to Wednesday the 11th Day of October at Three O Clock Afternoon

John Penhallow Clerk P. Tem^e

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Oct 11 and 18, 1780, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of) Portsmouth October 19th 1780 Thursday twelve
New Hampshire } of the Clock at noon at the House partly im-
proved by m^r John Penhallow as a Store, The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment

Whereas the Proprietors at their meeting held at Portsmouth Jan^y 14th 1780. determined and resolved that there be a Survey returned of the large lotts in the Society land viz^t of N^o 5 N^o 6 & N^o 7. and what Number of Acres either of those Lotts fall Short of four thousand Acres, Shall be made up to the original Proprietor of each

or either of the Said three Lotts—And as James Betton Esq^r has made a Survey of each of Said three Lotts in the Society land lately So called, and returned a Plan thereof in August 1780. in which plan is declared that the abovesaid Lot N^o 5. contains two Thousand five hundred ninety nine Acres and Sixty four Rods—and the Lot N^o 6. contain's three thousand two hundred Seven Acres and two hundred ninety rods, and the Lot N^o 7 contain's three Thousand eight hundred eleaven Acres and one hundred forty rods—Therefore voted that the Said Plan of Survey of the Contents of the said Lotts N^o 5. N^o 6. and N^o 7. is accepted and allowed, and agreable thereto that there be and hereby is granted unto the Original Proprietor of Said Lot N^o 5 fourteen hundred and one Acres of land, and to the Original Proprietor of Said Lot N^o 6 Seven hundred & ninety four Acres of land—and unto the original Proprietor of Said Lot N^o 7. one hundred and ninety Acres of land—which said Quantities of land hereby granted, to make up the deficiencies in Said Lotts—and Said Number of Acres of land to be laid out in the ungranted and unappropriated land lying between Fishersfield and Washington and the Curve line, if that be Sufficient to make up Said deficiencies, if not, to be laid out in the ungranted land in Bradford Town So called, the Said Original Proprietors of Lot N^o 5 Lot N^o 6. and Lot N^o 7 their Heirs and Assigns, to have and to hold in Severalty the number of Acres of land hereby respectively granted, to the Original Proprietor of each of said Lotts, N^o 5. N^o 6 and N^o 7—

The Hon^{ble} Daniel Rogers Esq^r resigning his Office of Moderator of this meeting, which resignation was accepted—And m^r John Penhallow was chosen Moderator of this Meeting in the place of Said Daniel Rogers Esq^r resigned—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next the 23^d Ins^t ten of the Clock before noon to be held at this place—a true Record

Attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Oct. 23, 26, Nov. 2, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 14, and 16, 1780, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth December 18th 1780 monday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon at the House of m^r John
Penhallow partly improved by him as a Store. The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—

The Proprietors on the 11th day of June 1761 granted to Meshech Weare Esq^r his Heirs and assigns four hundred Acres in the reserved Seventeenth Share in the Gore near Winipissioke Pond; and also granted to Theodore Marston (Son of Daniel Marston deceased) his Heirs and Assigns one hundred and fifty Acres in Said reserved Seventeenth Share; and on the 26th day of November 1761 did grant to major Samuel Hale of Portsmouth three hundred Acres of land in Said Seventeenth part or reserved Share—The said Grantees having requested the Proprietors to have a Severance made of their Said Grants, and now at this Meeting of the Proprietors, it being proposed by the Said Grantees or their Agents, to proceed in the following manner, to locate and make Severance of their Several and respective grants viz^t that as the Said reserved Seventeenth part or Share in Said Gore, being in two Lots N^o 8. in the Second Range of Lots & N^o 14, in the third Range of Lots, which two lots are divided by Merry Meeting Bay—That it may be determined by drawing lots whether the Said Grants should be located in the said lot N^o 8. or in the Said Lot N^o 14. and also in what part of the Lot, so determined, the Said Grants should be located; which Proposal was approved of by the Proprietors—and the Lots were accordingly drawn and the Said Lot N^o 14 was drawn for the Location of the Grants—and Theodore Marston's Grant of one hundred and fifty Acres, was drawn to be located on the South Side of Said Lot N^o 14, Meshech Wear Esqu^r's Grant of four hundred Acres was drawn to be located joining northerly on Theodore Marstons lot of one hundred and fifty acres; Major Samuel Hale's Grant of three hundred Acres was drawn to be located, bounding on Winipissioke Pond, Merry Meeting bay and the part drawn for the Proprietors in Said Lot N^o 14—

Therefore Voted that the Said Grants to Said Meshech Weare Esq^r Major Samuel Hale and Theodore Marston be and hereby are located as above described, to have and to hold the Same to them and their Heirs and Assigns in Severalty, and the Part of Said Lot N^o 14—drawn for the Proprietors to be disposed of by them, as they shall hereafter Order—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next y^e 25th Ins^t ten of the Clock beforenoon to be held at this place—

a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^rs Cl.

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Dec. 25, 1780, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 25, March 5, 19, April 2, 9, 23, 30, May 30, 31, July 2, 9, 18, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 28, and Dec. 19, 1781, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth December 24th 1781 Monday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock before Noon, at the House of m^r John
Penhallow partly improved as a Store—The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Whereas there are Sundry Tracts or peices of land within the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New-Hampshire, which the Proprietors have not Appropriated by Grant Sale or Severance which are now determined to be Severed and appropriated by Lot, to the Rights of the fifteen original Purchasers Shares; agreeable to Sundry Plans of Tracts or Peices of land, in the Clerk's Office of Said Proprietors—viz^t to a Plan of a Tract of Land, Surveyed and returned by Henry Gerrish, called Kyah Sarge, all the lots in Said Plan, with a reserve in each lot of five Acres for high ways if wanted, except those Lots in Said Plan w^{ch} have been already granted or Sold by Said Proprietors; and the great Mountain as described in Said Plan; and also four Lots Situate near Warner or Boscawen Numbered 1—2—3—4—also a Lot containing ninety four Acres but not numbered in Said Plan—Also those Lots of land described and numbered in a Plan of a tract of land called Bradford-Town, returned to Said Proprietors by Said Gerrish, five Acres reserved in each Lot for high Ways if wanted—Those Lots in Said plan which have been already granted or Sold by Said Proprietors are excepted; all the other lots, are now to be Severed and appropriated as aforesaid—

Also those Lots of land described and numbered in a Plan of a tract of land called Cammells Gore, taken by James Nesmith jun^r, with a reservation of three Acres in each lot for highways if wanted—excepting Such Lots in Said Plan as have been heretofore granted or Sold by Said Proprietors, are now to be Severed and appropriated as aforesaid—

Also Sundry Lots or peices of land in New Chester, viz^t a Lot in one of the Blank rights numbered 26 in 4th division (Supposed to be Sold for Taxes at vendue) if it Should not be so Sold, to whose right, the lot in either of the two Blank rights w^{ch} is Sold for taxes, shall have the Said Lot numbered 26 in 4th division in Leue of that Sold—The lots N^o 72. 1st div: N^o 78. 2^d div. N^o 55. 3^d div. N^o 66. 4

div: N° 29. 1st div: N° 9. 2^d div: N° 62. 3^d div—also a Reserved Lot in the Plan of New Chester laid down in the Plan in the western Part of the Town, estimated five hundred Acres, (to be laid out into five equal lots, at the Expence of the Proprietors,) and three Lots in Kyah Sarge viz^t N° 8. N° 10. & N° 12—to be now drawn for Severed and appropriated, as they are laid down and numbered in the Plan of Kyah Sarge in the Clerk's office of the Proprietors.—

Also Sundry Tracts or Lots of land in Alexandria (viz^t) Lot N° 55. 1st division N° 9. 2^d div: a half of Lot N° 3. 3^d div: N° 27. 1st div: N° 24. 2^d div. N° 27. 3^d div—one third of two lots reserved in Alexandria Addition—as Said lots are laid down and Numbered in the Plans of Alexandria & Alexandria Addition, in the Proprietors Clerk's Office, all Said lots be now Severed and appropriated as aforesaid—

Also all the ungranted and unappropriated land in the Seventeenth Share reserved, in the Gore so called near Winipisioke Pond—be now Severed and Appropriated, and drawn for agreeable to a plan thereof prepared for this purpose and to be filed in the Clerks office, and that the Surveying and marking out the lots and divisions, be done at the Expence of the Proprietors aforesaid agreeable to Said Plan—Therefore

Voted That a draft of the before recited tracts or lots of land (except those before excepted) be now made to the Purchasers of the fifteen original Rights, in the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r aforesaid; and being drawn for and entered in this Record to the Right or name of any and each of Said Purchasers, shall be a Severance and appropriation of the Same to his Right and Share in the Premises, his Heirs and Assigns, to have and to hold in Severalty—and as the Proprietors have endeavoured to make the allotments of the Several Tracts and Lots of Land, as equal as may be, from the Plans they have, and as the Lots will be impartially drawn—It is therefore Voted that whatever Error or inequality shall happen in the Division or allotment in any of the Said Tracts or Lots of land, now to be drawn for to the Rights of the Purchasers aforesaid, no Consideration or Recompense shall be granted or made for the Same by the Proprietors.—

The Draft of the Lots in Kyah Sarge or Kyah Sarge Gore was drawn to the Purchasers of the fifteen Original Rights or shares—

The Draft of the Lots of the 15 Purchasers Rights viz^t

To Richard Wibird Esq^r N° 68—26.46—20.28—

To John Moffatt Esq^r N° 50—13.33—40.48—

To George Jaffrey Esq^r N° 5—45.81—29.60—

To Mark H^c Wentworth Esq^r N° 2—9.11—27.57—

To Jotham Odiorne Esq ^r	N ^o 49—	3.52—22.37
To Thomas Packer Esq ^f	N ^o 4—	43.74—41.56
To Thomlinson & Mason	N ^o 1—	65.72—58.59
To Solly & March	N ^o 17—	47.66—63.65
To Joshua Peirce Esq ^r	N ^o 51—	21.34—54.67
To Peirce & Moore	N ^o 6—	85 for 2 lots—61.25
To John Wentworth Esq ^r	N ^o 79—	7.14—36.82
To Theodore Atkinson Esq ^r	N ^o 16—	77.80—71.64
To Thomas Walingford Esq ^r	N ^o 18—	15.44—19.35
To John Rindge	N ^o 83—	53.69—55.70
To Meserve & Comp ^a	N ^o 73—	30.42—62.76

It is here noted That there are Sundry Lots in the Plan of Kyah Sarge which are not drawn to the Rights of the abovesaid Purchasers, in this Division and Draft of Lots, but are joined with Lots in other Divisions and Drafts of Lots, to render the general Division more equal, and are drawn in the following manner

To Solly and March Southerly part of Lot N^o 84 q^t 110 Acres

To John Wentworth Esq^r northerly corner of Lot N^o 84 q^t 27 Acres

To John Wentworth Esq^r N^o 78 q^t 86 Acres

drawn in Division of Lands in Alexandria & Alexandria Addition and of the division of the 17th Share reserved in the Gore near Winipissikee Pond to make 15 equal shares—

To John Wentworth Esq^r Lot N^o 10

To Mark H^s Wentworth Esq^r N^o 8

To Thomas Walingford Esq^r N^o 12

drawn in the Division of lands in new Chester to make 15 equal Shares

[Then follows the drawing of reserved lots in Bradford, as printed in vol. 27, p. 132; in Windsor, as printed in vol. 28, p. 462; and in Hill, as printed in vol. 27, p. 340.—ED.]

Division of Six Lots in Alexandria; and one Third of two Lots in Alexandria Addition; four Lots in Bradford-Town; two Lots in Kyah Sarge; and part of the unappropriated land in the Reserved 17th Share in the Gore near Winipissioke Pond to make a Draft of fifteen Lots—

The Draft of the Lots to the 15 Purchasers Rights—viz^t—

To Richard Wibird Esq^r Lot N^o 55—1st division in Alexandria

To John Moffatt Esq^r one third of two Lots in Alexandria Addition

To George Jaffrey Esq^r Lot N^o 85 in Bradford Town 53 Acres— and part of the reserved 17th Share in the Gore near Winipissioke Pond, N^o 1 in the great Lot N^o 8 2^d Range contain^s 80 acres as ⁱⁿ Plan

To Mark H^s Wentworth Esq^r 125 Acres the north half of 250

Acres in the 17th reserved Share in the Gore near Winipissioke Pond, being in 14th Lot in the 3^d Range, as $\frac{2}{3}$ Plan

To Jotham Odiorne Esq^r 125 Acres the South part of 250 Acres in the 17th reserved Share in the Gore near Winipissioke Pond, in 14th Lot in 3^d Range, as $\frac{2}{3}$ Plan

To Thomas Packer Esq^r N^o 3 in the 17th reserved share in the Gore near Winipissioke Pond, in the great Lot N^o 8 in 2^d Range containing 125 Acres as $\frac{2}{3}$ Plan south half of 250 acres

To Thomlinson and Mason N^o 99 containing 80 Acres in Bradford Town & N^o 94 containing 51 Acres in Bradfor Town 131 Acres

To Solly and March—part of Lot N^o 84 in Kyah Sarge the Southern part of Said Lot, 110 Acres—

To Joshua Peirce Esq^r—N^o 2 in the 17th Reserved share in the Gore near Winipissioke Pond, in the north west Corner of the great Lot N^o 8 in 2^d Range, containing 125 Acres as $\frac{2}{3}$ Plan

Peirce and Moore—N^o 27—3^d division in Alexandria—

John Wentworth Esq^r—N^o 78 contain^s 86 Acres in Kyah Sarge, in N^o 84. 27 Acres in north Corner of the lot

To Theodore Atkinson Esq^r—Half of Lot N^o 3 3^d Range in Alexandria and Lot N^o 35 in Bradford Town 60 Acres

To Thomas Walingford Esq^r N^o 24. 2^d division in Alexandria—

To John Rindge—N^o 27. 1st div: in Alexandria—

To Meserve and Comp^a N^o 9. 2^d div: in Alexandria

The Division of 15 Lots each containing 58 Acres, in the 17th Reserved Share in the Gore, near Winnipissioke Pond, being in the great Lot N^o 8 in 2^d Range—agreeable to the Plan made of this Division—

The Draft of the Lots of the fifteen Purchasers Rights—

To John Wentworth Esq^r Lot N^o 18. containing 58. Acres

To Richard Wibird Esq^r 14—

To John Moffatt Esq^r 4—

To George Jaffrey Esq^r 12—

To Mark H^s Wentworth Esq^r 9—

To Jotham Odiorne Esq^r 16—

To Thomas Packer Esq^r 8—

To Thomlinson and Mason 6—

To Solly and March 15—

To Joshua Peirce Lot N^o 11 containing 58—Acres

To Peirce and Moore 17—

To Theodore Atkinson Esq^r 10—

To Thomas Walingford Esq^r 13—

To John Rindge 5—

To Meserve and Comp^a 7—

As there has been no Division or Severance made of the Islands in Winipissioke Pond, to the Purchasers of the fifteen original Rights in this Proprieteer—There being in the Clerk's office of Said Proprietors, a Plan of Winipissioke Pond, with the Islands in Said Pond, their Situations, and Supposed contents of each of the Islands, laid down in Said Plan: It is now resolved and determined, that a Division, Severance and appropriation be now made of Said Islands (except any that has been heretofore granted by said Proprietors)—and as the Supposed Contents of some of Said Islands as laid down in Said Plan, appear to have the Quantity of two or more Lots or Shares of a Proprietor contained in them, Such Islands Shall be divided into two or more Shares, and marked and numbered in Said Plan according to the number of Shares they are Supposed to contain—And as there are in Said Plan, many Islands laid down, which by the Estimation of the Quantity of land they contain, as noted in Said Plan, that it will take many of them, by joining and coupling together, to make a Lot or Share to a Right of one Proprietor in the Said Islands.

Therefore Voted That the aforesaid Plan be accepted, and that a Division of the Islands be made in the following Manner That as all the Islands having their number of Acres noted on them—That those Islands noted to Contain the Quantity of more than one Proprietor's Share or Right, & if a part of a Share also, the number of the Lot, and the number of Acres appertaining to the part of the Lot, shall be noted on that part of the Island, where that part of the Lot Shall be located—and the Number of the whole lot or share be noted on that part of the Island where it shall be located—and where any Island is noted to contain the Quantity of two or more whole Shares, each share or lot on Such Islands shall be numbered on different Parts in them, and to whose Lot either of the numbers is drawn, the Location of his Right or Share shall be Situated in the place or part of the Island where the number drawn is noted: and if any of Said Islands should contain more or Less of the Quantity each of the Lots or shares noted or numbered thereon, was Supposed to contain; then, if it contain more, the overpluss shall be equally apportioned to each lot numbered on the Island, in the Quantity of the lot—but if less, the Deficiency shall be equally deducted from each of the Lots, So that the Quantity of each Lot be equal—

Also that so many of the Small Islands being of less Quantity than a Proprietor's Lot or Share & having the Quantity each is Supposed to contain, noted on them in Said Plan; that So many of them be numbered with the Same number on Said Plan, which Shall be a coupling or joining them of the same numbers in one lot, or

Proprietor's Share; and Such of Said Small Islands being coupled or joined by having the Same number noted on them in Said Plan shall be a Proprietor's Right or Share, however the Estimation of the Quantity contained in any of them, may be more or less than a Proprietor's Right or Share, in the Islands—and that a Draft of the Lots and shares of said Islands be now made to the Rights of Said Purchasers & Proprietors. The Lots drawn and being entered in this Record to their Names, Shall be a Severance and Appropriation of Said Lots, to each of them, their Heirs and Assigns in Severalty—and if Error should happen to be made in the Estimation of the Quantity or Quality of any of the Said Islands, in the Division of them now made; or in the coupling or in joining any of them in a Lot—No Compensation or allowance for Such Error, Shall be granted or allowed for such Error by Said Proprietors, but to take the Chance of the Lots as now drawn, for his Share or Right, in this Division of the Islands aforesaid—

The Division and Draft of the Lots of the Islands in Winipissioke Pond to the 15 original Rights of the Purchasers & Proprietors—

Viz ^t	To John Wentworth Esq ^r	Lot N ^o 13—
	To Richard Wibird Esq ^r	. . . 5
	To John Moffatt Esq ^r	. . . 15
	To George Jaffrey Esq ^r	. . . 8
	To Mark H ^s Wentworth Esq ^r	. . . 2
	To Jotham Odiorne Esq ^r	. . . 12
	To Thomas Packer Esq ^r	. . . 10
	To Thomlinson & Mason	. . . 1
	To Solly and March	. . . 3
	To Joshua Peirce Esq ^r	. . . 7
	To Peirce and Moore	. . . 14
	To Thomas Walingford Esq ^r	. . . 4
	To John Rindge	. . . 9
	To Meserve and Comp ^a	. . . 6
	To Theodore Atkinson Esq ^r	. . . 11

The meeting was adjourned to monday the 7th day of January next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

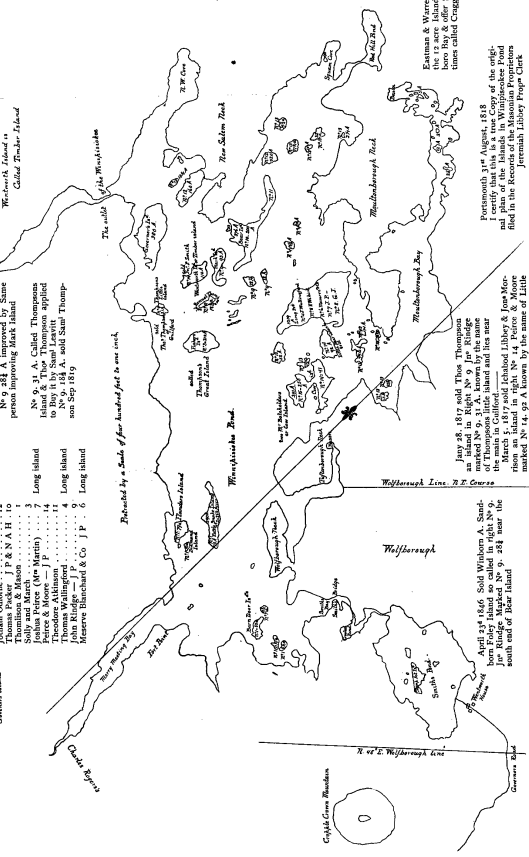
Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow Jan. 7, 28, Feb. 18, March 4, 18, April 15, and 24, 1782, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

Drift of the Islands in Waiheke Sound as numbered & compiled in our plan Dec. 24, 1891.

John Kiddle	1	Long island
Richard Wilford	2	Long island
Mark H. Westworth	3	Long island
Thomas Fricker	4	Long island
Thomson & Mason	5	Long island
John Peice (Mr. Martin)	6	Long island
Thomas & Watson	7	Long island
Thomas Wallingford	8	Long island
Henry Blackland & Co.	9	Long island
Henry Blackland & Co.	10	Long island

Waves of 20 ft. shown shaded.



Waiheke Island as called Thacker Island

No 9 284 A. improved by same person improving Mark Island
 No 9 31 A. called Thompsons Island
 No 9 184 A. sold Sam Thompson Aug 27, 1875

Estimated by a Scale of four hundred feet to one inch.

Eastman & Warren Smith want to buy the islands. Some have offered \$50. Some times called Craggy Island

Foramouth 31st August, 1838
 The original plan of the islands in Waiheke Sound filed in the Records of the Survey Department
 James H. July 1st 1840 Clerk

July 28, 1817 sold. This Thompson an island in Right No 9 for Ridge of Thompsons little island and five near the same in Craggy Island

March 1817 sold. Richard Lillier & John Morrison an island in right No. 14. Peire & Moore purchased the island. The island between Bear Island and five between Crow Island and Long

January 27, 1820 sold. Stained Thompson an island in Right No 9 for Ridge of Thompsons little island and five near the same in Craggy Island

January 16, 1822 sold. J. P. Smith a island in Right No 9 for Ridge of Thompsons little island and five near the same in Craggy Island

July 16, 1823 sold. J. P. Smith a island in Right No 9 for Ridge of Thompsons little island and five near the same in Craggy Island

May 13, 1839. Mr Davis of Governors Island offers the islands in Waiheke Sound for \$40 for all the remaining islands in No 9 way 284 &

284 acres & numerous small contiguous islands
 May 13, 1839. Mr Davis of Governors Island offers the islands in Waiheke Sound for \$40 for all the remaining islands in No 9 way 284 &

State of } Portsmouth April 26th 1782. Fryday ten of the
 New Hampshire } Clock beforenoon, The Proprietors meet at the
 House of m^r John Penhallow, partly improved as a Store, according
 to adjournment—

Whereas Mess^{rs} William Whipple John Penhallow & John Peirce, as a Committee, executed Deeds of Conveyance in behalf of Said Proprietors, to John Cooly, and Sundry other Persons, of tracts of land, each containing one hundred Acres, Situate Westward of the five hundred Acre Lots in Ossipe Town—also, they executed deeds of Conveyance of Sundry tracts of land, each containing one hundred Acres, Situate on Conway-road, to Samuel Banfill, and to Sundry other Persons in behalf of Said Proprietors—

Voted That the aforesaid Conveyances of tracts of land, be and are hereby approved and allowed—and that the Said Proprietors will defend the Right of Said Tracts of land to the Said Cooly & others agreeable to Said Conveyances, against the Claim or Demand of any Person or Persons, not holding their Right or Claim under Said Proprietors—

Voted That George Atkinson Woodbury Langdon and William Whipple Esq^{rs}, or any two of them be a Committee, in behalf of Said Proprietors, to appear and defend against any law Suits that may be Commenced by any Person or Persons for any of the above said Lots of Land, at the Expence of the Said Proprietors—and also to prosecute any Trespassers on the lands of Said Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the first day of may next, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow May 1 and 8, 1782, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth May 22^d 1782. Wednesday three of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of m^r John Pen-
 hallow partly improved as a Store, The Proprietors meet according
 to adjournment

Voted that George Atkinson be Clerk pro tempore m^r Jaffrey being absent—

Whereas the Hon^{ble} Benj^a Greenleaf of Newbury Port Esq^r hath this day requested this Propriety to grant to him, all their Right to a Strip of land lying in New Salem and Situate between a tract granted to his late father John Greenleaf Esq^r and Greens Farm so

called; and whereas it appear's by inspecting the Record of a Vote passed by this Propriety on the 8th day of march 1759. that the Propriety had in general terms given up their Right to the Said Tract tho' not particularly mentioned—Therefore

Voted that there be and hereby is granted to the Said Benjamin Greenleaf Esq^r his Heirs and Assigns forever, all the Right of the Said Proprietors, to a Strip of Land in Said New Salem to measure eight rods in Width more or less, and lying on the easterly Side of Greens Farm and to run to the Westerly bound of Said Greenleaf's Farm and no farther; provided it doe's not interfere With any former Grants of this Propriety, or with any Grants to the Proprietors of Londonderry

The meeting was adjourned to fryday next the 24th Instant nine of the Clock before noon to be held at this place

a true Record Attest

Geo Atkinson Clerk pro temp^o

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penhallow May 24, 29, June 3, July 3, 4, 10, and 17, 1782, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth July 24th 1782 Wednesday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of M^r John
Penhallow partly improved as a Store—The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment

[Then follows the draft of reserved lots in Conway as printed in vol. 27, p. 167.—ED.]

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 28th day of August 1782 next three of Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met at the house, of John Penhallow Aug. 28, Nov. 6, 13, Dec. 11, 18. 1782, and Jan. 1, 1783, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth January 15th 1783 Wednesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon, at the house of m^r John
Penhallow partly improved as a Store, The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

It being represented to the Proprietors, That Cap^t Robert Wallace late Proprietors Clerk of the Town of Henniker, by the allowance or consent of the Proprietors of the Said Town, in behalf of the Proprietors of Said Town, had disposed of a mill Right unappropriated in Said Henniker, to Joseph Amsden to build mills for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of Said Town &^c and Said Inhabitants, by m^r Robert Wallace, pray for the Acquiescence of the Proprietors in the disposal of the said Mill Right to said Joseph Amsden—upon Consideration that the Said Mill Right is disposed of, for the general Benefit of the Inhabitants of Said Town of Henniker—Therefore—

Voted that all the right and title of the Proprietors in Said Mill Right be and hereby is granted, upon the Conditions & Services it was disposed of by the late Cap^t Robert Wallace, to Said Joseph Amsden his heirs & assigns—

Whereas Cap^t Thomas Morse hath drawn an order on the Proprietors for four pounds ten shillings lawfull money for Services done the Proprietors in examining the number of Lots in Dublin and the duty done on each right as by his acco^t rendered—which Acco^t was neglected to be rendered in Season—upon Consideration of the matter—

Voted that the Order by accepted to be paid when the Com^{tee} who Sold y^e Proprietors lands receive Cash to pay the Same

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 12th day of February next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth February 12th 1783 Wednesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon, at the House of m^r John Penhallow, partly improved as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—The Meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 13th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl.

State of } Portsmouth February 13th 1783 Thursday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon, at the house of M^r John Penhallow, partly improved as a Store, The Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas Robert Harrington Charles Barrot Reuben Kidder and Nathaniel Hosmer declaring they had purchased of each of the Said Proprietors their Rights or Shares, in the reserved land to Said Pro-

prietors, in the Township granted by Joseph Blanchard Esq^r in their behalf, on the first day of November 1749 to William Laurence Esq^r Peter Powers Eleazer Blanchard &^o which Said Reserved land not entered in the Schedule or drawn For to the Rights or Lots of Grantors or Grantees as will appear, by reference to Said Grant or Schedule of said Township, lately called N^o 1 & also of a Strip of land lying between the north line of the Township granted as aforesaid, and the Town of Wilton, which Reservation and Strip aforesaid being now incorporated into the Town by the name of Mason, which Reservation & Strip are distinguished by north Strip & South Strip, and each are divided into Sixteen Lots or Shares, one of said Strips containing about Seventy two acres in each lot, the other Strip containing about twenty Six acres in each lot and the Said Robert, Charles, Reuben & Nathaniel, have also requested that one lot in each of Said Strips be granted to Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of Middlesex and Common Wealth of Massachusetts Bay, Gentleman and that one Moiety of the other fifteen Lots in each of the Said Strips be granted to Robert Harrington of Lexington in Said County and Common Wealth Blacksmith—and that the other Moiety of the Said fifteen Lots in each of Said Strips be granted to the Said Jonas; The Said Proprietors being willing to gratify Said Purchasers of Said Strips, in making a grant agreeable to their Request before mentioned. That Upon Condition that Said Strips or any part of either of them, have not been granted by the Said Proprietors or conveyed to any other person or persons except to the Said Jonas Robert, Charles Reuben & Nathaniel The Said Proprietors do hereby grant and Convey all their Right Title & Property, of in and to the Said Strips of land, in the following manner, viz^t to Jonas minot aforesaid his heirs and assigns one lot in each of Said Strips of land—also to the Said Robert Harrington one moiety of the other fifteen lots in each of Said Strips of land, his Heirs and Assigns—and the other moiety of the fifteen lots in each of Said Strips to the Said Jonas Minot his Heirs and assigns—To have and to hold to them the Said Robert and Jonas their heirs and assigns as before mentioned, on the Condition before mentioned—

The Meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 13th day of March next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at the house of m^r John Penhallow, partly improved as a Store
a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[The proprietors met at the house of John Penballow March 12, April 9, May 7, June 18, Aug. 6, 18, and 20, 1783, at the house of George Jaffrey Aug. 27, Oct. 1, 8, 22, Nov. 12, 26, Dec. 17, 1783, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and March 24, 1784, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth April 21st 1784. Wednesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas Henry Dow of Goshen in the County of Strafford in the State of New Hampshire Shop Joiner, had made Improvements and Settled on a Lot of land by the Consent and Direction of Said Proprietors, containing one hundred Acres, lying and being in a tract of land of Said Proprietors, Surveyed and laid out and planned into one hundred Acre-Lots, by James Hersy, said lot being numbered two in Said Hersy's Plan, and bounded northerly on lot numbered one, easterly by the dividing line between the State of New Hampshire and the County of York in the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, Southerly by lot Numbered three, and Westerly on other lot of one hundred Acres in Said Plan—and as the Said Lot Numbered two, not being granted or Conveyed by the Said Proprietors to Said Dow and as said Dow has removed his Residence from Said Lot, and has Sold his claim and Interest in the Same to Moses Ingalls of Fryburg in said County of York Labourer, as appear's by a deed of Conveyance from Said Dow to Said Ingalls—The Said Ingalls praying the Said Proprietors to grant to him the Said Lot numbered two, upon Such moderate Terms and Conditions as they think proper—As the Proprietors intended to grant to the Said Dow the Lot Numbered two, on Condition of his Settling and making Improvements thereon by cultivation, and Constant Residency on the Same—are willing to grant the Same to the Said Ingalls, upon Condition that Said Ingalls shall have twenty Acres within Said Lot, fitted for mowing and tillage within two years from this date, and keep constant Residence on said lot, for Seven years from this date—Therefore—

Voted that upon the Said Terms and Conditions, the Said Lot numbered two containing one hundred Acres, be and hereby is granted to the Said Moses Ingalls, to Have and to Hold to him, and his Heirs and Assigns for ever, upon the Terms and conditions next above mentioned—

The meeting is adjourned to Wednesday the 26th day of may next three of the Clock afternoon to be held in this place

a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met May 26, June 30, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 21, 27, Nov. 3, 11, Dec. 2, 8, 14, 1784, Jan 19, 26, Feb. 2, and 9, 1785, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth February 23^d 1785. Wednesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment The meeting was proposed to be adjourned
to Wednesday the 2^d day of March next ten of the clock before-
noon to be held in this place—

Voted that William Whipple John Penhallow Esq^{rs} and m^r John Peirce be a Committee and hereby impowered to treat with Abraham Morrell & Jacob Blazedell of Brentwood respecting a grant of an exclusive right to all the Iron Ore in Ossipe Pond for Such a number of Years and On such terms and Conditions as said Committee may judge for the benefit of the Propriety and the publick in General, and that Said Committee or any two of them be fully impowered to make a grant of Said Ore for a term of time not exceeding twenty five years, in manner aforesaid—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 2^d day of March next ten of the clock beforenoon to be held at this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

State of } Portsmouth March 2^d 1785. The Proprietors
New Hampshire } meet according to adjournment—

Voted. That M^r John Peirce be added to the Committee appointed by a Vote pass'd April 26th 1782—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 16th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to be held at place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met March 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 1785, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth April 11th 1785 Monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Voted that George Atkinson Woodbury Langdon William whip-
ple Esq^r and m^r John Peirce or any two of them, be a Committee
in behalf of Said Proprietors, with full Power to prosecute to final
Judgement and Execution, at the Expence of Said Proprietors, any
Action or Actions against any person or persons who have or may
illegally enter or trespass upon any lands within the Claim of Said
Proprietors, and also to defend any Action or Actions which may
be brought against said Proprietors, or any Person or Persons hold-
ing under them, and also with Power of Substituting one or more
Attornies under them for that purpose

Voted That William Whipple John Penhallow Esq^r and M^r John
Peirce be and hereby are appointed a Committee to give grant and
confirm any lotts of land between Conway & Ossipee to any Settler
or Settlers who are already Settled on any lands in that part of the
proprietary lands aforesaid—

Voted That George Atkinson Woodbury Langdon William whip-
ple Esq^r and m^r John Peirce be and hereby are requested to publish
an advertisement of Caution to any Persons of entering upon any
lands claimed by Said Proprietors w^{ch} they purchased of John
Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire—

The Meeting was adjourned to monday next the 18th Instant three
of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met April 18, 25, May 2, 6, 27, June 3, 7, 15, 22,
July 4, 27, Aug. 3, 15, 22, and 31, 1785, and adjourned without trans-
acting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth September 5th 1785 Monday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment.—

Whereas upon running the Curve line of Masons Grant Some part
of Holderness as granted by the Government of New Hampshire fell
within Masons Grant, and as Some of Said Proprietors were interested
in the Grant of Holderness and moved that the Said Proprietors
would grant a Quitclaim to Such part of the land of Holderness as

lay within mason's Claim by running of Said Curve line, which was consented to by Said Proprietors, but was not passed into Vote, but intended to be done—in order to confirm the Intention of Said Proprietors Respecting Holderness Therefore Voted that all the Right Title and Estate of Said Proprietors, by virtue of their Right & Claim to part of Holderness which they may or ought to have by their Purchase made of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, is hereby quitclaimed to the Grantees of Holderness, their Heirs and Assigns, as the Same was granted by the Government of New Hampsh^r to have and to hold the Same, as if no part of Said Holderness lay within Masons Grant—

The meeting was adjourned to monday the 19th Ins^t ten of the Clock beforenoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Sept. 12, 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, 23, 30, Dec. 14, 19, 1785, Jan. 4, 18, 31, Feb. 6, 13, and 20, 1786, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth February 27th 1786 monday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment

John Brown of Bradford in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire Husbandman representing to Said Proprietors y^t by consent and approbation of Said Proprietors he had for sundry years last past, Settled and improved a Lot of land in Said Bradford, called and known by lot N^o 8, as delineated and marked on a plan returned by Jeremiah Page and Henry Gerrish Esq^{rs} and praying for a grant or confirmation of Said Lot N^o 8 to him—The Proprietors being desirous to fulfill their Engagements to Such Persons who have made Settlements or improved in their lands, by their liberty or encouragement—do hereby grant unto the Said John Brown his heirs and Assigns, all their Right Title and Estate of in and to the Said Lot N^o 8 in Said Bradford, or Bradford Town—containing one hundred Acres—as by Said Plan may appear, reference thereto being had—

The meeting was adjourned to thursday the Second day of march next three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met March 2, 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24, 27, May 1, 8, 16, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 24, Aug. 7, 21, Sept. 4, 11, 18, Oct. 9, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 1786, Jan. 2, 9, 16, and 23, 1787, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth January 24th 1787 Wednesday ten
New Hampshire } of the clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—

whereas James Cochran gave his note of hand to Thomas Packer Esq^r for y^e use of Said Proprietors of one hundred Sixty two pounds old Ten^r with Interest for the Same at the rate of fifteen $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent $\frac{1}{2}$ year till paid for value received and whereas Said Cochran had paid part of Said note and finding his purchase was at a dear rate and having petitioned Said Prop^{rs} for an abatement of what is due The Proprietors considering the Circumstances of Said Cockran Therefore Voted that the Said Cockran be & hereby is discharged from Said note—

Whereas the Said Proprietors at their meeting held at Portsmouth on the twenty Second day of November 1757 Voted that Nathaniel Meserve George Jaffrey Esq^r and m^r John Rindge be a Committee for and in behalf of Said Proprietors, and they or any two of them are hereby empowered and desired to do and perform the Sundry matters respecting the Gore adjacent to Allens Town so called, and Allens Town, which Committees heretofore were appointed to perform, also to make a Settlement of the line between the Township of Bow with the Proprietors of Said Bow, and the adjacent lands of said Proprietors or of such as hold by or under them, pursuant to Said Vote, the Said Meserve and Jaffrey proceeded to Pembroke upon that buisness, (Said Rindge not attending) and were upon the Premisses Several days upon the Buisness aforesaid— on the tenth day of January 1758. the Proprietors made a grant, to the Said Messerve, for a Compensation of Service done for Said Proprietors in the Buisness of Said Com^{tee} of a tract of land in or near Allen's Town of about one hundred and fifteen Acres; by accident a like Compensation to Said Jaffrey for his attendance and Service in said Committee was then omitted, tho' intended, and not Since done, and there being a Small tract of land in Said Allens Town heretofore unappropriated, by Said Proprietors, of about Sixty two Acres, a road running thro' the Same, bounded viz' north easterly on land granted to Said Meserve, Southeasterly on lot N^o 12 in the 2^d Range of lots in allens Town, northwesterly on Suncook river or

Buckstreet Lots, so called, and run's South Westerly carrying all the breadth of y^e land between Said Lot N^o 12 and Said Buckstreet lots, untill Sixty two acres be compleatly measured out, the South Westerly Side line to be west north West—In consideration of the Service of Said Jaffrey in a Committee with Said Meserve—Therefore Voted that there be and hereby is granted to the Said George Jaffrey Esq^r all the Right Title and Estate of Said Proprietors of, in, and to the abovementioned Sixty two acres of land herein described, To have and to hold the Same Sixty two Acres of land, to him the Said Jaffrey his Heirs and assigns for ever—in compensation for his Service aforesaid

Attest John Penhallow Moderator

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday next the 25th Instant ten of the clock beforenoon, to be held at this place
a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Jan. 25, Feb. 1, and 5, 1787, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth February 7th 1787 Wednesday ten
New Hampshire } of the Clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—

Whereas there hath been Occasions for the Use of Cash for the Service and Benefit of Said Proprietors for preserving and improving of the Right and Interest of the original Purchasers and Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, which at the time of making Said purchase was determined to be made into fifteen equal Parts or Shares—Since which, Some of the Original Purchasers are dead, and Some gone into foreign parts, and Some have Sold in whole or part of their Right, and the Rights of Some of the deceased Proprietors are divided to and amongst their Heirs,—whereby a collection of the proportion of the Expence of the Propriety of Such Shares of the original Proprietors absent, Sold, or divided, is attended with difficulty, and not to be obtained Seasonably, for the Necessary Occasions Use Benefit and Interest of the whole Propriety; and as there hath been, and may be a necessity or Occasion for the advancing Cash for the use and Benefit of the Propriety, and which Hath been and may be advanced by Some of the Proprietors only,—Therefore

Voted that those of the Said Proprietors who have or shall advance Money for the use and Benefit of the Propriety, shall be reimbursed the Same, with Interest, from the time they advanced the money to the time of their reimbursement, to be paid out of the first money that may be received or recovered by any person or Committee in behalf of Said Proprietors, that is or may be due to Said Proprietors for Sale or conveyance of their lands, or that may be Sold or conveyed, as may be determined at a meeting of Said Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 22^d Instant three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Feb. 22, March 12, and 19, 1787, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth March 23^d 1787 Fryday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

In the New Hampshire Mercury of the 7th Inst^t John Mc'Duffe Josiah Bartlet and Archibald McMurphy Esq^{rs} have notified the Owners and Claimants of land within the Claim of the original Grant to John Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, that they are a Com[']tee of the general Court to ascertain & Settle &^c the Western line of Mason's Grant, and that Said Committee will meet at Exeter on the third day of April next for that purpose, and to agree with Said Owners & Claimants notwithstanding the Western boundary line of Mason's Grant has been ascertained and marked by the Government of New Hampshire, and the Grants of land by the Government and the Purchasers of Mason's Claim and Right have conformed their Grants on each Side of that line for more than thirty years past, and the land chiefly Settled and improved by the Grantees bounding on Said line—and the said Proprietors have some land ungranted within their Claim—Out of Respect to the order of Government of the State of New Hampshire—

Voted That Woodbury Langdon Esq^r and m^r John Peirce be a Committee of this Propriety to meet the Committee of the general Court at the time and place notified as aforesaid, to know if said Committee intend to have any Alteration made, in the present

western boundary line of mason's Grant, as now ascertained and marked by the Government of New Hampshire—The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 9th day of April next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[The proprietors met April 9, 16, 26, May 3, 4, June 4, July 2, 9, and 11, 1787, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

State of } Portsmouth July 18th 1787 Wednesday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That George Atkinson Esq^r m^r John Peirce and George Jaffrey be a Committee of Said Proprietors to have a Remonstrance drafted respecting the late Proceedings of the general Court of this State, concerning their right & Interest of lands they purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire, at the Expence of Said Proprietors—The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next y^e 25th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met July 25, Aug. 1, 8, and 15, 1787, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

State of } Portsmouth August 20th 1787 Monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

The Memorial and Remonstrance of the Masonian Proprietors dated August 19th 1787—being read and considered—therefore Voted that it be the Memorial and Remonstrance of the Proprietors and that it be presented to the general Court at their next Sessions to be held at Charlestown in September next.—The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 22^d Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth August 22^d 1787—Wednesday
 New Hampshire } three of the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet
 according to adjournment—

Voted That the notes of hand in the Custody of George Jaffrey Clerk of y^e Proprietors be delivered into y^e hand of M^r John Peirce & Joshua Bracket Esq^r—

Voted that the note of hand given by Josiah Bartlet and Enoch Bartlet be given to them by m^r John Peirce & Joshua Bracket in behalf of the Proprietors

Whereas it is necessary to raise a Sum of money for the occasion and use of the Proprietors—Therefore

Voted That Sixty pounds be hired by Joshua Bracket Esq^r and m^r John Peirce for one year or Such other term of time and levy, as they can procure it upon; and that all the notes and Obligations of the Proprietors in Whose ever hands, be put in suit by them, and recovered as soon as may be, or collect them in any other maner they may think proper for the benefit of the Proprietors; and they are further hereby impowered to dispose of so much of Said notes as they may find necessary, at any discount they may think proper to raise Said Money—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next the 27th Ins^t three of the clock afternoon to be held at this place
 a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Aug. 27 and 31, 1787, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth September 5th 1787. The Proprie-
 New Hampshire } tors meet according to adjournment—three of the
 Clock afternoon—

Whereas the Proprietors at their meeting held y^e 20th august last voted and resolved that a memorial of Said Proprietors be presented to the general Court at their next Sessions to be held in September next, Therefore Voted that Joshua Bracket Esq^r and m^r John Peirce, or either of them, be a Committee of Said Proprietors to present Said Remonstrance to the general Court; and that they apply to Benjamin West Esq^r to be counsell for Said Proprietors, to enforce Said Remonstrance before the general Court, and upon any further Occasion his assistance may be necessary in defending the Right of

Said Proprietors in the purchase made of John Tufton Mason Esq^r— and to give him Such a fee as they may think proper for the Said purpose—and to take Such measures as said Committee may think best for the defence of the Interest of said Proprietors—and to make report of their Proceedings to Said Proprietors as Soon as may be—and that the Expence they may be at, on the Occasion, be born at the joint Expence of Said Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned Wednesday the 26th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met Sept. 26, Oct. 3, and 15, 1787, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth Novem^r 21 1787 Wednesday 3 oClock
New Hamp^r } afternoon

The Proprietors met according to adjournment and George Jaffrey Esq^r the Clerk being absent George Atkinson was chosen Clerk pro tempore, and the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 28th day of November current, at three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place

Attest^r Geo: Atkinson Clerk
pro tempore

State of } Portsm^o Novem^r 28. 1787 Wednesday 3 oClock
New Hampshire } afternoon

The Proprietors met according to adjournment and it was voted that M^r John Peirce be requested to take the most speedy and effectual measures to send for Benjamin West Esq^r & desire his attendance here on Monday the 10th day of december next after which the meeting was further adjourned to Tuesday the 4th day of December next at three o Clock afternoon to be held at this place

Attest^r Geo: Atkinson Clerk P T

[The proprietors met Dec. 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 28, 1787, Jan. 18, 23, 26, 28, 29, Feb. 2, 5, 7, 8, and 9, 1788, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth February 11th 1788—Monday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock beforenoon the Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Whereas the general Court in behalf of Said State has lately laid Claim to Certain lands owned by Said Proprietors, between the Said Proprietors Curve or head line of their Said Patent and a strait line run by order of Said Court, and Whereas such Claim may have a tendency to obstruct & hinder the settlement of that part of Said patent, and to Create an expensive litigation and tedious Controversy with said State—Now with a view to Compromise and finally settle the same in an expeditious manner—Voted that Daniel Rindge Esq. and Mr John Peirce be and they are hereby a Committee, and Appointed by, and fully empowered on the part of Said Proprietors to treat with the General Court aforesaid or any Committee or Agents they may Appoint respecting the Claim of Said State, and they the said Daniel & John on the part of Said proprietors are fully empowered to Compromise & settle said Claim with said State or with Agents they may Appoint as aforesaid to any lands owned by Said Proprietors between their said Curve and head line and the said strait line on such terms Conditions and limitations as Said Daniel & John may think for the benefit of Said proprietors, and said Daniel & John be and hereby are further empowered on the part of Said proprietors to agree with said General Court or any Committee, Agent or Agents Appointed by them on the part of Said State to submit and refer the whole Controversy aforesaid to the final determination of Men who may be supposed by said Daniel & John to be Competent Judges, and of Character proper to decide Such a dispute, and not inhabitants of Said State, Whose report Shall be final & Conclusive between the parties—

The meeting was adjourned to three of the Clock afternoon of this day to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^m Cl

[The proprietors met Feb. 11 at 3 o'clock, P. M., Feb. 12, 13, 27, March 5, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 27, 29, and April 28, 1788, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth May 26th 1788 Monday three of the
 New Hampshire } Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according
 to adjournment—John Penhallow Esq^r the Moderator of this Meeting,
 being absent on a Journey Therefore Voted that Thomas Martin
 Esq^r be Moderator of this Meeting till John Penhallow Esq^r return's
 from his Journey—The Meeting was adjourned to monday the
 Second day of June next, three of the Clock afternoon to be held at
 this place—

a true Record attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met June 2, 9, 12, 14, 16, 23, 26, and 28, 1788
 and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth July 4th 1788. Fryday nine of the
 New Hampshire } Clock before noon The Proprietors meet according
 to adjournment—

Whereas certain Locations of Land were granted by the Governour
 of the Province of New-Hampshire, to Hugh Sterling Archibald
 Stark, Samuel Stark, Daniel M^oNeil Alexander Blair, John Caldwell,
 Joshua Martin, and Nathaniel Martin, containing two Thousand
 Acres each more or less, as by the Charter of each Location may ap-
 pear—and whereas the said Locations are now found to be within
 the Limits of Mason's Patent, and whereas the Said Grantees have
 applied to the Proprietors of Said Patent for a release of their Claim
 to Said Locations—Voted that all the Claim and Right which
 Said Proprietors now have to the Said Locations, be and the Same is
 hereby remised released and quit claimed to the Persons aforesaid,
 and to Such Persons as may legally hold the Same under them—To
 have and hold the Same free of all Claims of Said Proprietors, as if
 no part of Said Locations lay within the Limits of Said patent—
 The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 9th Instant three
 of the Clock afternoon to be held at this Place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met July 9, and, "at the house and place lately
 improved by George Peirce as his office," July 14, 1788, and ad-
 journed without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth July 19th Saturday three of the
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

Whereas there will be considerable Writing respecting the Purchase made of the Claim of the State, of Lands of the Proprietors between a Streight line lately run by order of the State and the curve line run by the Surveyor General of the Crown land in the late Province of New Hampshire as the western boundary of Mason's Grant—

Voted that John Parker Esq^r be employed to perform the Same at the Expence of the Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next nine of the Clock before noon to meet at this place
a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth July 21st 1788 Monday nine of the
New Hampshire } Clock before noon the Proprietors meet according
to adjournment—

Voted the Clerk Sign the following Notification in behalf of the Proprietors; and that m^r John Peirce publish the Same in the New Hampshire Gazette—"Notice is hereby given to the Proprietors of Mason's Patent, otherwise called the Masonian Proprietors, to bring in to the Clerk of Said Propriety within thirty one days from this date, compleat Lists or Schedules of all the lands divided and undivided, by them Severally holden between the Curve head line of Said Patent, and a Straight line lately run by order of the general Court; in order to an assessment being made on Said lands agreeably to a late Act of the general Court, authorizing Such assessment.—If any Proprietor shall neglect to comply with this notice, his lands will be assessed according to the best information that can be procured thereof, by the assessors"—Portsmouth July 21st 1788"—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next the 28th Inst^t nine of the Clock before noon to be held at this place—

a true Record Attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth July 28th 1788—Monday nine of
New Hampshire } the Clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

The Meeting was adjourned to four of the Clock afternoon of this day to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth July 28th 1788 Monday four of the
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according
to adjournment

Voted that John Parker Esqu^r of Portsmouth Col Ebenezer Smith of Merideth and Cap^t Charles Barret of Ipswich be Assessors of the Proprietors Lands to be Assessed pursuant to act of the general Court of the State of New Hampshire passed in the present year, entitled "an act to Authorize and empower certain persons calling themselves the Masonian Proprietors, who have by their Agents purchased of the State a Release of its Claim to certain lands herein after described, to raise levy and collect Such Sums of Money as they may find it needfull to raise for certain purposes, therein expressed, by Sale of the Said lands" The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 11th day of August next four of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

State of } Portsmouth August 11th 1788. Monday four of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon, The Proprietors meet according
to Adjournment—The [meeting] was adjourned to monday
next the 18th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this
place—

a true Record Attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth August 18th 1788. Monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according
to adjournment—

Voted Daniel Rogers and John Penhallow Esqu^{rs} and m^r John Peirce or any two of them, be a Committee to Settle with Cap^t John Dudley or whoever claim's under him two hundred Acres of land in Tufonborough which a Committee of the Proprietors heretofore engaged to Said Dudley for building Mills in lot N^o 33. in Ossipee, and the Said Rogers Penhallow & Peirce, or any two of them are hereby impowered to convey Said two hundred Acres of land, to whomsoever may claim the same under Said Dudley on acco^t of his building Said mills, on Such Terms Conditions and Limitations as they or any two of them, may think for the benefit of the Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next the 25th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Aug. 25, Sept. 1, and 2, 1788, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth September 4th 1788 Thursday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—

Upon Application heretofore made by John Gordon of a Place, called Campbells Gore, in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, Husbandmen for a Grant of Lot N^o 2 in the first Range of Lots in said Gore, In Consideration of the Sum of Forty seven pounds ten shillings Lawfull Money paid by Josiah Swett of said Gore—Gentleman—

Voted that there be, and hereby is granted All the Right, Title, Interest and Estate of the said Proprietors to the said John Gordon, of in and to the said Lot N^o 2 in said Gore, Containing One hundred Acres of Land be the same more or less, To Have and To Hold to him the said Gordon, his Heirs, and Assigns forever—

Upon Application made by Josiah Swett of a Place called Campbells Gore, in the County of Hillsborough, and State of New Hampshire Gentleman for a Grant of a Lot N^o 3 in the second Range of Lots in said Gore, In Consideration of the Sum of Forty seven pounds ten shillings Lawfull money paid by the said Josiah Swett—

Voted that there be, and hereby is granted All the Right, Title, Interest and Estate of the said Proprietors, to the said Josiah Swett, of, in, and to the said Lot N^o 3 in said Gore, containing One hundred Acres, be the same more or less, To Have and to Hold to him the said Josiah Swett, his Heirs and Assigns forever—The meeting was adjourned to Saturday next the 6th Ins^t nine of the Clock before-noon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth September 6th 1788—Saturday nine
New Hampshire } of the Clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—The meeting was adjourned to three of
the Clock afternoon to meet at this place. The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—when the meeting was further adjourned
to monday next, the 8th Instant nine of the clock before noon, to be
held at this place—

a true Record attest :

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth September 8th 1788 monday nine
New Hampshire } of the Clock before noon the Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—

Daniel Rindge Esq^r and m^r John Peirce being impowered in behalf of Said Proprietors as their Committee to treat with the general Court or any Committee or agents they may appoint respecting the Claim the State have made of lands, within the lands the Said Proprietors purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in New Hampshire The Said Rindge & Peirce now make a Return and report their Proceedings of their Treaty with the general Court in behalf of Said Proprietors—namely,

Pursuant to the Powers given us by a Vote of the Proprietors at their Meeting held the 11th Day of February last we have treated with the said General Court, and their Agents, and after a tedious Negotiation, we have agreed on the Part of said Proprietors, in order to obtain a final Settlement of said Controversy, that the said Proprietors for a full Release by Deed of all the said States Claim to the Lands in dispute, that the said Proprietors should pay to the said State, Eight hundred Dollars in Specie, within one Year from the Date, and Forty thousand Dollars in State Notes of said State, within four Years, with Interest on both of said Sums untill paid—for the Security of which payments, we have given the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being our joint Bond for both said Sums, dated on or about the 18th Day of June last, and have received from the said Agents of said State, properly authorised, a Deed of Release for all their Claim to the Lands aforesaid, dated on the said 18th Day of June last which we have already delivered George Jaffrey Esquire Clerk of said Proprietors, And now request the said Proprietors will take proper Methods for the payment of said Bond, and indemnify us from all Cost, Interest, or Damage on Account of our signing said Bond, more than our just Proportion thereof—Portsmouth Sep^r 5th 1788

Daniel Rindge
John Peirce

Whereupon voted, that said Report of said Committee, be, and the same is hereby accepted, and their Doings therein mentioned are hereby fully approved, and that the said Proprietors will indemnify said Agents agreeably to their Request—and take proper Methods for the payment of said Bond—

Voted that the Account of m^r John Peirce exhibited this day of Expences for obtaining a Release of the State of New-Hampshire to their Claim of the lands purchased by the Proprietors of John Tufton

Mason Esq^r within Said State—be accepted and allowed amounting to the Sum of £607:3-4—and that he be accountable to Said Proprietors for the sum of £67. 18-6 rendered in Acco^t exhibited at the Same time with the other—

Voted that Five hundred Acres of Land be and hereby are granted to M^r John Peirce to be by him taken out of the ungranted Land of the Proprietors near Ossipee in the North East quarter of the Patent, which he is to locate and return a Plan of at the Expence of the Proprietors, for which Land he is not to be accountable—

Voted, That the Sum of Nine hundred Pounds Lawfull Money in Specie, And Forty thousand Dollars in State Notes be raised and Assessed upon the Proprietors for defraying the Expences of the Settlement made with the State by the Committee or Agents of the Proprietors in their behalf and for paying the Sums agreed upon in that Settlement to be paid to the State by the Proprietors, And also that there be raised and Assessed the further Sum of Fourteen pounds eight shillings in Specie for Interest of the Specie payment to be made to the State, And Seven Hundred and twenty Pounds in State Notes, for Interest of the Sum to be paid to the State in State Notes

Voted that if any Proprietor shall pay at any time within one year from the eighteenth day of June last, his proportion assessed on him of the sum of Two hundred and forty Pounds in Specie, with Interest, or of the Twelve thousand Pounds in State Notes, due to the State, with Interest, the Interest on such sum paid, for the remainder of the year, which is cast and included in the Assessment, shall be abated and allowed him by the Collector appointed to collect such Tax.

Voted that M^r John Peirce be and he is hereby appointed the Collector to collect from the Proprietors their respective proportions of the sums voted to be raised and assessed on the Proprietors, as the same are expressed in a Vote passed at this meeting.

Voted that John Pickering Esq^r be paid Sixty dollars for Service of the Proprietors

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 11th Ins^e nine of the Clock before noon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

State of } Portsmouth Sep^r 11th 1788 Thursday nine of the
New Hampshire } Clock forenoon. The Proprietors met according
to adjournment.

Voted that Daniel Humphreys Esq^r be Clerk of this Propriety
Pro Tempore.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to tomorrow afternoon three
of the Clock to be held at this place

A true Record

Attest Dan^l Humphreys
Clerk Pro: Temp^e

State of } Portsmouth Sep^r 12th 1788 Friday three of the
New Hampshire } Clock in the Afternoon The Proprietors meet ac-
cording to Adjournment.

Voted that Daniel Rindge and Joshua Brackett Esq^{rs} be a Com-
mittee to dispose of & convey the Proprietors common Land in
Sanborntown, on such Terms as they shall think for the Interest of
the Proprietors.

This meeting was then adjourned to The 13th instant at nine of
the Clock in the forne noon to be held at this Place.—

A true Record Attest

Dan^l Humphreys
Clerk Pro Tem:

[The proprietors met Sept. 13, Oct. 6, and 8, 1788, and adjourned
without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth October 9th 1788 Thursday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to Adjournment—

Whereas Daniel Rindge and Joshua Bracket Esq^{rs} were appointed
a Committee of this Propriety to dispose of and Convey the common
Land of said Proprietors in Sandborn-Town on Such Conditions as
they shall think for the Interest of the Proprietors—The said Com-
mittee appearing at this Meeting, requested that the Proprietors
would grant a tract of Common Land in Said Sandborn Town to
Daniel Sandborn of said Sandborn Town Esq^r said Tract by Esti-
mation containing about two hundred Acres be the Same more or
less—in Consideration of the Sum of fifteen pounds lawfull Money

Therefore Voted that all the Right title and Interest of Said Proprietors in Said tract of land be and hereby is granted to the Said Daniel Sanborn Esq^r his Heirs and assigns for the Sum aforesaid—

Whereas at a meeting of the Proprietors held on the eighth day of September last past it was voted "that the Sum of nine hundred Pounds lawfull Money in Speice, &c^e be raised and Assessed upon the Proprietors for defreying the Expences of the Settlement made with the State by the Committee or Agents of the Proprietors in their behalf, and for paying the Sums agreed upon in that Settlement to be paid to the State by the Proprietors "

Voted the Sum of one hundred Pounds lawfull money in Speice be added to the Sum of Nine hundred pounds aforesaid, to be assessed and raised—

The Meeting was adjourned to Fryday the 10th Inst^r four of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place
a true Record attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met Oct. 10 and 16, 1788, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth December 1st 1788 Monday three
New Hampshire } o'clock Afternoon at the Dwelling house of George
Jaffrey Esq^r in Said Portsmouth—

The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—The Proprietors Clerk being out of Town

Voted that M^r John Peirce be Clerk of this Propriety Pro-tempore—This Meeting was then adjourned to Monday the 8th day of this instant at three O clock afternoon to meet at this place

A true Record

Attest John Peirce Clerk
Pro. Tempore

[The proprietors met Dec. 8, 16, 29, 1788, Jan. 5, and 12, 1789, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth January 13th 1789 Tuesday three of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet accord-
 ing to adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors have been informed that persons under the pretended Claim of Allens heirs have Sold lots of Land of the Proprietors, purchased of John Tufton Mason Esquire & Severed to their Rights, particularly Some lots Severed to the Right of George Jaffrey Esqu^{rs} and the Proprietors, from the time of their Purchase and ever Since, have considered a title under the pretended Claim of Allen—of no validity or having any legal foundation to Support it—Therefore Voted that George Jaffrey Esqu^r be and hereby is desired to prosecute the Trespassers on a lot drawn to and Severed to his right, in a place called the Gore between New Boston and Weare, now incorporated in the Town of Weare—and that the Cost & Expence of the Prosecution shall be born and paid by the Proprietors—

The Meeting was adjourned to monday the 9th day of February next three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place

a true Record

Attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth February 9th 1789 Monday three of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet accord-
 ing to Adjournment—

A Committee appointed by the Grantees of Moultonborough to compromise with the Proprietors respecting the right or Share of the latter in the undivided Lands in said Town, appearing at this Meeting, and representing their Power and desiring the Proprietors to take Some Measures towards a Settlement, in order that the common Lands may be laid out—Therefore Voted that the Hon^{ble} Woodbury Langdon M^r John Peirce & m^r Daniel Humphreys be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive and consider of any Proposals that may be made by Said Committee of Said Grantees and to treat with them respecting the Right or Share of the Proprietors in Said common and undivided Lands, and make Report to the Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to Monday the 16th Instant, three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Feb. 16, 23, and March 2, 1789, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth March 9th 1789. Monday three of
New Hampshire } y^e Clock afternoon, The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors at their meeting held y^e 13th day of January last, Voted that George Jaffrey Esqu^r prosecute the Trespasser or Trespassers on his lot of Land in Wear, at the Expence of the Said Proprietors, and in consequence of Said Vote, an Action has been commenced by Said Jaffrey against one Dustan, as a Trespasser on Said lot and it is now Voted that Daniel Humphreys Esqu^r and M^r John Peirce be agents of the Proprietors to attend the Prosecution of said Action to final Judgement & Determination thereof—and that Such Counsel as be thought necessary, be employed in Said Suit & that Said Jaffrey procure all necessary papers for Supporting and prosecuting Said Action—and that the whole expence be borne by the Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next the 16th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place

a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth March 16th 1789 Monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—The Meeting was adjourned to monday the 30th Instant three of the clock afternoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth March 30th 1789—monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that m^r John Peirce be and he is hereby empowered in behalf of the Proprietors to examine into the Quantity of common and undivided land belonging to them, and that he take Such measures as he shall find necessary, by employing Surveyors or otherwise, at the Expence of the Proprietors to ascertain the Quantity of Said Common land, in order to a division thereof, and make report—

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 6th day of May next, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met May 6, June 22, July 27, and Aug. 3, 1789, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth August 6th 1789 three of the Clock
New Hampshire } afternoon The Proprietors meet according to ad-
journment The moderator being absent on a Journey

Voted That Thomas Martin Esqu^r be Moderator of this present Meeting in his absence—The meeting was adjourned to Fryday next the 7th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth August 7th 1789. Fryday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Voted that m^r John Peirce be and hereby is impowered in behalf of the Proprietors, to dispose of indorse over or assign any notes or other Securities for monies due to the Proprietors, to any person or persons at a discount, not exceeding fifty $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent in order to raise the Sum of one hundred pounds for the use of the Proprietors, and that George Jaffrey Esqu^r be impowered to assign for that purpose any mortgages given to him In his own name for the use of the Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to fryday the 14th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[The proprietors met Aug. 14, 17, 19, and 21, 1789, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth August 24th 1789 monday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock before noon The Proprietors meet
according to adjournment M^r Penhallow the moderator being con-
fined by Sickness Therefore

Voted that M^r John Peirce be Moderator of this Meeting during the Absence of m^r Penhallow—The meeting was adjourned to Thursday next the 27th Inst^t Three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth August 27th 1789 Thursday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to Saturday next y^e 29th Instant, ten of the Clock beforenoon, to be held at this place
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ra} Cl

State of } Portsmouth August 29th 1789 Saturday ten of
New Hampshire } the Clock before noon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that John Penhallow Esq^r who has recovered a Judgement in his own Name, for the Use of the Proprietors, against James & William Ramsay, be and hereby he is impowered and directed to convey the Land on which the Execution on said Judgement is levied, to George Jaffrey Esq^r in Consideration of certain monies by him advanced to the Proprietors in part and agreed to be advanced on demand to the amount of one half of said Debt of said Ramsays, for the Purpose of carrying on a Law Suit pending between said Jaffrey & William Dustin.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 7th day of October next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{ra} Cl

State of } Portsmouth October 7th 1789—Wednesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas by a Vote of the Proprietors at their meeting on the 8th day of September 1788 five hundred Acres of land were granted to m^r John Peirce to be taken out of the ungranted Land of the Proprietors near Ossipee in the north-east Quarter of the Patent, which he was to locate &^{co} and whereas he has located his Said five hundred acres on the head of Leavitts Town to contain N^o 105. N^o 106 N^o 108. N^o 109. N^o 110 containing one hundred Acres each which Lots are a part of that Division of 100 acres lots laid out by James Hersy Esqu^r bounding on the Province or State line—

Voted that the Said location of m^r John Peirce made as aforesaid and by him returned to the Proprietors be accepted and the Said five lots be and the Same are hereby confirmed to him in fee in full of Said grant, but should any part thereof be taken away by any alteration of the line of Leavitts Town any deficiency or loss arising from

Such alteration Shall be made good to him out of other ungranted lands—

The meeting was adjourned to monday next the 12th Instant, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl:

[The proprietors met Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 1, and 15, 1789, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth January 12th 1790 Tuesday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted that John Penhallow Esqu^r m^r John Peirce and Doctor Nathaniel A. Haven be a Committee of the Proprietors to make a Grant of the Oar in Ossipee Pond to any persons with whom they may agree for the Same on Such Terms and Conditions and for Such Consideration as they may judge to be for the Interest of the Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next the 13th Instant nine of the Clock beforenoon to meet at this place a true Record—

Attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met Jan. 13 and 14, 1790, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth January 15th 1790 Fryday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That a Memorial or Petition be preferred to the general Court Signed by the Clerk in behalf of the Proprietors, praying for Such Justice & Equity as their Case requires respecting the continual Applications made to the general Court for taxes to be laid on the lands of the Proprietors for making & repairing roads & contrary to the Terms and Conditions of their Grants—

The meeting was adjourned to Saturday next the 15th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

State of } Portsmouth January 16th 1790 Saturday three
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet ac-
 cording to adjournment—the meeting was adjourned to monday
 next the 18th Instant three of the Clock afternoon to meet at this
 place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth January 18th 1790—Monday three
 New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet
 according to adjournment—

Whereas James Betton Esq^r hath represented to the Proprietors
 that there is a peice of land in New Boston being lot N^o 12—on
 William Clarks Plan lying South of the great Meadow and Lieu^t
 John Smith's land containing about forty three Acres and an half
 which lot (as he says) belongs to the Proprietors in common, and
 requesting the Proprietors to Sell or grant the Proprietors Claim of
 the Same to him—Therefore Voted that all the right & Title of the
 Proprietors to Said peice of land before described be and the Same
 is hereby granted to him the Said James Betton his heirs and
 Assigns, so that the Proprietors will henceforth will never make any
 Claim to the Same

Voted that John Penhallow Esq^r Thomas Martin Esqu^r & m^r
 Nathaniel A. Haven be and they are hereby appointed a Committee
 with full Power on the part and in behalf of the Proprietors, they or
 any two of them to Sell and convey to any person or persons for the
 most they can get all the Common lands of the Proprietors in
 Lyndsborough and Merideth, on Such terms as they shall think to
 be for the Interest of the Proprietors—

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 19th Ins^t three of the
 Clock afternoon to meet at this place

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Jan. 19, 20, 21, and 22 (forenoon), and
 adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth January 22^d 1790. Fryday four of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-
 ing to adjournment—

Whereas the Owners of the original Rights or Shares of George Jaffrey, Mark Hunking Wentworth, Richard Wibird, Joshua Peirce, Peirce and Moore, Theodore Atkinson, Meserve Blanchard & C^o Jotham Odiorne, John Rindge, and Thomlinson & Mason have Applied to the Proprietors representing that there is a tract of Common land belonging to the Proprietors laid out by them in the fourth and fifth ranges in the Gore, so called, but not Severed to any particular Proprietor, which Tract has also been laid out by the Proprietors of Gilmantown as belonging to and in that Town, for the Said Proprietors Purchasers of the Right of John Trafton Mason, and lies between the lot laid out to Peirce and Moore N^o Sixteen in Said fifth range, and Winipissioke Pond, and contain's by estimation two thousand one hundred and Seventy one Acres, and that it would be convenient for them the Said Applicants to have the Same common land granted to his Excellency John Sullivan Esquire Nathaniel Peabody Esquire Thomas Cogswell Esquire Peter Green Esquire and Samuel Laughlen to whom the Said Applicants have agreed to convey the Same, and are willing to take Said tract towards their Share in the com'on land belonging to the Proprietors, and That such Grant will no way diserve the Interest of the Proprietors at large, the Said Applicants at the Same time moving that forty five Acres in the Lot Number Seventeen laid out to John Rindge and Six hundred and fifty one Acres and ten rods of the Lot N^o Seventeen laid out to Richard Wibird, also eight hundred and forty Six Acres and Sixty rods of the lot N^o Sixteen laid out to Peirce and Moore, all laid out as in Said fifth Range, and adjacent to Said tract, all which parts of Said lots now appear to fall within said Gilman Town, be confirmed to said Proprietors to whom they were laid as aforesaid their falling within Said Gilmantown notwithstanding: Therefore Voted that the Said tract of common land, be and the Same is hereby granted to the Said John Sullivan, Nathaniel Peabody, Thomas Cogswell, Peter Green and Samuel Laughlen their heirs and Assigns; towards the Several shares of the Applicants in the common and undivided lands of the Proprietors in a future division thereof.—To have and to hold Said tract to the Said John Sullivan Nathaniel Peabody Thomas Cogswell Peter Green and Samuel Laughlen, their heirs and assigns for ever, and that Said forty five Acres part of Said lot N^o Seventeen, and Said Six hundred and fifty one Acres and ten rods of Said other lot N^o Seventeen, and Said Eight hundred and forty Six acres and ten Rods of

the Lot N° Sixteen, be and the Same are hereby confirmed to the Said Proprietors to whom they were laid out as aforesaid their falling within the town of Gilmantown Notwithstanding

Voted that Thomas Martin and Daniel Humphreys Esquires be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire and examine whether the note given to the Proprietors by Amos Gage Moses Eaton and Jacob Butler, be due in Equity, and if it shall appear to them that Said Note is not equitably due to the Proprietors, that they give up said note to the Promissors—

The meeting was adjourned to Saturday next y° 23^d Ins^t nine of the clock beforenoon to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met Jan. 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, Feb. 1, 8, 10, 15, March 8, May 10, June 14, Aug. 2, 30, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 29, Dec. 27, 1790, Jan. 17, 31, and Feb. 28, 1791, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth April 18th 1791 monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Voted that the Account of Hubartes Neal for drawing and protracting a Plan of Camden Camels Gore Bradford & Fisherfield for drawing y° Lots to each Proprietor amounting one pound eleven Shillings Six pence it being for y° use of the Proprietors be paid, and m^r John Peirce be desired to pay y° Same out of y° Proprietors Cash in his hand

The meeting was adjourned to monday y° Sixteenth day of may next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 22, Oct. 3, Nov. 28, and Dec. 12, 1791, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth December 14th 1791 Wednesday
New Hampshire } ten of y^e Clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet—

Whereas agreeably to a Vote of the Proprietors passed Jan^y 18th 1790 Johu Penhallow and Tho^s Martin Esqu^r and m^r Nath^l A. Haven have as a Com^{tee} of the Proprietors Sold and conveyed to Ebenezer Smith Esqu^r of Meredith, the common lands in Meredith belonging to the Proprietors, excepting two hundred Acres, and whereas from the representation of Said Committee, there are divers good reasons for granting the Said remaining two hundred Acres to Daniel Smith of Said Meredith, Son of the Said Ebenezer Smith—Therefore Voted—That the Said remaining two hundred Acres of Common land belonging to the Proprietors in Meredith, be and the Same are hereby granted to the Said Daniel Smith, to have and to hold the same to him, his Heirs and Assigns for ever—

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday next the 15th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place

a true Record, attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Dec. 15, 16, 20, 27, 30, 1791, Jan. 2, 9, April 2, May 7, 28, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, 15, 22, and 29, 1792, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth August 30th 1792 Thursday nine of
New Hampshire } the Clock beforenoon The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas there is to be a meeting of the Proprietors of Lyndsborough to be holden at Dunstable, on the 11th day of September next, and it would be for the benefit of the Proprietors, to have an agent to appear for them at Said meeting, Therefore—

Voted That John Peirce Esqu^r be and he hereby is appointed Agent for the Proprietors to attend Said meeting, and represent them fully therein, and there to do and transact any matters in behalf of the Said Proprietors relative to their Rights and Claims in Said Town, as to him shall appear expedient and for their Benefit.

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the fifth day of September next, three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this Place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Sept. 5, Oct. 9, 15, 22, Dec. 3, 17, 1792, Jan. 14, March 4, April 2, June 3, and July 1, 1793, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth August 12th 1793 monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Voted That Edward S^r Loe Livermore Esqu^r be and hereby is appointed Agent and Attorney to prosecute an Action of Ejectment commenced against Thomas Robinson and others by said Proprietors, at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Exeter, the Second Tuesday of said August for the Recovery of certain Lands in allens-Town and the Same to pursue to final Judgement and Execution, and that the s^d Proprietors to be at no Expence about the Suit—

The meeting was adjourned to monday y^e 26th Ins^t three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^m Cl:

State of } Portsmouth August 26th 1793 monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—The meeting was adjourn to Tuesday the first day of October next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^m Cl

State of } Portsmouth October 1st 1793 Tuesday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas Sundry Persons had engagements of Grants from the Proprietors for making Settlements in the Town of Bradford, and have no grants for the Same, Therefore—

Voted that there be and hereby is granted unto Wiliam Presbury, Asa Dustin, Joseph Presbury and Nathaniel Presbury all of Said Bradford Yeomen. the following Lots and part of a Lot in Said Town viz^t unto the Said Wiliam Presbury Lot Number Six, to Asa Dustin Lot number thirty three, being the Same Lot formerly engaged to William Presbury and which he released to John Stanley and is now owned and occupied by Said Dustin—unto Joseph Presbury Lot

number Seventeen unto Nathaniel Presbury Lot number fifteen, and also the westerly half of Lot number twenty two to be divided length ways; all said Lots containing one hundred Acres each more or less; always reserving to the publick for ever, the roads already laid out upon or through each and every of Said Lots

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the twentyeth day of November next, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth November 20th 1793 Wednesday
New Hampshire { three of the Clock afternoon, the Proprietors meet
according to adjournment—

Whereas the Building a Bridge over Piscataqua River, would be of great public utility, and a Corporation having been formed for that purpose,—For the due Encouragement whereof—

Voted, That all the Right, Title, and Interest of the said Proprietors to Goat Island so called, lying in Piscataqua River aforesaid, be granted and conveyed to the Proprietors of Piscataqua Bridge, upon Condition, that the said Proprietors of Piscataqua Bridge, build the said Bridge within ten Years, and that Thomas Martin Esq^r be an Agent to make and execute a Deed thereof, on the Terms aforesaid—

Whereas at a Meeting of the Proprietors on the 12th of August last, a Power was granted to Edward S^t Loe Livermore Esq^r appointing him Agent and Attorney, to prosecute an Action of Ejectment, commenced against Thomas Robinson & others, by said Proprietors at the Court of Common Pleas, held at Exeter in August last, for the Recovery of certain Lands in Allen's Town—

Therefore Voted—That the aforesaid Power be hereby fully revoked, and annulled in all Respects; and that any Powers given him for the Recovery of Lands in Allens Town, so far as respects the Proprietors be revoked—

The meeting was adjourned to monday the 30th day of December next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place

a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met Dec. 30, 1793, Feb. 3, March 3, 10, 31, April 28, and May 28, 1794, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth July 2^d 1794—Wednesday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

Whereas Daniel Rogers John Penhallow & William Whipple as a Committee of the Proprietors on the 25th day of June 1778. did agree with Reuben Whitcomb of Henniker to have one hundred Acres of land in Bradford numbered thirty four upon the following Conditions—"to clear upon Said lot of land three Acres fit for mowing or tillage, and build him an house thereon Suitable for a family to live in, and move thereinto with a family and reside there within twelve months from the Said 25th June 1778. then to have a grant from the Proprietors, he engaging to compleat the Settling duties as agreed upon by the other Settlers now residing in Said Bradford" It appearing to the Proprietors that the Said Whitcomb has made a Settlement and residence on Said Lot in Bradford, numbered thirty four, by himself and Son, and on Condition of his compleating the Settling duties agreed upon by the other Settlers residing in said Bradford—Therefore Voted that the right Title and Claim of the Proprietors in Said lot numbered thirty four be and hereby are granted unto the Said Reuben Whitcomb his Heirs and assigns for ever—

The meeting was adjourned to third instant nine of the Clock before noon, to be held at this place
a true Record attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met July 3, Aug. 25, Nov. 17, Dec. 31, 1794, Feb. 9, and March 9, 1795, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth March 16th 1795 Monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet accord-
ing to adjournment—

William Whipple and John Peirce Esqu^{rs} as a Com^{it}tee of the Proprietors, on the 21st day of April 1781, agreed to Sell to Daniel Young a lot of land in new Bradford, numbered ten containing one hundred twenty Acres, more or less; for the Consideration of three hundred Spanish milled Dollars, to be paid one half by the 20th day of June then next following, and the other half by the 20th day of November next, with Interest from Said 20th June; but if not paid in Said Manner, that agreement to be void—It appearing that Said

Daniel Young had paid William Whipple and Woodbury Langdon, forty Spanish Milled Dollars in part, on the 18th day of June 1781. and that he paid Woodbury Langdon fifteen pounds more, in part of Said three hundred dollars—and Since, the Said Daniel Young presented a Memorial to the Proprietors in August 1793. Shewing he had made Payment to William Whipple the sum of twelve pounds—and to Woodbury Langdon fifteen pounds; and to the Collector of Taxes three pounds, for Said lot—and that by his indigent circumstances was not able to procure money so as to compleat his bargain; and that the land by Survey, fell short twenty acres—He pray's the Proprietors would give up the residue of the Sum of Ninety pounds, being the purchase Sum agreed upon; and quiet him in the possession of Said lot of land—In August 1793 The matter was communicated to Sundry of the Proprietors at a Proprietors meeting, who then concluded to consent, that if said Young, will pay fifty dollars in the Fall 1793. and fifty dollars in the Fall 1794. that Said Young Should be quieted in his possession of Said lot—Said Young having paid the Said Sum of fifty dollars, and Richard Creecy, in behalf of said Young, paid the other fifty dollars to the Clerk of the Proprietors—The Said Young also requesting that the Said Proprietors would make a Grant of the Said Lot Number ten in New Bradford, to Richard Creecy, (instead of making it to him)—Upon Consideration of Performance of Said Payments before mentioned, and also that a Settlement has been made on Said lot—Upon the request of Said Daniel Young that a grant of Said lot Numbered ten be made to Said Richard Creecy—It is Therefore—

Voted that all the right Title and Estate of Said Proprietors in Said lot, numbered Ten, in New Bradford, computed one hundred Acres, be it more or less, be and hereby is granted to the Said Richard Creecy, to have and to hold the Same, to him and his heirs and assigns for ever, on the Terms and Conditions the other lots in Said new Bradford are granted and held by the Grantees—

The meeting was adjourned to monday the 4th day of may next, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—

a true Record Attest.

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

[The proprietors met May 4, June 1, and Aug. 3, 1795, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of) Portsmouth August 17th 1795. monday three of
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors Meet accord-
 ing to adjournment—

Voted that the Nineteen following Lots of Land in Ossipee Gore adjoining the Northerly side Line of Tuftonborough in the County of Strafford & State aforesaid be and hereby are granted & assigned by said Proprietors to Woodbury Langdon of said Portsmouth Esquire his heirs & assigns forever agreeably to his petition on file, which Lots contain One hundred Acres each & are Numbered Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eleven, Twelve, Sixteen, Seventeen, Eighteen, Forty seven, Forty eight, Forty nine, Fifty, Eighty four, Eighty three, Eighty five, & Eighty six, and also the following small gores on Tuftonborough line Viz. Thirty Seven Acres adjoining Lot N^o Sixteen, Eighteen Acres adjoining Lot N^o Forty eight, and Fifty eight acres adjoining Lot Number eighty four, in the plan of said Ossipee Gore taken and returned by James Hersey bearing date 1781—and on file in the office of said Proprietors which Land so granted and assigned amounting to Two thousand and thirteen acres shall be in full satisfaction and compensation of the said Langdons right and interest in the common Land in Mason's Patent so called claimed by him as set forth in his said Petition—

Voted that the Line run by James Hersey from the Northwesterly corner of Wolfborough to Moultonborough as the Northerly side Line of Tuftonborough be and hereby is established as the Boundary Line between the said Township of Tuftonborough and that Land in Ossipee gore surveyed by said Hersey & Laid out into one hundred acre Lots as by said Hersey's plan may be seen dated One thousand Seven hundred Eighty One hereby releasing & Quit claiming forever all Right Title & Interest to any Lands on the Southerly side of said Line in Tuftonborough to the Proprietors of said Tuftonborough their Heirs and Assigns to Enure to their use according to their several & respective Rights or parts therein, Always Excepting Two hundred Acres in the Northeasterly corner of said Township reserved, or conveyed to John Dudley and heretofore released by the Proprietors of said Tuftonborough and also any Lands that any of the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason may hold in severalty in said Tuftonborough—

The meeting was adjourned to 30th day of November next, monday three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—a true Record—

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met Nov. 30, Dec. 14, 1795, Jan. 11, and 24, 1796, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth February 22^d 1796 Monday three
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

A Committee and Selectmen of Lyndsborough, making application to the Proprietors, by Petition, requesting their approbation or determination of the place, for the Situation of the meeting house for publick Worship, and of the ten Acres of land reserved in the Grant of Lyndsborough for publick Uses—upon consideration of the ten Acres for publick uses, reserved in the Grant of Lyndsborough; and the Votes and Proceedings of the Grantees, and Assignees of Lyndsborough respecting the Location of Said reserved ten Acres, also their building a meeting house for publick Worship, on Lot numbered Seventy in the Second division of lots in said Lyndsborough Therefore Voted, that as far as the Interest of the Proprietors in the Said ten Acres of land reserved in said Lyndsborough for publick Uses, may be—that they confirm the Location thereof in Lot numbered Seventy in the Second division of Lots, including the land where the meeting house is now placed—

The meeting is adjourned to monday the 21st day of march next, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place
a true record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl—

[The proprietors met March 21 and May 2, 1796, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of } Portsmouth May 30th 1796 monday three of
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That John Samuel Sherburne John Peirce and Nathaniel A. Haven, be a Committee, to Ascertain what Quantity of Land of the Proprietors is now held in Common, the Situation Thereof, and report the Same at the adjournment That measures may be taken without delay to a Severance of the Same: and that the meeting be adjourned to monday the 6th day of June Ins^t, three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—The meeting was adjourned to Said time and place accordingly—

a true Record attest:

Geo: Jaffrey Prop^{rs} Cl

State of } Portsmouth June 6th 1796 monday three of the
 New Hampshire } Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet according
 to adjournment—

[Then follows the report of the aforesaid committee, and the division of the ungranted lands, principally in Ossipee, as printed in vol. 28, pp. 161-165.—ED.]

It was requested by the Proprietors that an entry may be made of the Proprietors who attended at this meeting [June 13], which were as follow's—viz^t—

George Jaffrey Esqu^r—

John Penhallow Esqu^r representing the Right of Richard Wibird

John Sam^l Sherburne for John Moffatt

John Peirce } for Right of Joshua Peirce & Rights of Daniel

Thomas Martin } Peirce & Mary Moore

John Peirce & } for Right of Thomlinson & Mason—

N. A. Haven } John Peirce for Right of Thomas Packer—

John Peirce for Mark H^s Wentworth

John Peirce & } $\frac{1}{2}$ of Right of Blanchard Meserve & C^o—

Thomas Martin } Daniel Rindge Esq^r Right of John Rindge

N. A. Haven $\frac{1}{2}$ right of Jotham Odiorne

The meeting was adjourned to the fifth day of September next, Monday three of the Clock afternoon, to be held at this place—
 a true Record—

Attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met Sept. 5, Nov. 28, 1796; Jan. 16, Feb. 6, March 6, April 10, June 5, July 10, Aug. 1, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 20, 1797; Jan. 1, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 14, June 18, July 23, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 31, 1798; Feb. 25, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 8, Aug. 5, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 25, Dec. 30, 1799; and Feb. 10, 1800, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of) Portsmouth April 7th 1800 Monday three of the
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon Proprietors meet according to
adjournment—

Voted, that whereas Ebenezer Colby undertook to Settle a lot of land N^o 11 in Bradford containing about one hundred Acres and did begin to clear and improve on Said lot, anno Domini 1773. and has continued residing on and improving Said Lot ever Since and built a Saw-Mill thereon—and whereas he has purchased of William Stanly that half part of a lot of land N^o 21 in Said Bradford adjoining Lot N^o 20, the Settling duty of which has also been fully performed by Said Colby—Therefore in Consideration of Said Settling Duty, building a mill and other Improvements performed by Said Colby and continued to this time—and that there be and hereby is granted to him the Said Ebenezer Colby all the Right and Title of Said Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esquire in New Hampshire in and to Said Lot of Land N^o 11 and one full half part of Said Lot N^o 21 adjoining Lot N^o 20 as aforesaid, in Said Bradford—To have and to hold to him the Said Ebenezer Colby and his heirs and assigns for ever—

The meeting was adjourned to monday y^e 14th day of July next, three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place
a true Record attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met July 14, Sept. 8, Oct. 20, and Dec. 1, 1800, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

State of) Portsmouth February 2^d 1801 being the first
New Hampshire } Monday in Said month three of the Clock after-
noon, Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Upon considering the Petition of Abner Watkins & others Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called Kiarsage Gore—

Voted—That Henry Gerrish Esq^r of Boscawen, be and hereby is appointed an Agent in behalf of this Propriety, to appear and join with the Selectmen of the Towns of Salisbury & Andover, for perambulating the Lines between said Towns & Kiarsage Gore, and endeavour to have the dividing Lines between the same, established agreeable to the original Charters of said Towns, at the Expence of this Propriety, so far as respects the Services, & Expences of the Agent aforesaid—

Upon considering the Petition of Jacob Brown & Joseph Fogg,

praying for a Grant of certain unappropriated Lands in Ossipee, for the purpose of aiding the Inhabitants of said Town towards building a Meeting house—

Voted That John Penhallow Esq^r John Peirce Esq^r and N. A. Haven be a Committee in behalf of this Propriety to convey all the Right and Title of this Propriety of, in, & to, four Lots of One hundred Acres each, lying on Conway Road, and a certain Gore of unappropriated Land in said Ossipee, to the Petitioners and others for the Use of the Inhabitants; the Avails of which to be appropriated solely to the purpose of building a Meeting House, and that said Committee take sufficient Security that the Avails thereof shall be so applied—and that a Return of their Doings be made to this Propriety—

The meeting was adjourned to Monday the 2^d day of march next three of the Clock afternoon to be held at this place—a true Record—

Attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop^r Cl

[The proprietors met March 2, April 13, June 1, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 12, and Nov. 30, 1801, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 70.]

State of New Hampshire

To George Gains Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace in said State—

The Subscribers, proprietors & owners of more than one sixteenth part of the common and undivided Lands in this state purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r deceased; commonly called Mason's Patent, which common & undivided Lands lie in sundry Towns & unincorporated places in the several Counties in the State, pursuant to an act of the Legislature, authorising them to hold their Proprietary Meetings in the Town of Portsmouth, & County of Rockingham, request you to notify & warn the Proprietors & Owners of the aforesaid common & undivided Lands, to meet at the Dwelling house of Seth Walker keeper of the Bell Tavern in Portsmouth aforesaid, on Monday the 5th of Sep^r next at three o Clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes—

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting—

2^d To choose a Clerk & Treasurer—

3^d To pass a vote or votes, directing what Papers relating to said Proprietary, & what former Proceedings of the Proprietors shall be received & recorded by the Clerk—

4th To ratify, confirm and establish, all or any grants, conveyances, divisions, & lottings, of any part of said Patent, and the drawing & severing of any Lots heretofore made, and all or any vote or votes by said Proprietary heretofore made, & passed, and that said Votes when so ratified & confirmed by said meeting, shall have complete validity & effect in and over the Proprietary & those claiming under them—

5th To sever & divide the whole or such parts of the Lands now owned by the Proprietors in such way & manner as shall be deemed most expedient, or to sell and convey such parts of the same as may be considered ineligible for a division—

6th To receive, examine, allow & pay all unsettled accounts now existing against the Proprietary—

7th To settle & establish a method for calling future meetings of the Proprietors—

Portsm^o August 8th 1803—

John Peirce
Th^o Martin
James Sheafe
John Jeffries by his
Attorney Jere^b Libbey
John Penhallow
Nath^l A. Haven

Pursuant to the foregoing request, I do hereby notify and warn the Proprietors & owners of the common & undivided Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r, commonly called Masons Patent, to meet at the Time and place aforesaid, for the purposes set forth in the above request to me directed—Given under my hand this eighth day of August 1803—

George Gains Jus Peace

[The foregoing petition and call were printed in the *New Hampshire Gazette* Aug. 9 and 16, 1803.—ED.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth September 5th 1803 At a
 Rockingham ss— } Meeting of the Proprietors, and Owners
 of the Common and undivided Lands, in the State of New Hamp-
 shire, purchased of John Tufton Mason Esquire deceased, commonly
 called the Masonian Proprietors, having met agreeably to the fore-
 going warrant at the Bell Tavern in Portsm^o,

Voted John Penhallow Esquire be Moderator of this Meet^s

Voted Jeremiah Libbey be Clerk of the Propriety who made
 affirmation for the faithful discharge of said Office

Before George Gains Jus Peace

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 19th Instant
 at 3 °Clock P. M then to meet at this place

John Penhallow Moderator

[The proprietors met at the Bell tavern Sept. 19, 1803, and Jan.
 2, 1804, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth, Monday January 16th 1804,
 Rockingham ss— } The Proprietors met according to adjourn-
 ment at 3 °Clock P M. at the Bell Tavern kept by Major Seth
 Walker—

Assa Butman of Greenfield, having made application to the prop-
 rietors to Purchase of them, their right in the Crochet Mountain
 (so Called) in Greenfield, and their Common land in said Town—

On Considering said Application

Voted That Mess^{rs} John Peirce and Nathaniel Appleton Haven,
 be a Committee, with full powers, in behalf of the proprietors, to
 examine into the situation of said lands, and if they consider it for
 the benefit of the proprietors, to have the same, or any part thereof
 sold, That they be, and hereby are fully authorised and Impowered
 to dispose of said Common land and Crochet Mountain, or either of
 them, and to Quit Claim said proprietors right by Deed or Deeds,
 for such sums of money and on such Conditions as they may Judge
 most for the Interest of the proprietors, and that they render an
 Account of their transactions respecting the same to the proprietors,
 as soon as may be that an entry thereof may be recorded—

Voted—That this Meeting, be adjourned to the first Thursday in
 February Next, being the 2^d day at 3 °Clock P M then to meet and
 be held at the Office of Jeremiah Libbey, on Vaughan Street in
 Portsmouth aforesaid

John Penhallow Moderator

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Thursday February 2^d
 Rockingham ss— } 1804—

Met according to adjournment at 3 °Clock P. M. at the Office of Jeremiah Libbey on Vaughan Street—

John Penhallow Esq^r the moderator not being present—

Voted, that Doctor Nath^l A Haven be Moderator Pro Tem—

Whereas, at the proprietors meeting held by adjournment, on the 16th day of January last Mess^{rs} John Peirce & Nath^l A Haven were appointed a committee to sell and dispose of all the Common land, belonging to the proprietors, lying near the Crotchett Mountain and in Greenfield, upon such terms and conditions as they should think expedient for the Interest of the proprietors, and it now appearing that there is more common land in the Towns adjoining viz^t in Frances Town, & Society, being the land lying on Crotchett Mountain aforesaid, which in a division of the Society lands made in the Year 1753 was reserved, and not Included in any proprietors right or share, as will appear from the plan of the Society Land.— Therefore

Voted, That the aforesaid Committee have full Power and Authority to sell and convey, the whole of the Common lands belonging to the Proprietors which was reserved in the Society land, and not divided in the severance made in the Year 1753 aforesaid, whether the same fall within the boundaries of the Town of Frances Town, Society, or other Towns adjacent or such part of said common land, and upon such terms and conditions as they may think expedient, and that they report their doings thereon as soon as may be.—

Voted, That all the Papers belonging to this proprietary, be properly sorted and fil'd, and that all the Plans, be carefully collected, and any that may torn or otherwise Injured, be repaired in the best manner they can be, and that the Clerk cause the same to be done at the expence of the proprietors.

Voted, That this meeting, be adjourned to the first Thursday in April next being the 5th day, at 3 °Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, and it is accordingly Adjourned—

Nath^l A. Haven Mod^r
 pro tempore—

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Thursday April 5th 1804.
 Rockingham ss— } 3 °Clock P. M.—The Proprietors met
 according to adjournment at the Office of Jeremiah Libbey.—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the second Thursday of
 June next being the 14th day then to meet at this place at 3 °Clock
 P M, and it is accordingly Adjourned

John Penhallow. Moderator

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Thursday June 14th 1804, 3
 Rockingham ss } °Clock P. M. The Proprietors met at the
 time and place according to adjournment, M^r Libbey the Clerk
 being absent—

Voted, That M^r Will^m Walker be Clerk Pro. Tem. and as there is
 no business of importance to be taken into consideration at this
 meeting

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the second Thursday of
 September next being the 13th day then to meet at this Place at 3
 °Clock P M and the meeting is accordingly adjourned—

John Penhallow, Mod^r

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Thursday the 13th of Sep-
 Rockingham ss— } tember 1804, 3 °Clock P. M—

The Proprietors met at the time and place agreeable to adjourn-
 ment—

The Committe who were appointed at the Meeting held in Janu-
 ary last, to examine into the situation of Certain lands lying near
 the Crotched Mountain (so called,) and Impowered to dispose of
 the same as will appear by the Vote, say they have not finished said
 business so as to make any regular report thereon at this meeting—

Therefore Voted, This meeting be adjourned to the first Thursday
 in January next, at 3 °Clock P. M then to meet at the Clerks Office
 on Bow Street in Portsmouth Aforesaid—and the meeting is ad-
 journed Accordingly—

John Penhallow Moderator

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Thursday the 3^d day of
 Rockingham ss— } January 1805. 3 °Clock P M.—

The Proprietors met at the time & place according to Adjourn-
 ment—

The Committe who were appointed at the Meeting of the pro-
 prietors held the 14th day of January 1804, to examine into certain

lands, belonging to the proprietors, and Impowered to dispose of the same, Verbally reported, That they had Sold a Certain tract, and had received some payment, and taken security for the balance due—but that they had not arranged the business so as to make report in writing at this Meeting—

The Clerk presented his Account for expences &c up to the first day of January Current Amounting to 29 dollars & 50 Cents. which was accepted, and

Voted, That the Committe John Peirce & N^a Haven Esq^r be directed to pay said Amount, out of the moneys in their hands, Arising from the sale of the land above alluded to—

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the first Wednesday in July next at 3 oClock P M. then to meet at this place, and it is adjourned Accordingly—

John Penhallow Moderator

[The proprietors met July 3, Aug. 7, Oct. 2, and Dec. 4, 1805, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Wednesday January 1st
 Rockingham ss— } 1806, 3 oClock P. M. The Proprietors
 meet according to adjournment at the time & place aforesaid—

It being represented to the Proprietors, that some person or persons have trespassed, by Cutting Timber, from the land owned by the Proprietary in the Town of Hopkinton—Therefore

Voted, That John Peirce and Nathaniel A Haven Esq^r be a Committee in behalf of the Proprietors to make the Necessary enquirys, respecting the Trespass, And that they be and hereby are fully Authorized and Impowered at the expence of said Proprietors to Prosecute any such Trespaser or Trespasers, (if they think there is cause of Action) And they are further Authorized and Impowered to Sell, and Convey by Deed or Deeds, all the right and title of said Proprietors to said Land in Hopkinton, to such Person or Persons, and for such sums, or Consideration as in their Opinion, shall be for the benefit of the Proprietors aforesaid, And that they make a Return of their proceedings, respecting this business to the Proprietors.

The Committee appointed at a Meeting of the Proprietors, on the second Tuesday of February 1801, authorizing them to Convey to Jacob Brown, and Joseph Fogg, certain lands in Conway, as described in said Vote.—

made the Following report Viz^t

Pursuant to the Authority vested in us by the within Vote, We the Subscribers on the 20th Feb^y 1801. conveyed by Deed to Jacob Brown and Joseph Fogg, four lotts of land of one hundred Acres each lying in Ossipee on Conway road and also a Gore of Land in said Town, and that we have taken a Bond from Jacob Brown that the proceeds shall be applied, as, directed in the Vote of the Proprietors, which Bond we now hand to the Clerk of the Propriety
 Portsmouth Jan^y 1st 1806.

John Peirce
 Nath^l A Haven

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to the first Wednesday in February next at three of the Clock P. M. then to meet at this place and the meeting is accordingly adjourned.

John Penhallow Moderator

[The proprietors met Feb. 5 and March 5, 1806, and adjourned without transacting any business.—Ed.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth March 19th 1806 Wednes-
 Rockingham ss } day, three of the Clock Afternoon, the
 Proprietors meet at the time and Place according to adjournment

Whereas a meeting of the Proprietors of Moultonborough is warned to be held at Moultonborough on the 24th Instant, and an article in the Warrant is to confer with a Committe which is or may be chosen by this Propriety respecting a Division of the Common Land in said Town—

Therefore Voted, That John Peirce and Nath^l A Haven Esq^{rs} be Agents in behalf of this Propriety, with full Power, to appear both or either of them, at said meeting, and to agree with the Grantees of Moultonborough, or with any Committe appointed by them respecting a severance of said Common land, reference being had both to Quantity & Quality, and to have that Part which may then be mutually agreed to be assigned to the fifteen original Grantors, divided into fifteen equal Parts, and make report of the same, that the same may be Divided among the Proprietors, Hereby granting to said Agents, both, or either of them, full Power to release and Quit Claim by deed or otherwise, all the Right of the Proprietors to the residue of said undivided Land—

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to the first Wednesday of May next at 3 °Clock afternoon then to meet at this Place—and the Meeting is adjourned Accordingly

John Penhallow Mod^r

[The proprietors met May 7, 14, and July 9, 1806, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 2, p. 77.]

State of New Hampshire } To George Gains Esquire one of the Justices of the
Peace in said State:

We the subscribers, proprietors and owners of more than one sixteenth part of the common and undivided lands in this State purchased of John Tufton Mason Esquire deceased commonly called Masons patent which common and undivided lie in sundry towns and unincorporated places in the several Counties in this State pursuant to an act of the Legislature authorizing them to hold their proprietary meetings in the Town of Portsmouth and County of Rockingham, request you to notify and warn the proprietors and owners of the aforesaid common and undivided lands to meet at Jeremiah Libbey Esquire's office on Bowstreet in said Portsmouth on monday the eighth day of December next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the following purpose Viz^t

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting:

2^d To choose a clerk and treasurer:

3^d To pass a vote or votes directing what papers relating to said proprietary and what former proceedings of the proprietors shall be received and recorded by the Clerk:

4th To ratify and confirm and establish all or any grants, conveyances, divisions and lottings of any part of said Patent and the drawing and severing of any lots heretofore made, and to establish and confirm any act doing conveyance or conveyances of any Committee of Committees of said Proprietors or of any person or persons acting by or under the direction of said Proprietors, and all or any vote or votes by said Proprietary heretofore made and passed and that said votes when so ratified and confirmed by said meeting shall have complete validity and effect in and over the proprietary and those claiming under them

5th To sever and divide the whole or such parts of the land now

owned by the Proprietors in such way and manner as shall be deemed most expedient or to sell and convey such parts of the same as may be considered ineligible for a division :

6th To receive, examine, allow and pay all unsettled accounts now existing against the proprietary :—

7— To settle and establish a method for calling future meetings of the Proprietors :

Portsmouth October 30 1806.—

John Peirce
John Penhallow
Nath^l A. Haven
John Jeffries by his At- }
torney Jeremiah Libbey }

Pursuant to the foregoing request I do hereby notify and warn the Proprietors and owners of the common and undivided lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esquire commonly called Mason's patent to meet at the time and place aforesaid for the purposes set forth in the above request to me directed :—

Given under my hand this thirty first day of October 1806.—

George Gains Jus Peace

State of New Hamp^r } Portsmouth Dec^r 8th 1806—The Proprie-
Rockingham 'ss— } tors meet at the time and place, agreeably to
the foregoing Notification,—

Voted, John Penhallow Esq^r Moderator—

Voted, Jeremiah Libbey Clerk and Treasurer who made Affirmation to faithfully discharge the trust—

before George Gains Jus Peace

Voted, That the method of calling Proprietors Meetings in future, may be, by a written application to the Clerk, signed by one or more of the Proprietors claiming one sixteenth part or more of the common Interest of the Proprietors, requesting such meeting, and the time & place when such Meeting is to be held, and it shall be the duty of the Clerk to give Notice of such Application by publishing the same in the New Hampshire Gazette three weeks successively before such Meeting is held,—

Voted, That this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 17th Instant at 3 °Clock, P M, then to meet at this place—

John Penhallow Mod^r—

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Dec^r 17th 1806 Wednesday
 Rockingham 'ss } 3 of the Clock in the afternoon, The proprietors meet at time and place according to Adjournment—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday next the 24th Instant at 3, °Clock P. M. then to Meet at this place—

John Penhallow Moder^r

State of New Hamp^r } Portsmouth Wednesday December 24th
 Rockingham 'ss } 1806—

The Inhabitants being alarmed with a destructive Fire in the Morning which occasioned the removal of the Proprietors Books & Papers from the Clerks Office some of the Proprietors Met at the Moderators Dwelling House on Islington road in said Portsmouth, at 3 °Clock in the afternoon and Adjourned the Meeting to Wednesday the 7th day of January 1807, at 3 °Clock afternoon then to meet at the Clerks Office as heretofore—

John Penhallow Moderator

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Wednesday January 7th
 Rockingham 'ss— } 1807 3 °Clock afternoon The Proprietors Meet at the Clerks Office according to Adjournment—

M^r Libbey the Clerk presented his Account amounting to 28 doll^{rs} 45 cents which was allowed—Voted That Mess^{rs} John Peirce & Nath^l A Haven be desired to pay M^r Libbey said sum of 28 doll^{rs} 45^{cts} and the same shall be allowed them out of the moneys in their hands belonging to the Proprietors—

Voted, That this meeting be Adjourned to the first Thursday in March next at 3 °Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place—

John Penhallow Moderator

Know all Men by these Presents That I John Moffatt of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Merchant for and in consideration of the love and affection which I have & do bear to my Grandson Samuel Sherburne of Portsmouth aforesaid Gentleman, Have given, granted & conveyed and by these presents, Do give grant and convey unto the said Samuel Sherburne his heirs and Assigns forever all my right Interest claim property and title of in and to all that tract or parcell of land lying and being in Mason's Patent so called in said State of New Hampshire and which

now remains in common and undivided among the proprietors of said patent being one fifteenth part of the whole of s^d tract of undivided Land which was purchased by said Proprietors of John Tufton Mason, To have and to hold the said granted premises with all the privileges and appertanances thereto belonging to him the said Samuel his heirs and assigns to his and their only proper use benefit & behoof forever, and I the said John Moffatt for myself my heirs executors & administrators do hereby covenant with the said Samuel his heirs ex^{ts} & admin^{rs} that untill the delivery hereof I am the lawful owner of said Premises and am lawfully seized & possessed thereof in my own right in fee simple, and have full power and lawful authority to convey the same in manner aforesaid, that the said premises are free & clear of all Incumbrances and that I my heirs Ex^{ts} & Admin^{rs} shall & will warrant the same to the said Samuel Sherburne his heirs & assign's against the lawful demands of all persons claiming from by or under me, In testimony whereof I the said John Moffatt have hereunto set my hand and Seal this sixth day of January A D one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six,

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of us—
Katha' Whipple
Sam'l Penhallow

John Moffatt

Portsmouth January 6th 1786—

Then the within named John Moffatt Esq^r personally acknowledged the within Instrument by him subscribed as his voluntary act and Deed—Before me—

Sam'l Penhallow Justice Peace

January 29th 1807 the foregoing is a true record of the Original Deed examined by

Jeremiah Libbey Prop^{rs} Clerk

State of New Hamp^r } Portsmouth Thursday March 5th 1807, 3 of
Rockingham 'ss } the Clock afternoon, The Proprietors met
according to adjournment,

The Committee appointed March 19th 1806 to Meet with a Committee of the Grantees of Moultonboro, and in behalf of this propriety to agree with and settle all disputes respecting a division of the Common land in said Town between the Grantors & Grantees, reported as follows Viz',

The Committee appointed by Vote of the Proprietors dated March 19th 1806 authorizing them to settle & agree with the Grantees of Moultonboro respecting a division of the common Land in that Town now report—

That having attended to the duties of their appointment by frequent conferances with a Committee appointed by the Proprietors of Moultonboro fully authorized for the express, purpose of agreeing with your Committee in the proposed division, and having caused such survey to be made, and such Plans to be procured, and other documents furnished, as would enable them to act as they deemed most beneficial, to the Propriety, have at length affected the object of their Commission by receiving from the Committee appointed by the Proprietors of Moultonboro a deed of Two thousand two hundred and fifty acres of Land, to be laid out in that quarter of the Town, adjoining Tuftonborough and Ossipee, in such form as is particularly, stated in the Deed, to which we refer, they further report that in consideration of deed of release from the Committee of the Propriety of Moultonboro your committee have by deed released and forever quitclaimed to the Proprietors of Moultonboro all the right and title which the Masonian Proprietors have to the remainder of the Common Land in said Town and your Committee further report, that considering the probable difference of quality in the Two thousand, two hundred and fifty Acres, now released to the Propriety they are of Opinion, and would recommend that the same be allotted into thirty Lotts of seventy five Acres each, and a plan of the Survey thereof be returned to the Propriety and severance made of them by drawing and assigning Two Lotts to the right of each of the fifteen original Proprietors—

March 5th 1807—

John Peirce

Nath^l A. Haven

Voted, That said report be accepted & that said John Peirce and Nath^l A Haven Esq^{rs} be requested to have the said Twenty two hundred & fifty Acres of Land surveyed and laid out into thirty lots of 75 Acres each endeavouring to have the Quality of each lot ascertained that in the draft among the proprietors, the division may be as equal as is practicable,—

Whereas at a Meeting of the Masonian Proprietors held prior to 1786 it was agreed & voted, That John Penhallow and John Peirce Esq^{rs} be a Committee to sell and Convey to Will^m Ramsey of Londonderry all their right to the reservation of One thousand Acres of Land which was reserved in the right of Thomas Wallingford Esq^r in that tract of Land call'd the Society land in the County of Hills-

boro: and State aforesaid and being all the same land more or less, that the purchasers of said Wallingfords right had laid out on Petreboro line, and whereas on examining the records of said Masonian proprietors no such Vote or agreement is recorded but the proprietors being satisfied that its not being recorded was an omission of the Clerks—

Now Therefore it is Voted and resolved, That the doings of said Committee and their Sale of said Land by Deed to said Ramsey is hereby approved and allowed, and the right and Power of said Committee is recognized and confirmed, that all the right of said Proprietors to said Land is hereby granted to said Ramsey and whoever may lawfully hold the same under him as tho the said Vote first mentioned had been recorded in due Season—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday the 18th of June next at 3 °Clock, P. M. then to meet at this place—

John Penhallow Moderator

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Thursday June 18th 1807, 3
Rockingham ss— } °Clock P. M. Met according to Adjournment

Voted Nathaniel A Haven Esq^r Moderator Pro Tem

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of October next at 3 of the Clock Afternoon, then to meet at the Clerks Office.

Nath. A. Haven Moderator pro temp:—

[The proprietors met Oct. 5 and Nov. 2, 1807, and adjourned without transacting any business.—ED.]

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Decem^r 7. 1807. being the
Rockingham ss— } first Monday, three of the Clock afternoon—

Met according to Adjournment—

John Penhallow Esq^r the Moderator being sick

Voted, That Nathaniel A Haven Esq^r be Moderator

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to Monday the 21st Instant, 3 °Clock afternoon, then to meet at the Clerks office.

Nath^l A. Haven Moderator

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth Monday December 21st
 Rockingham ss— } 1807 three of the Clock afternoon, met
 according to adjournment

Voted Nathaniel A Haven Esq^r Moderator—

The Committee appointed March 1806 respecting a settlement with the Grantees of Moultonborough relative to the common and undivided Land in that town, having since their Report of the 5th of March 1807, and agreeable to a Vote of the Proprietors at that time passed, caused the Tract of 2250 Acres released to them by the Grantees of Moultonborough to be surveyed and allotted into 30 lots of 75 Acres, and returned at this Meeting a Plan of the Survey thereof as made by Benjamin Cook also a Plan of the Survey of that Tract of land adjoining Moultonborough and the upper Division of Ossipee which remained undivided among the Proprietors which also was surveyed by the said Benjamin Cook—

Voted, Therefore that the Plan of each of the aforesaid survey's be now accepted—

Voted, That the proprietors will at this Meeting proceed to a Draft and Division of each of the above described tracts of land and the draft which shall be made shall be a complete and entire severance and Division of the same among the Proprietors their Heirs and Assigns—

Voted—That John Peirce & N. A. Haven be a Committee to assort the 30 Lots in Moultonborough into 15 Shares having reference in the assortment to the Quality as reported by the surveyor

Voted—That John Peirce and Nath^l A. Haven be a Committee to assort the 43 Lots lying in Ossipee and the Tract of land adjoining Moultonborough and upper division in Ossipee into 14 Shares having reference both to Quality and Quantity according to their best Judgement and Information—

which Committee as above having assorted the 30 Lots in Moultonborough into 15 Shares and the 43 lots in the tract of Land adjoining Moultonborough and the upper Division of Ossipee into 14 Shares, the Proprietors proceeded to draw for the same, by causing the Names of the 15 Proprietors Rights in Moultonborough to be put into one Hat, & the 14 Shares into another Hat the same were drawn out by M^r Daniel Brown and M^r William Brown two Persons no ways interested in this Propriety, and the draft was as follows Viz^t

first drawn to the right of Thomas Packer Esq ^r	N ^o 20	& N ^o 16
2 ^d drawn Richard Wibird	13	4
3 ^d Mark H ^s Wentworth Esq ^r	29	12
4 Theodore Atkinson	1	26

RECORDS OF MEETINGS.

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6	.	.	.	John Wentworth	.	.	8	.	6
7	.	.	.	Thomas Wallingford	.	.	17	.	30
8	.	.	.	Joshua Pierce	.	.	28	.	18
9	.	.	.	Thomlinson & Mason	.	.	15	.	21
10	.	.	.	D. Peirce & M. Moore	.	.	7	.	24
11	.	.	.	Solly & March	.	.	14	.	27
12	.	.	.	Blanchard & Meserve	.	.	19	.	3
13	.	.	.	Jotham Odiorne	.	.	11	.	25
14	.	.	.	George Jaffrey	.	.	2	.	5
15	.	.	.	John Moffatt	.	.	10	.	22

they then proceeded in like manner respecting the 43 Lots in Ossipee and the draft into 14 Shares was as follows Viz^t—

First drawn to the Right of Geo: Jaffrey N° 142, 90 Acres, N° 121 131 Acres, N° 158, 40 Acres—

2^d Thomas Wallingford—N° 150—N° 131—& N° 146—

3^d John Rindge—N° 124—N° 147—94 Acres N° 155, 71, Acres—

4, Richard Wibird—N° 128—N° 129—35 Acres N° 135—

5, Daniel Peirce & Mary Moore N° 132—N° 120—N° 140—

6, John Moffatt—N° 130, 110 Acres, N° 153, 84 Acres, N° 139, 95 Acres

7, Jotham Odiorne N° 137—N° 125—N° 141—

8, Mark H^s Wentworth N° 144—N° 126, N° 154, 44 Acres—

9, Solly & March—N° 151—N° 159, 70 Acres, N° 122, 64 Acres N° 138, 79 Acres—

10, Theodore Atkinson, N° 119, N° 152, 97 Acres, N° 160, 48 Acres

11, Blanchard & Meserve—N° 127, N° 136 & N° 143, 68 Acres

12, Thomas Packer—N° 123—N° 149—& N° 148 67 Acres—

13, Joshua Peirce—N° 118—N° 156, 97 Acres and N° 134

14, Thomlinson & Mason N° 145, N° 133, and N° 157—

all the numbers in the foregoing draft, that have not the number of Acres affixed to them, are lots of 100 Acres each—

Voted—That this Meeting be adjourned to the first Wednesday in May next at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at the Clerks Office—

Nath. A. Haven Moderator—

To John L. Hayes Esq

One of the Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Rockingham—

The undersigned respectfully represent that they with others are Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in this State, purchased of the late John Tufton Mason, Commonly Called the Masonian Proprietors, and that the Proprietors of Said land have failed to hold their annual meeting and they have no mode for Calling a Special Meeting, wherefore they request you to Call a meeting of the Proprietors of Said Common land agreeable to the statutes in such cases made and provided.—

Signed

{ W. H. Y. Hackett
J. W. Peirce
Alex^r Ladd

State of Newhampshire }
Rockingham ss.—

To the Proprietors of the Common and undivided Land in Newhampshire purchased of the late John Tufton Mason, commonly called Masonian Proprietors Greeting

You are hereby notified that a Meeting of Said Proprietors will be holden at the Counting room of Alexander Ladd in Portsmouth in said County of Rockingham and state of Newhampshire on Saturday the fifth day of September A. D. 1846 at four o'Clock in the afternoon.—

Given under my hand and Seal at Said Portsmouth this 3^d day of August 1846

(Signed) John L. Hayes Justice of the Peace,

I Charles W. Brewster, publisher and proprietor of the Portsmouth Journal printed at Portsmouth in said County of Rockingham, depose and Say that the foregoing application and warrant was published in said Portsmouth Journal on the 8th day of August 1846 and the three following Saturdays

(Signed) Charles W. Brewster

State of Newhampshire } Sept 5, 1846 Then Charles W. Brewster above named personally appeared and made oath that the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed is just and true

Before me

W. H. Y. Hackett
Justice of the Peace

At a meeting of the Masonian Proprietors holden at the office of Alexander Ladd Esq on Saturday the fifth day of September A. D. 1846 agreeably to the foregoing notice, proceeded to ballot for a Proprietors Clerk when it appeared that Joshua W. Peirce was unanimously chosen and was immediately sworn to the faithful discharge of the office as follows—namely

State of Newhampshire } September 5, 1846 Then the above
 Rockingham ss.— { named Joshua W. Peirce made Oath that
 he would faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the
 duties incumbent on him as Clerk of the Masonian Proprietors,
 according to the best of his abilities, agreeable to the rules and
 regulations of the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New-
 hampshire.

Before me

W. H. Y. Hackett Jus Peace

It was then voted to proceed to the Choice of a Moderator,

Voted—And unanimously Chose Alexander Ladd, Moderator—

Voted—That Mess Alexander Ladd, W. H. Y. Hackett & J. W. Peirce be a Committee to prepare rules and regulations for the government of their Proprietors Meetings.—

Voted—That this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 15th Instant then to Meet at the same place at 3 o'Clock P. M.

A true record, Attest

J. W. Peirce Prop^rs Clerk

State of New hampshire } Portsmouth, Tuesday Sept 15th 1846.—
 Rockingham ss.— { The Proprietors met according to ad-
 journment

The Moderator took the oath of office—on Motion

Voted—That the Bye Laws presented by the Committee appointed for that purpose be accepted and adopted, and are as follows, namely—

1 There shall be a Moderator who shall be elected by ballot and Major Vote at the annual Meeting which shall be holden in Portsmouth on the third Monday of January annually, and who shall preside at the annual and Special Meetings of the Proprietors.—

2 There shall also be a Clerk chosen in like manner at the annual Meeting who shall be sworn faithfully to record the proceedings of the Proprietors at the annual and other meetings, and who shall call the annual Meetings at the time required by the Bye Laws and Special Meetings in Accordance with the votes of the Proprietors.

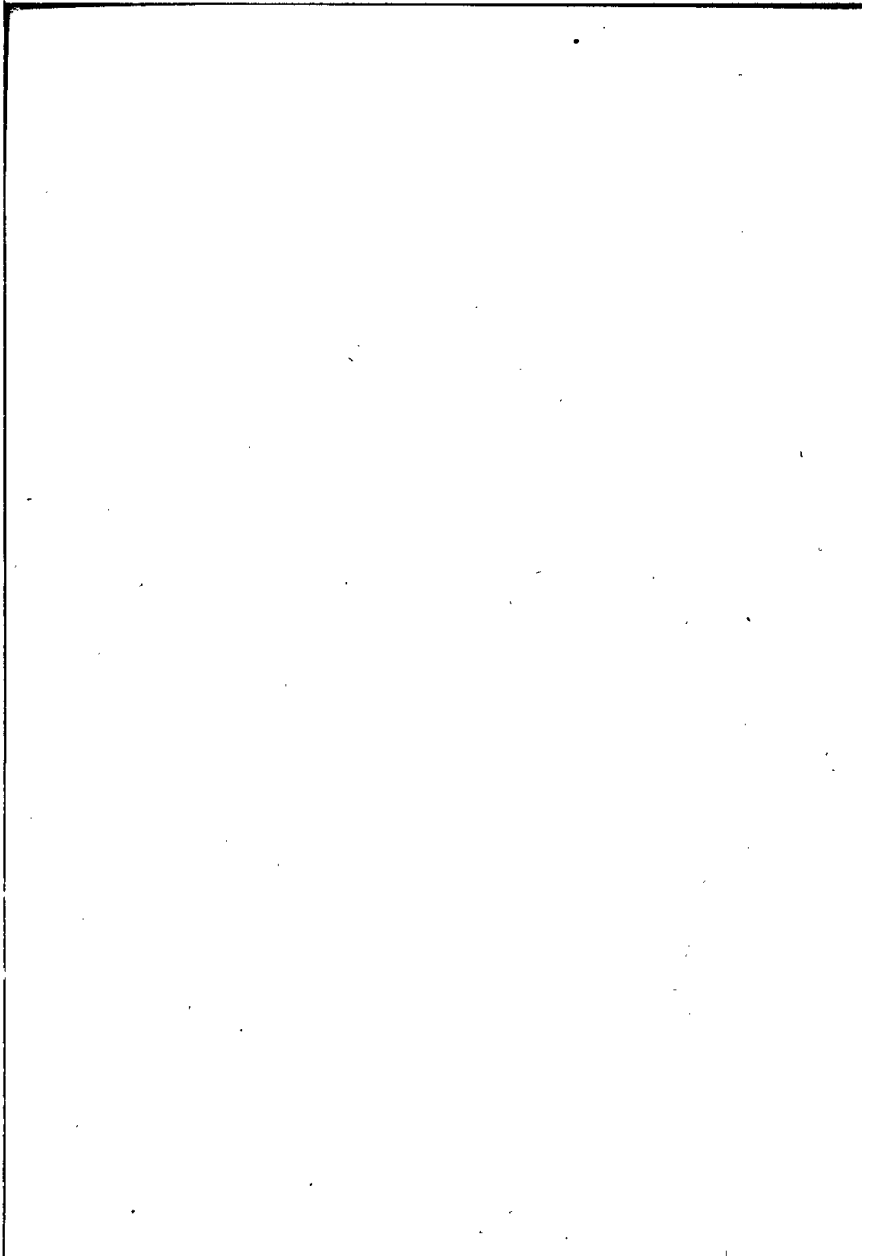
3 The Proprietors shall meet monthly, on the third Monday of each, and until otherwise ordered by a two thirds vote of the Proprietors.—

Voted That this meeting be adjourned

A true Record, Attest

J. W. Peirce Props Clerk—

APPENDIX.



APPENDIX.

[*Mason's Offer to the King, 1681-2.*]

[English Archives, Colonial Papers, Vol. 48, p. 7.]

M^r Mason's Proposal to His Ma^{ty}
To the Kings Most Ex^t Ma^{ty}

May it please your Ma^{ty}.

Whereas y^r Ma^{ty} hath been pleased to appoint Edw: Cranfeild Esq^r to be Command^r in Cheif of y^e Province of New Hampshire whereof y^e propriety of Soyl is vested in me by a grant from yo^r Ma^{ty} Royall Grandfather And as I am fully sencible of y^e advantages that will arise unto me in p^{ar}ticular by the influence of yo^r Ma^{ty} Royall protection & Govern^t as well as onto all other of your Ma^{ty} Subjects in that province who have been so lately relieved by yo^r Ma^{ty} great grace & favour from y^e oppression of their Neighbours.

To the end therefore the Charge of y^e Govern^t may be made most easy unto y^r Ma^{ty} as I am cheifly concern'd therein so I think myself in gratitude & duty obliged to contribute a considerable p^{ar}t of my own estate and lawfull Inheritance towards y^e maintenance of your Ma^{ty} Govern^t who shall reside there; And therefore I do freely and in all humility make offer unto your most sacred Ma^{ty} of one fifth p^{ar}t of all Rents Revenues & Profits arising or w^{ch} shall arise unto me by virtue of my propriety as well in that p^{ar}t of y^e Province now under your Ma^{ty} obedience as in that other p^{ar}t hitherto unjustly detained from your Ma^{ty} and myself by y^e Gov^r & Comp^a of y^e Massachusetts Bay (for w^{ch} I am yet a Pet^r unto your Ma^{ty}) to be applied for & towards y^e Support & maintainance of your Ma^{ty} Govern^t or Command^r in Cheif residing in the Province.

And whereas wth y^e propriety of Soyle there is also granted unto me All prerogatives, Royalties &c. whereby as I am advised I am intitled to all fines & forfeitures accruing in y^e Province, I do most humbly Surrender & give up unto y^r Ma^{ty} y^e right of all such fines & forfeitures hoping & humbly praying that yo^r Ma^{ty} will be graciously pleased to allot the same for the better support & publick uses of y^e Govern^t:

And I humbly presume to add that when your Ma^{ty} shall have enabled y^e sd M^r Cranfeild to go and settle himself in the possession of y^e Govern^{mt}. The Councill & Assembly will in a Short time raise and establish such further additionall Revenue as will be to yo^r Ma^{ty} great Satisfaction, & answer y^e whole Charge & expence which shall be necessary to maintain & support yo^r Ma^{ty} Authority & Government there

All w^{ch} is most humbly submitted to y^r Roy^{ll} Wisdom

Robert Mason.

[Endorsed]

M^r Mason's Proposall to his Mat^{ty}

Read Jan^y 23 1681

[*Surrender of Revenues to the King, April 1, 1682.*]

[English Archives, Colonial Papers, Vol. 48, p. 51.]

M^r Mason's Surrender of Lands of Inheritance.

To All to whom these p^{ts}ents shall come Robert Tufton Mason of London Esq^r sendeth Greeting Whereas the said Robert Tufton Mason is Proprietor and seised of or lawfully entituled unto the fee simple and Inheritance of all that Province or Tract of Land in New England in America com^{only} called by the name of Newhampshire lying between the Rivers of Naumkeck and Pascataway and of all fines and forfeitures which shall happen or arise within the said Province Now KNOW yee that the said Robert Tufton Mason being fully sensible of the advantage that will arise to him in particular, by his Ma^{ty} Protection and Government, as well as others in the said Province who have been lately relieved by his Ma^{ty} great Grace and favour from the oppression and usurpation of their Neighbours And to the End the Charge of Government may be made more easy to his Ma^{ty}, hath granted surrendred and yeilded up and by these presents Doth grant surrender and yeild up unto his Ma^{ty} his heires and Successors all fines and forfeitures which shall arrise or happen in or upon all or any part or parts of the said Province and p^{misses} belonging to the said Robert Tufton Mason, to the Intent the same may be applied and disposed for and towards the better support and maintenance and publick uses of the Government of the said Province And the said Robert Tufton Mason upon the Considerations and for the purposes aforesaid Doth further by these p^{ts}ents for him and his heires promise grant and agree to and with his most

Excellent Ma^{ty} his heires and Successors that He the said Robert Tufton Mason his heires and assignes shall and will also for ever hereafter pay and deliver or cause to be paid and delivered to his Ma^{ty} Governor of the said Province for the time being one full fifth part (the whole in five parts to be divided) of all such rents Revenues and profitts as shall from time to time arise to or be made by the said Robert Tufton Mason his heires or assignes out of or for or by reason of the said Province, lands and premisses and every or any of them

In witness &c hereof the said Rob. Tufton Mason hath hereunto Set his hand and Seal the 1 Day of Aprill in the 34th year of the Reign of o^r Sove^r Lord Charles the Second King of England &c. An^o Dom. 1682.

I approve of this draft

R. Sawyer

[*Answer of Elias Stileman to Mason's Claim, November 15, 1682.*]

[Belknap's History of New Hampshire, Farmer's Ed., p. 461.]

The answer of Elias Stileman, to the summons from the Hon. Edward Cranfield, Esquire, governor of his majesty's province of New-Hampshire, in N. E. in pursuance of the method which his majesty hath been graciously pleased to prescribe in his commission.

PORTSMOUTH, the 15th of November, 1682.

May it please your Honor,—In obedience to your command, that I should render a reason why I refuse to pay quit-rent unto Robert Mason, Esq., (as he titles himself) for my house and lands, and take deeds from him for the confirming of the same, I answer as followeth:

1stly. Because my said land I bought and paid for. The title unto which is successively derived unto me from those that have possessed it, without any claim for at least these 50 years, upon which I have built at my own charge without any interruption, and am in the possession thereof, as my own. As to what is said in the commission, concerning Mr. Mason's proprietors, with all due submission to his majesty, I conceive it implies rather his claim than a positive determination of his title.

2dly. I humbly conceive, that, being in possession of what I have bought and built upon, it rests upon the claimer to make out his title, (if he have any by law) begging the favor of an English subject

therein, that it may be first tried upon the place, according to the statute law, and the opinion of his majesty's judges in England, and this before I am liable to pay quit-rent, and take deeds of confirmation from him.

3dly. Should Mr. Mason obtain his demands, myself and the rest of the inhabitants would be undone forever, for then all his, granted to him, which he calls commons, being out of fence, which yet hath been bounded out by the several towns, and possessed by them for these 50 years, and improved for the maintenance of their cattle both winter and summer, and for timber and fire wood, without which there is no living for us, it being impossible for us to subsist upon that, which, in the commission is called gardens, orchards, if he may have the disposal of the rest.

4thly. The said Mason speaks of many thousands of pounds expended upon the place, which with submission cannot be made out, and if it could, what then have the poor planters expended in so many years labour since their first sitting down upon it, when they found it an howling wilderness and *vacuum domicilium*, besides a great expence of blood and estate, to defend it in the late Indian war, nor can they to this day, make both ends meet, by all their labour and frugality, and therefore must needs sink under the exaction of such a proprietor.

5thly. The land which Mr. Mason claims as proprietor, is the land on which such vast expense hath been laid out by his grandfather Capt. John Mason, for the peopling of it, and the land from whence his said grandfather's servants were violently driven out, or expelled by the inhabitants of the Massachusetts, but upon this land there was no such expence laid out by his grandfather, Captain John Mason, for the end aforesaid, nor is this the land from whence any servants of his said grandfather were so expelled, and therefore, we, that are possessed of this land, are not concerned in his claim, he hath mistaken his province, and may endeavour to find it some other where, for here is no such place.

6thly. If Mr. Mason had a patent here, why did he not take possession in the day thereof? If he were in possession, why did he not keep it still? None ever drove him out as he informs; had he been once settled, he might to this day have kept it, as the rest of the inhabitants have done, without the least molestation, but I am humbly of opinion, that if he, the said Mason, or any of his heirs came hither, they only came as many ships did to Newfoundland and to this country, to make a fishing voyage or beaver trade, and that being at an end, departed, and left their room to the next taker.

This is the sum of what I have at present to answer, humbly re-

questing of your honor, the stating of the case, with your opinion thereupon, to his majesty as the commission directs; and when his majesty shall, in his wisdom and justice, see meet to order an hearing of the matter in his courts of judicature, upon the place, before a jury of uninterested and indifferent persons, which may be had out of the neighboring province, (and possibly Mr. Mason may think not attainable in this province, wherein all persons are concerned,) as he hath been pleased to do by that part of Mr. Mason's claim, which lies under his majesty's government of Massachusetts, I hope to be able upon these and other grounds so far to make out my title as to be held unblamable, before God and man, for not complying with his demands. Or, if I should see cause to appeal to his majesty and honorable council, that I shall be put beyond all need of paying quit rent to the pretended proprietor.

Thus begging your honor's favor, I subscribe,

Sir, your humble servant,
E. S.

[*Answer to Mason's Claim.*]

[Belknap's History of New Hampshire, Farmer's Ed., p. 459.]

(In Mr. Weare's hand writing, but without date or signature.)

It does not legally appear, that Mr. Mason can lay any just claim to any of the lands in New-Hampshire, for what right he pretends, is either derived from Capt. John Mason, (whom he says was his grandfather) or from his majesty's commission: but presume from neither of these has he any right. Not from Capt. John Mason; for 1. It does not legally appear that ever he had any right to the province of New-Hampshire. It is true there is a copy of a patent or deed from the council of Plymouth, which he brings over without attestation of public notary, or any other authority. Besides, in said copy there is not the least intimation of any hand or seal to the original, and there is two men that swear this is a true copy of the original, which plainly demonstrates that the original is but a blank; the truth whereof we are the more confirmed in, because it is not rational to imagine, that Mr. Mason would come from England to prosecute a right, and not bring with him what he had to make good his claim, but having nothing but blank copies, he could bring no better than he had, which cannot be looked upon as authentic, in any court.

2. If it should be supposed that ever Capt. John Mason had a right by patent, yet it does not appear how Robert Tuffton Mason (as the plaintiff calls himself) derives a title from him, either as his heir, executor, or administrator, or by deed of gift; all that we can hear in court is, that the plaintiff calls himself Capt. Mason's heir.

3. If the plaintiff, or his ancestors, ever had a title to the lands he claims, by patent from the council of Plymouth, yet they have lost it by non-use, for they never attended the ends of granting patents, by king James, of blessed memory, in his highness' patent to the great council of Plymouth, which was the peopling of the land, enlarging the king's dominions, propagating the gospel, conversion of the heathen—the native proprietors, &c. Now, the plaintiff, nor ancestors, never planted this province, nor expended any thing upon it, to the upholding of it, in peace nor war, but the present inhabitants did, either by themselves or predecessors, purchase their possessions from the natives, and by their permission did sit down upon the land, and manured, to the vast expence of above 50 years time, in hard labor, and expending upon it their whole estate. And in the late Indian war, did defend it against the enemy, to the loss of many of their lives, and considerable part of their estates, without any assistance from Mr. Mason, who now claims not only what poor people have purchased and labored hard upon, but also conquered or relieved from cruel attempts of the barbarous heathen, and we conceive we were under no obligation to run such adventures to make ourselves slaves to Mr. Mason.

4. It does not appear that there was a quorum of the great council of Plymouth, to the making of Capt. Mason's deed, according to the patent granted to the great council of Plymouth, which renders his claim unvalid, if ever any thing in that kind was done, which we question.

From what is said, we humbly conceive Mr. Mason has no right from Capt. John Mason.

And that his majesty's commission does neither give nor confirm any title to the lands claimed, we prove;

(1) We humbly conceive that his' royal majesty, who is so prudent a prince, and so solicitous for the peace of his subjects, would not have left that matter doubtful, to his subjects of this province, but rather have told us, that he had given all the lands to Mr. Mason, but there is nothing of gift, to him, in the commission, and *if his majesty had*, (which we cannot believe he would) we should crave the benefit of the statute in the 17^o of Charles the first, which says, No king and council can alienate lands but by due course of law. But we were never yet heard, and when it comes to legal trial,

we presume the law of possessions will confirm our lands to us, seeing we have had peaceable possession 50 years.

(2) If his majesty had given the lands in the province to Mr. Mason, what can be understood by that clause in the commission, 'That in case the inhabitants shall refuse to agree with Mr. Mason, then the governor shall interpose and reconcile all differences, if he can, but if he cannot, then to send the case, fairly stated to England, that his majesty and privy counsel, might determine according to right;' which we humbly conceive puts a bar to any legal proceedings, until his majesty's mind be further known therein. The inhabitants have offered their reasons to the governor according to commission, which he will not admit of, only did take of one, viz. Capt. Stileman, and promised to send them to England, but we can hear of no answer, and much fear his neglect.

(3) His majesty in his commission, says, 'To prevent unreasonable demands, that may be made by Mr. Mason, for the right he claims,' which claim may prove good or bad, when it comes to trial. We understand, to claim and to have, are different things.

(4) His majesty intimates in his royal commission, by what title Mr. Mason does claim, viz. by a grant to his ancestors, 'who improved and possessed the province with great expence, until molested and finally driven out;' but this province cannot be concluded to be the place he claims, until he make these circumstances appear, which we are sure he never can do.

Now, Mr. Mason, not producing any original deed for any of the lands of this province, nor authentic copies, the inhabitants cannot make any compliance with him, both, because we see no right he ever had, or believing if ever any was, he hath mortgaged it already in England, and so alienated what right he had.

Although upon the former grounds, we have good plea against Mr. Mason's claim, yet we did not see cause to join issue, not only because judges and jurors were not qualified according to law, all of them being picked for espousing Mr. Mason's interest, by the governor's order, who has a mortgage for 21 years from Mr. Mason, for all the lands in the province; but also because we were willing to attend the methods, prescribed by his majesty, in his royal commission.

[*Act for Sale of Lands to Proprietors, June 17, 1788.*]

[Acts, Vol. 5, p. 425.]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight—

{ L. S. } An Act empower and authorise certain persons therein named to convey to the Persons commonly called the Masonian Proprietors, all the Interest and title of the said State in and to the Lands lying between the Curve line claimed by said Proprietors as the head line of Mason's Patent and a straight Line lately run by order of the General Court of said state; and to accept certain securities therefor in behalf of said State.

WHEREAS by a Vote of the house of Representatives concurred in the Senate, it has been determined by the General Court to release to the said proprietors all the right Title claim Interest and demand of said state in and to the Lands aforesaid, on condition said Proprietors secure to the State the payment of forty thousand Dollars in State Securities, and eight hundred Dollars in Specie therefor, and whereas the said Proprietors by their agents have in writing declared their acceptance of the terms and conditions aforesaid in order to a final Settlement of the controversy been the State and said Proprietors respecting the said Lands, therefore in order, and to the Intent that said agreement be compleated,

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, that Thomas Bartlett Dudley Odlin and Archchibald M'Murphy Esquires, Be and they hereby are appointed a Committee or Agents on the part and behalf of the State to release quit Claim and convey to the said Proprietors all the right Title Interest Claim and demand of said state in and unto the Lands aforesaid, with full powers and authorities to them or the major part of them, to make and execute any Deed or Deeds, for the Purpose aforesaid which Deed or Deeds shall be valid and effectual in Law to all intents and purposes to convey to said Proprietors their Successors Heirs and assigns forever all the Right Title Interest Claim and Demand of said state to the Lands aforesaid—And also they or the Major part of them to receive and accept from said Proprietors or their Agents security or Securities for the payment of the sd forty thousand Dollars in State Securities and eight hundred Dollars in specie aforesaid for and in behalf of the State.

State of New Hampshire } In the House of Representatives June 17th 1788.

The foregoing bill having been read a third time Voted that it pass to be enacted

Sent up for concurrence

Tho^s Bartlett Speaker.

In senate June 17th 1788. This bill having been read a third time Voted that the same be enacted.

John Langdon President

Recorded according to the original Act under the State Seal.

Attest Joseph Pearson Sec^y

[*Act for Levying Taxes, June 18, 1788.*]

[Acts, Vol. 5, p. 429.]

State of New Hampshire

In the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight

{ LS } AN ACT to authorize and empower certain persons calling themselves the Masonian Proprietors, who have by their agents purchased of the State a release of its claim to certain Lands herein after described to raise Levy and collect such sums of money as they may find it needful to raise for certain purposes therein expressed, by sale of the said Lands

WHEREAS said proprietors have by their agent petitioned the General Court, respecting, that at a Legal meeting they appointed and empowered said agents to settle in their behalf, their controversy with the State of New-Hampshire respecting the title to the lands between the curve line (so called) of Mason's patent, and a sraight line lately run by order of the General Court. That said agents have agreed upon a sttlement of said controversy, with said General Court, by which Settlement certain Sums of money are to be secured and paid to said State, and said proprietors are to have a release of all the State's title to said Lands. That said Settlement has been and still must be attended with the expence of considerable sums of money on the part of said proprietors and that said sums to be paid to the State as aforesaid, are yet to be Raised, all of which ought to be paid by said proprietors in propotion to their several

and respective interests and estates in said Lands. But that there is a doubt whether said Lands (many of which are now holden by said Proprietors in severalty) can by the Laws now in force be effectually charged therewith; and said sums corceively collected by sale of the same; praying that clear powers and authorities may be granted them for that purpose; which prayer appearing reasonable;

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, that the said proprietors shall have power and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any legal meeting to agree upon and Vote to raise such sum or sums of Money, as they shall Judge necessary then to be raised for defraying the said expences, and paying the sums to be paid to the State as aforesaid. And the whole interest and estate of each of said proprietors in the Lands aforesaid, as well all that part reserved to, or holden by each one of them in severalty, as that part of said estate which is held by each in common and undivided, not bona fide and for a valuable consideration sold and conveyed, shall be liable to pay and stand charged with his part and propotion of any sum or sums of Money which may be agreed upon, and voted to be raised as aforesaid. And the assessors who shall be chosen to assess and proportion the same to and among the proprietors shall proceed to do it according to the severall and respective interests and estate of each proprietor in the lands aforesaid. And set such assessed proportion to each of said proprietors, and commit a list thereof with a warrant or precept to such person as may or shall be chosen to collect the same; therein setting forth his duty agreeably to this act, the time for completing the collection, and to whom the money is to be paid. And such collector shall upon receiving the same, give notice of such assment and of the place where the sums assessed will be received by him, by an advertisement published in the New Hampshire Gazette for three weeks successively, and also that if payment shall not be made accordingly, that the money will be levied by sale of so much of any part of the estate and interest in said Lands either common and undivided, or severed, reserved or divided of any proprietor who shall continue for the space of fourteen days after the last week of notice, To neglect payment as aforesaid; after which Time the said Collector shall advertise for sale, so much of the said Lands common or severed, or both, of such delinquent or neglecting Proprietor as will pay the sum assessed on him as his proportion as aforesaid, and the reasonable incidental charges, by giving six weeks notice of such Sale, by publishing the same in the news Paper as aforesaid, and in case the neglecting or delinquent proprietor shall still neglect to pay said sum assessed to him as afore-

said with the incidental charges, both which he may pay at any time before the sale; then the said Collector, shall on the day appointed and advertised, proceed to make Sale at Public Auction, of so much of said delinquent proprietor's said Land either held by him in common or in severalty, or both, as will pay said assessed Sum and the reasonable incidental Charges as aforesaid. Provided the Sale be made between the hours of ten of Clock in the forenoon and six of the Clock in the afternoon. And the said Collector is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a good valid conveyance of all the estate and interest of such delinquent Proprietor in the Lands sold, to the purchaser or purchasers:

Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, that each Proprietor whose lands shall have been sold as aforesaid, his heirs or assigns, shall have the liberty of redeeming any of his lands sold as aforesaid, at any time within the term of two months after the sale thereof as aforesaid, he or she paying to the purchaser the full sum in money at which said land was sold, the interest thereof to the time of payment, and all reasonable charges.

And be it further enacted, that at all meetings of said proprietors, each proprietor shall be admitted, and have a right to vote according to his or her interest, and Votes shall be computed accordingly.

Provided always that nothing in this act shall extend, or be construed to extend to or effect the Title of any lands, not including between the Curve and straight lines, therein mentioned and described.

State of New }

Hampshire { In the House of Representatives June 18th 1788—

The foregoing Bill having been read a third time voted that it pass to be enacted. Sent up for concurrence

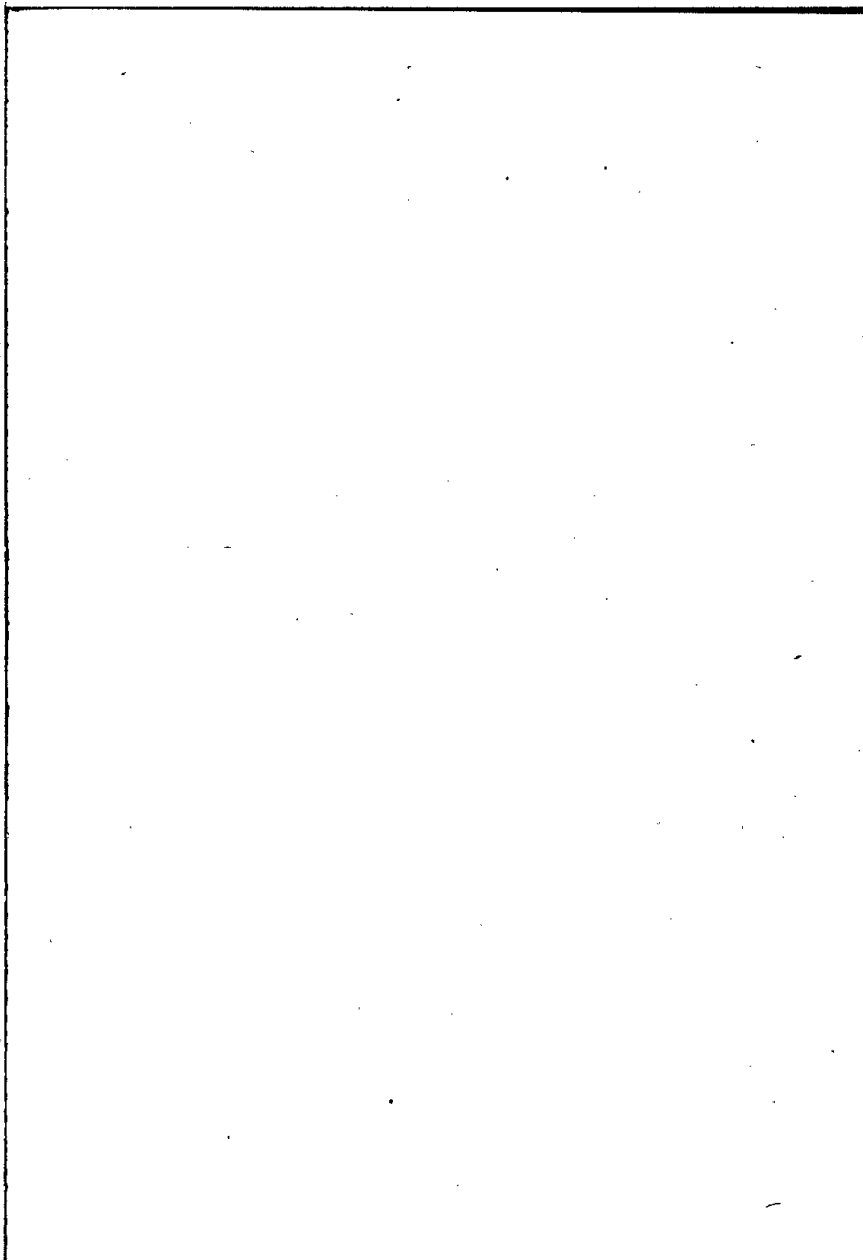
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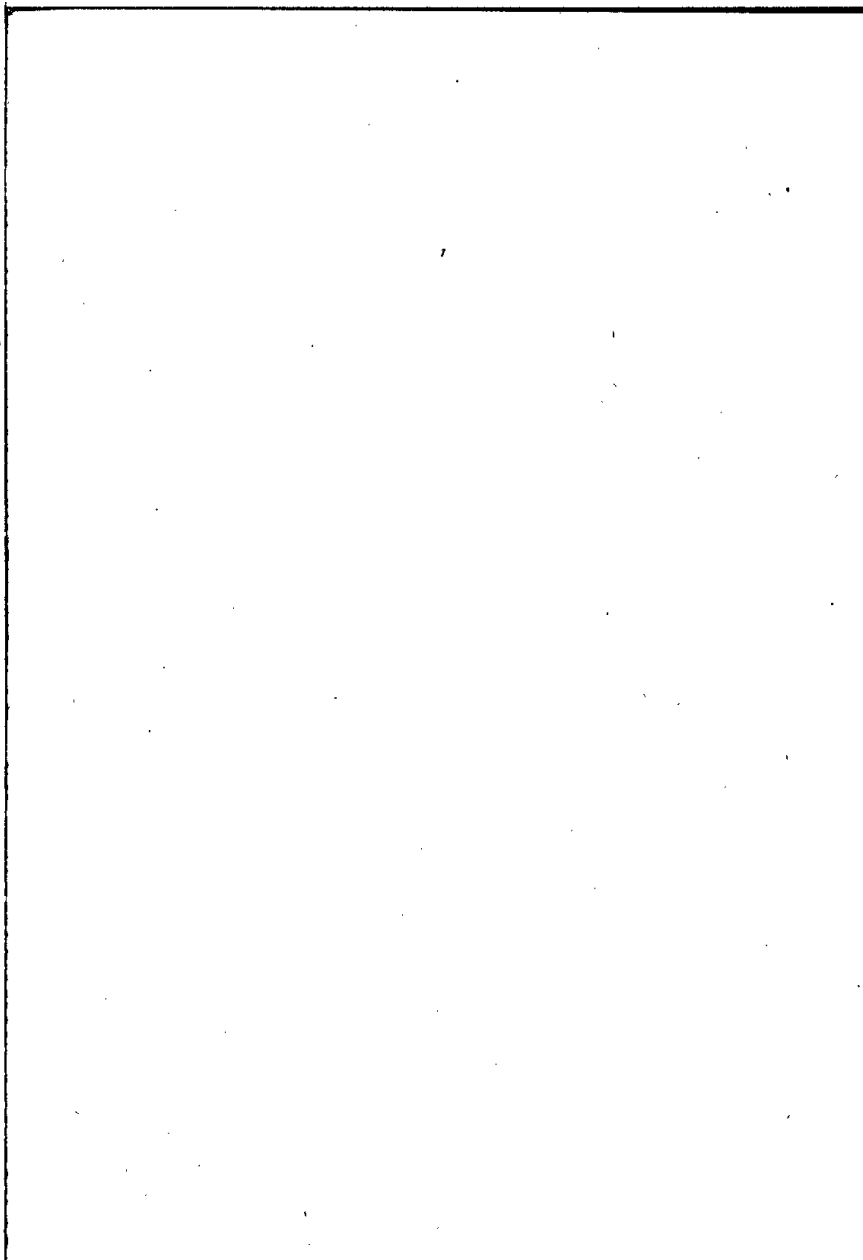
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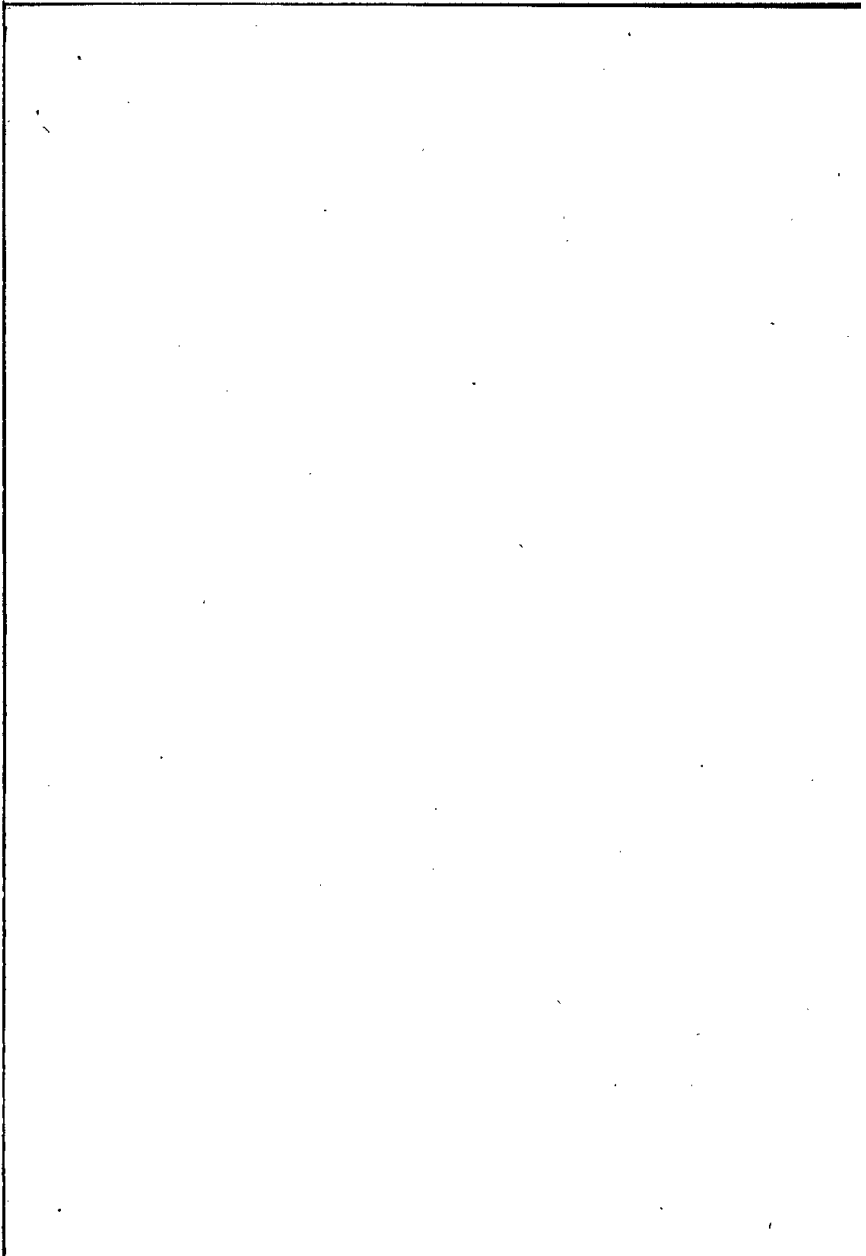
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P R E F A C E .

In the introduction which preceded the principal text in volumes twenty-seven and twenty-eight of this series of state publications, which were also designated as Masonian Papers, particular attention was called to two elements in New Hampshire history, viz.:—the controversy over the boundary between this province and the colony of Massachusetts Bay, and the controversy over the Masonian claim in its various forms and aspects. No less essential to an apprehension of correct theories as to the developmental history of the province is a recognition of the inter-relation of these two controversies, the identity of interests involved in them and which were constantly moving upon events, and were potent in the accomplishment of the most important results exhibited in the building of this commonwealth. A collection of the documents relating to the former subject, the boundary line controversy, is given in volume nineteen of this series. The papers there presented and the authorities cited afford the material for the study of this subject, or direction as to where it is accessible, with reference to the probable requirements of investigators.

A similar collection of documents relating to the Masonian claim, its origin, its persistent prosecution in varying degrees of vigor and success, both in the courts of the province and in those of the mother country, its status and character as a factor in political and business affairs, the changes in its proprietorship, the eventual qualified recognition of its validity, and its relations with the fundamental titles to a large part of the territory included within the present boundaries of the state, has long been a recognized desideratum in the documentary history of the province and state.

In so far as this deficiency had been already met in the volumes of this series previously published, the result was necessarily fragmentary and desultory. Documents presented in the earlier volumes, edited by Dr. Bouton, were for the most part those found in the state archives. Incidentally with the material of later volumes, largely legislative and executive journals, papers relating to the Masonian claim are incorporated, and are of unquestioned importance as constituting parts of the entire body of Masonian documents. The editors of the early volumes containing these

papers were at a serious disadvantage owing to the fact that a considerable part of the documents which may be described as Masonian, were in private custody and inaccessible as regards public examination and use.

In 1746, if it be permissible to recite here facts of such common knowledge, a number of gentlemen of the province obtained a conveyance of the Masonian title by purchase from John Tufston Mason, an heir sixth in descent from John Mason, the original proprietor. With the muniments of title, a valuable and interesting mass of documents passed to the new proprietors. They were not a corporation in the sense in which the term is now used, but rather an organized association of joint owners. They had a recording officer, and a record of their transactions was continued until all the lands of the proprietary had been disposed of and their business concluded. The early history of this title includes a number of patents. The collection of these papers given in this volume is as complete as modern investigation in American and foreign archives has made practicable. For convenience and completeness of record the charter to the Council of Plymouth is given first place in the order of arrangement. The body of this volume is divided into two parts, the first containing the several patents and other instruments above referred to as constituting the basis of the title of John Mason to that portion of New England established as the province of New Hampshire, and the second containing the records of the associated proprietors, with accompanying documents of a general nature relating to the title in its various stages and conditions of progress in its own history and in the history of the province and state.

It will be noted that many papers relating to this subject, which have appeared in previous volumes of the state publications and which are accessible in other places of reference and custody, are described and cited in their proper consecutive order. It must be remembered that the early history of the Masonian title is largely involved in the history of the beginnings of the settlement of the New Hampshire towns and of the province. Hence all the histories of that period, so far as they relate to New Hampshire distinctively, or to New England, with any special reference to this province or to its early towns, are indispensable as commentaries on and treatment of the principal subjects of these documents. Equally important, in the same connection, are a number of conspicuous biographies of men of large influence in the early years of New England and New Hampshire. Of the former class the work of Dr. Belknap is still without a rival as an authority upon the period of which he treats; and, of the latter class, are the admirable biographies of John Mason and John Wheelwright, the former the work of Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Dean, and the latter from the pen of Governor Bell. Upon an examination of these narratives and of the

Masonian documents, it will be observed that the history of the title is traced through periods in which it was a remarkably active element in the progress of events, while in other intervening periods it would seem to have been comparatively quiescent and obscure. Such an interval followed the death of John Mason in 1635. In the years immediately prior to the establishment of the province in 1679 and until the death of Robert (Tufton) Mason, grandson of the proprietor, in 1688, this subject was of overshadowing importance in the political concerns of the people, in their courts, and indeed in respect to the immediate title to and possession of the homes which they had established.

The establishment of the province government was due to the activity and influence of Robert (Tufton) Mason in the revival of the Masonian claim. This influence dominated the selection of royal appointees for the administration of the province and their conduct in office. The heirs of Robert Mason, being minors, allowed the people a respite from the agitation and further enforcement of their rights for the time being. This period, however, was of short duration. In 1691 their title was transferred to Samuel Allen by a valid conveyance, as it was considered, the formality of docking the entail by fine and recovery in the court of king's bench in England having been observed and pursued, the lands which were the subject of the proceeding being considered by a fiction of law as lying in England, in the parish of Greenwich.

Many years later the validity of this proceeding was questioned, and it was treated as invalid, both on technical and material grounds.

Mr. Allen procured a commission as governor of the province in 1692. The prosecution of his claim (for a time after that date known as the Allén title) was thereupon energetically renewed and persistently continued during succeeding administrations in the province until the death of Thomas Allen, in 1715, son and heir of the governor. Another interval of subsidence of the agitation of this interest ensued. The forceful activity of the Masons seems to have been transmitted from generation to generation. The next revival of their efforts to enforce the title emanated from John Tufton Mason, advantage having been taken of the defect in the Allen title before adverted to, and the entail having now been docked in the local courts of this jurisdiction. A sequence of this movement on the part of Mr. Mason was the sale to a number of gentlemen, who, in the parlance of the present day, might, perhaps, be termed a syndicate. The personal character, the financial resources, the social and political connections of these men, and the well-conceived method of their association afforded the Masonian title a status which it had never before gained and occupied with the people and with the several departments of government in the province. The associ-

ation controlled resources which enabled them to formulate far-reaching plans and to carry them into successful execution. They manifested singular wisdom and tact in their dealings with the people, both in individual and political relations. It was inevitable that they should sooner or later encounter antagonisms of a potential and dangerous character. Men of less influence, less wealth, and less steadfastness of purpose, men less closely identified with the various forces which moved upon the opinions of the masses and influenced the attitude of courts and the action of legislatures, would have failed in this enterprise, long discredited and still burdensome, hazardous, and unpromising. Their administration of their rights as successors to the Masonian interest was judicious and conciliatory.

However promising the outlook may have been for the new proprietary in the early years of their administration, the future was pregnant of difficulty. The historic line which was supposed to bound their grant on the west and northwest may be traced on the map which accompanies volume twenty-six of this series.

In almost forty years succeeding 1746, the course of affairs with them was comparatively uneventful. Soon after the Revolution, however, and at almost one and the same time, they were assailed from two directions. The Allen claim was revived with much apparent determination, and another and adverse construction of the terms of the patent in relation to the specifications of boundaries was asserted on behalf of the state. The nature of both claims is fully disclosed in the records and documents which follow. The proprietary did not resort to protracted litigation, or prolong the issue in the legislature. Compromises were effected, both with the state and the Allen interests, but only by a very large outlay on the part of the proprietary. The state's contention, advanced in the general court, was that there was no warrant for the assumption that the Masonian boundary on the northerly and westerly sides was a curved line. The running of a straight line between the two terminal points of this curved line marked off a considerable area, which, in the state's construction of the terms of the patent, would belong to the public instead of to the proprietary. The deed of the state to the proprietors, June 18, 1788, and the deed of the Allen heirs to the proprietors, January 28, 1790, will be found hereinafter on pages 340 and 345, respectively.

From this time onward to the conclusion of the record, the history of the proprietary and of the Masonian title pertains mainly to the routine of business, resulting finally in the disposal of their holdings and a practically complete execution of their undertakings with respect to the territory included in the Masonian patents.

A few years since, Mr. William M. Sargent of Portland, Me., who was engaged in the examination and transcription of records for the publications known as "York Deeds" and "Maine Wills," discovered, in the custody of Moses A. Stafford of Kittery, an ancient sheep-bound folio manuscript of eighty-four pages, which, for nearly two centuries had been in the custody of descendants of Lieut.-Gov. John Usher. The book contains certified copies of many documents relating to the Masonian claim. Mr. Sargent is of opinion, based on careful investigation, that these papers were used in the trials of the cases, *Mason v. Waldron*, at New Castle, 1683, *Allen v. Spencer*, at Wells, 1704, *Allen v. Waldron*, at Portsmouth, 1707.

This collection contained several valuable additions to be made to the published literature of subjects of which they treat. Several of these papers are incorporated in this volume, with special designation of the source from which they were obtained.

No record or copy of the conveyances made in mortgage or in some other form for the security of Lieut.-Gov. Cranfield, of which mention is made by Dr. Belknap (*History of New Hampshire*, Farmer's edition, p. 96), has been discovered, though diligent search has been made in the land and court records in this country and in England.

The greater part of the documents here presented are from the collection which came to the custody of the state from Robert Cutts Peirce of Portsmouth in 1891. This has supplied material which has been the basis and principal feature of the three volumes now published and designated as "Masonian Papers." Two of these volumes were devoted to the township charters issued by the Masonian proprietary, while the papers of a more general nature, pertaining to the subject, were reserved to this, the third volume of the Masonian series.

In relation to the two grants of New Hampshire and Masonia to Capt. John Mason, both of date April 22, 1635, the student of these documents should read the note of explanation on pages 216-218 of Tuttle and Dean's life of "Capt. John Mason," published by the Prince Society, 1887.

The plan adopted for this work has not contemplated the incorporation of numerous or extensive explanatory and historical notes. It has, however, required methodical and logical arrangement of the material, fidelity in the transcription and in the imprint, and the addition of accurate and exhaustive indexes, whereby every feature of the collection, every material fact, and every name, may be readily and certainly found and made available to those who have occasion to consult the work.

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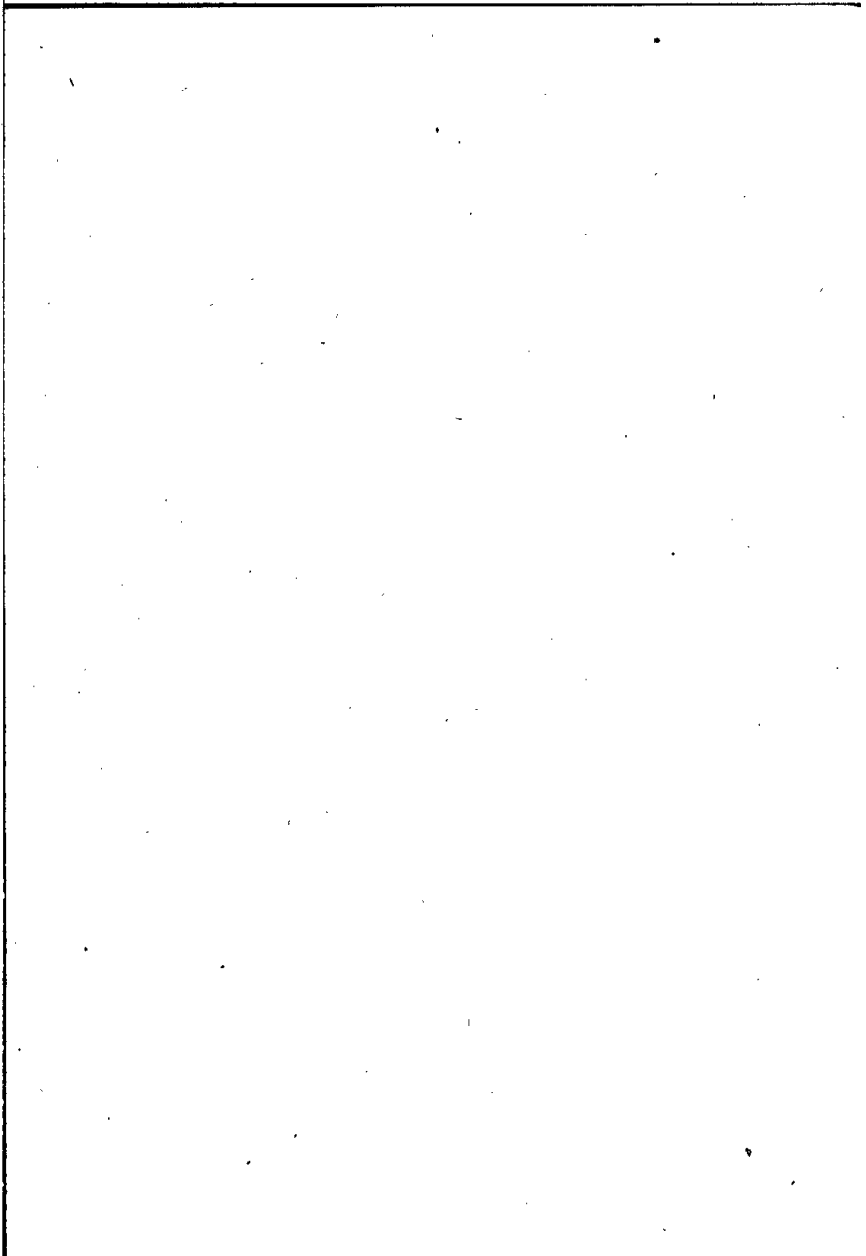


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