

- 18th ~~At a~~ Silvester Brownell, Humphrey Maccumber, Benjamin Cory, Lemuel Sowle, Benjamin Brownell, Senior, Nelson Purby, Abner Potter, Justice Purby, John Mosher, Govt Cornell, Thomas Cornell, William Sifton, George Lantorn, Maryona Devol, John Tibbits, Joshua Pettis, Edward Boomer, & Henry Tibbits Chosen Surveyors of highways, and were all sworn excepting Humphrey Maccumber. April 6th Humphrey Maccumber sworn.
- 19th Voted, that for the amending the highways and town ways within the town of Westport, for the year ensuing, the sum of seven Hundred Dollars, be assessed on the polls and Rateable Estate Real & personal, of the Residents and non Residents, of the town of Westport, as the Inhabitants are by law assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors deliver a list of the persons and the sums at which they are assessed, to each Surveyor for his Limits, according to Law, and as soon as may be.
- 20th Voted that fifty Cents, be allowed for a days work for a man or a pair of oxen on the highways, and that seventeen Cents be allowed, for a Cart or a plow one day.
- 21st Upon Collecting sorting and Counting the Votes for County Treasurer it appeared that Apollas Leonard Esq^r had 22 Votes for County Treasurer.
- 22nd William Abney Esq^r Chosen agent, to look up the town stock already provided, and to deposit it together in some safe and suitable place, under his Inspection, also to look up the weights and measures, belonging to said town, and authorized to Collect and pay into the treasury, all Debts and Balances, of what kind soever, that is due to said town, that is not committed to the Constable to Collect.
- 23rd Voted that the Select Men be Required, to Call all those to an account who have trespassed by Cutting wood or timber on the Highways or town ways, or Infringed upon the Rights and privileges of said town in any other way.
- 24th Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday y^e 14th day of May next, at ten of the Clock, in the fore noon, then to meet at this place and it was adjourned accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport Qualified agreeable to the Constitution and held at the town House, in said town on Monday the second day of April, AD 1798, for the purpose of giving in their Votes, for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Senators and Councillors for the District & County of Bristol, Agreeable to the Constitution, The Votes being Collected sorted and Counted by the Select Men, it appeared that, Increase Sumner had 27 Votes for Governor Moses Gill had, — 27 Votes for Lieutenant Governor. — and declaration made thereof by the Select Men, in town Meeting Agreeable to the Constitution, —

Also upon Collecting, sorting and Counting the Votes for Councillors and Senators, it appeared that, Elisha May had. — 29 Votes, Seth Smith Jun^r had, 29 Votes. and declaration made thereof accordingly —

At a Meeting for the purpose of Choosing one Grand Juror for the year ensuing, and for drawing one petit juror to serve at the Next Court of Common Pleas, the said meeting being held at the town House in Westport on Monday y^e 2nd day of April AD 1798. —

Lemuel Sowle was Drawn Grand Juror
and Benjamin Brownell, Drawn Petit Juror. —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport Qualified, agreeable to the Constitution and held at the town house in said town on Monday y^e 14th day of May AD 1798 for the purpose of Voting for a Representative, to Represent the town of Westport, in the General Court of this Commonwealth, agreeable to the Constitution, upon Collecting sorting and Counting the Votes, it appeared that William Abney Esq^r had 15 Votes (it being the whole number given in) and was Chosen, and declaration made by the Select Men thereof accordingly. —

William Abney town Clerk. —

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport Qualified agreeable to Law to Vote in town Meeting, held at the town House in town on Monday y^e 2^d day of April 1798, and Continued by adjournment to Monday y^e 14th day of May following, Met according to adjournment Voted, that the Resurvey of the highway, that goes South on the West side of the River, from the highway that goes to Hikes Bridge, down to the South side of John Davises land, done by the Select Men August 8th 1797, and by presented by them to this Meeting, be accepted by the town, and that it be lodged in the town Clerks Office, as part of the Records of this town —

Noted that the Return of the Resurvey, of the way, on the East Side of the River, from Elijah Giffords land Northward, done by the Select Men August y^e 12th 1797, and presented by them to this meeting, be accepted by the town, and that it be lodged, in the town Clerks Office as part of the Records of this town —

Noted that, the Resurvey of the way from Abial Maccumbers homestead farm, Notherly to Abial Davises, done by the Select Men September y^e 1st 1797, and presented by the Select Men to this Meeting be accepted by the town, and that it be lodged in the town Clerks office, as part of the records of this town —

Noted, that the Return of an open highway laid out by the Select Men, on the 12th day of May 1798 by Job Wilks to Henry Howlands and the Country Road, and presented by them to this meeting, be accepted by the town and that it be lodged in the town Clerks office, as part of the Records of this town —

Noted that the Returns of the Ways, within the town of Westport, Copied from the Records of the town of Dartmouth, by Abner Brownell who was appointed by the town of Westport a Committee for that purpose, And presented by him to this meeting, be lodged with the town Clerk for the use of this town —

Noted to accept the list of Jury men presented to the town by the Select Men, and that one fourth be Selected, for the Box for the Supreme Court, which was done & accepted by the town, and they were put into the Boxes Accordingly —

The Committee appointed by the town, on the second day of April last, to examine, and allow Account, brought against the town reported, that they had attended that service, that after giving due Notice, they met agreeable to appointment, at the dwelling house in Westport ~~and~~ Abner Brownell, on Monday y^e 7th day May Inst, and examined the Accounts, and allowed to the several persons, named in a list presented with their Report, the sums set against their names, Amounting in the whole to the Sum of, Eight Hundred & three Dollars and Sixty one Cents,

Noted to accept the Report of the Committee of Accounts, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the Accounts allowed by them, which Accounts when paid shall discharge him of so much money that he shall have received of the town —

Also the Committee agreeable to their appointment Reported that they had examined the Accounts of the town treasurer for the year past, and found that the treasurer had Received for the town since the last Settlement with him, the Sum of — — — — — $\begin{matrix} \text{£} & \text{Doll.} & \text{Cts} \\ 83 & 6 & 95 \end{matrix}$ — — —

And that he had paid out as by his Accounts — $835 = 28$ — — —

Leaving a Ballance in favours of the town of — $1:67$
The further reported, that there was a Ballance against the town of Westport, at the Settlement the last year between the sums allowed against the town and the sums ~~applied~~ ^{paid} for their payment, $\begin{matrix} \text{Doll} & \text{Cts} \\ 21 & 33 \end{matrix}$ —

and that the Accounts allowed against the town is — $803 = 61$ — — —

Amounting to the sum of — — — — — $8,24:94$

And that there has been ~~applied~~ ^{paid} for this pay — $859 = 24$

Leaving a Ballance in favours of the town of — — — $34 = 30$

The Committee also reported, that at this time of the Settlement with the treasurer, it appeared by the treasurers Book that there was in the hands of Thomas Woodle Collector of taxes for the town of Westport, the Sum of — — — — — $\begin{matrix} \text{Doll} & \text{Cts} \\ 89 & 68 \end{matrix}$ —

Noted that the Select Men, be Requested to hire a town School kept agreeable to law, and that the districting the town, and the time and manner of keeping the School, be left to the discretion of the Select Men — — — — —

Voted that there be raised by way of tax, on the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport, for supporting the poor and other Charges of said, for the year ensuing the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars, to be Collected and paid into the town treasury within one year from the time of passing this Vote, and the Officers of said town are hereby directed, to Assess the same in the way and manner that other taxes are by law Assessed, and deliver a list thereof to the Collector of said town, as soon as Conveniently may be, requiring him to Collect and pay over the same accordingly. ---

Voted that the treasurer be directed to ~~have~~ execution, against the Collector for the sum he shall be deficient, if any, at the expiration of the year; unless he be directed by the Major part of the Select Men, to suspend ~~and~~ his execution, which Suspension shall at no one time exceed three Months. ---

Voted that John Gifford be Constable and Collector of taxes for the town of Westport for the year ensuing, and that he be paid two p^{ts} C^t, on the Money he shall Collect and pay into the several treasuries, as he shall be directed by his Warrants, he to procure sufficient Bondsmen for the performance of his trust and was sworn accordingly. ---

Noted, that the providing for, and supporting the poor, be left to the Discretion of the Select Men, to vendue or otherwise as they shall think for the interest of the town, having regard to the Comfortable Support of the poor. ---

Job Almy and Nathaniel Herby chosen field drivers and Nathaniel Herby sworn, ---

Job Almy chosen hog reeve ---
Silvester Brownell, George Brownell Cooper, Joseph Gifford
Lemuel Soule, Job Almy, Samuel Willcox and John Herby
Chosen a Committee to oversee the Fishery ---

Daniel Tripp sworn Cordwainer and measurer of Wood, and Culler of Dry fish,

At a town meeting held at the town house in Westport on day of September A^d 1798, for the purpose of drawing one man for the purpose of serving as a Petit Juror at the Court of Common pleas, and General Sessions of the peace September term A^d 1798, -- John Wait was drawn accordingly.

At a town Meeting for the purpose of drawing one Man to serve on the Grand Jury at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton October term A^d 1798. --- and also to draw one person to serve on the petit jury at the same Court, -- Cap^t. Isaac Gory was drawn to serve as a Grand Juror & Nathaniel Herby Blakemuth, was drawn to serve as a Petit Juror at the said Court. ---

At a town Meeting, held at the town house, in Westport, on Monday, the fifth day of November, A^d 1798. for the purpose of drawing one man to serve on the Petit jury December term of the Court of Common pleas, to be held at Taunton --
Wegdon Potter was drawn, as aforesaid. ---

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport in the County of Bristol, being, in the third Southern district of this Commonwealth, Qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court, said Meeting being warned as the law directs, and holden at the town house in said Westport on Monday, the fifth day of November, A^d 1798. -- being the first Monday of said Month, for the purpose of giving in their Votes, for a Representative, to Represent, the third Southern District of this Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, Votes for the following persons, were given in, sorted and Counted, and Record & declaration thereof made, in open town meeting, as by Law Required,
Namely Stephen Bullock Esq^r had 7 Votes
Laban Wheaton Esq^r had 1 Vote ---

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport, in the County of Bristol, being in the third Southern, district of this Commonwealth, said meeting, being warned as the law directs, and holden at said Westport, on Thursday the 17th day of January A^d 1799, for the purpose of giving in their Votes, for a Representative, to Represent, the third Southern District in the Congress of the United States, Upon Collecting sorting and counting the Votes it appeared that Stephen Bullock Esq^r had 8 Votes being the whole number given in, and declaration made thereof by the Select men accordingly

At, a Meeting, legally warned and held at the town house in Westport, on Monday y^e 1st day of April A^d 1799, for the purpose of drawing one person to serve on the Grand Jury at the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the year ensuing, and also to draw two persons to serve as Petit Jurors, at the next Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of the peace ----- Roger White was drawn to serve as Grand Juror, and, Abial Macomber y^e 2^d and, Joshua Devol, Petit Jurors. &c

At a Meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport, on Monday y^e 1st day of April A^d 1799, for the purpose of giving in their Votes, for a Representative, to Represent the third Southern District of this Commonwealth in the Congress, of the United States, Upon Collecting, sorting and counting the Votes it appeared that Stephen Bullock Esq^r had 104 Votes, and was recorded, and Declaration made thereof by the Select Men accordingly

At a meeting of the male Inhabitants, of the town of Westport, in the County and District, of Bristol, Qualified agreeable to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, to Vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Representatives the said meeting being warned and held, at the town house, in said town on Monday the first day of April A^d 1799, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor, & Lieutenant of the Commonwealth, and Senators and Counsellors for said District, Votes for the following persons were given in. Sorted & Counted and declaration made thereof by the Select men according to the Constitution - Namely Increase Sumner, 51 Votes for Governor.

Moses Gill - 51 Votes for L. Governor.
Elisha May had 79 Votes Samuel Tobey 3 Votes William Ahmy 79 Votes
for Senators & Counsellors ~~and Senators~~ and declaration was made thereof in town meeting. accordingly

- To John Gifford Conotable of the Town of Westport You are ^{hereby} required in the name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitation of Said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings, viz. such as pay to one single tax besides the poll or polls, a sum equal to two-thirds of a single poll Tax, to meet and Assemble at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the first day of April next at 9. O. Clock A. M. To act on the Following Articles
- 1st To Choose all Town Officers as by Law required
 - 2^d To Choose such Committees as may appear necessary for carrying into effect all Legal and necessary Rules and Regulations, and for Conducting the prudential affairs of the Town together with allowing or disallowing accounts brought against the Town
 - 3^d To Conclude in what method to support the poor of said Town the Year ensuing.
 - 4th To Conclude what method to proceed in, the Year ensuing in regard to a Town School or Schools.
 - 5th To approve or disapprove, of the returns and alterations of highways or town ways, together with the resurveying and dividing the highways which is the division line, between this town and Dartmouth. that the same may be of Record, which was perambulated the Year past.
 - 6th To Conclude, whether those, who have used, or improved any of the towns property, or infringed on any of the privileges of the Town, shall be Indulged therein, or in what way they shall be called upon, for pay, to answer the demands of last year and for the future
 - 7th To conclude, what method to proceed in, the year ensuing, in regard to the repairing of highways.
 - 8th To agree upon what sum of money, to raise by way of Tax, for the year ensuing, for the support of the poor and other Necessary expenses, And to know, whether the town will Consider it for the Interest of the town or not, that the Assessors be directed to make the tax, by a certain time, and the Collector to pay it into the treasury by a certain time, and if he does not complete the Collection, within two months after the time set, then he shall be holden to pay Interest, for all the money that remains behind, untill he does pay it, and that all those who have demands, allowed by the town shall be entitled to Interest, thereon after the expiration of said two months, allowed to the Collector

And of this warrant with your doings thereon you are to make return, unto the town Clerk at or before said first day of April Given under our hands & seals this 21st day of March A.D. 1799.

Abner Brownell Roger White Select men of Westport

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants, of the town of Westport met at the town house, in said town, on Monday y^e 1st day of April AD 1799, and proceeded to act on the business mentioned in said Warrant as follows

- 1st William Army was chosen Moderator of said meeting,
- 2^d William Army was chosen town Clerk, for the year ensuing & sworn.
- 3^d Abner Brownell, Roger White & Silvester Brownell Chosen Select Men.
- 4th William Army, was chosen town treasurer & to have one & one fourth, per Cent upon the money he shall receive in & pay out. & sworn.
- 5th John Gifford Chosen Constable & Collector of Rates for the town of Westport for the year ensuing, and to have two per Cent upon the money he shall ~~receive~~ ^{collect} and pay ~~to~~ ^{to} the several treasuries agreeable to the directions in his Warrants he to procure sufficient Bondsman, to the acceptance of the town for faithful performance of that trust
- 6th Silvester Brownell, Abner Brownell, and Humphry Howland Chosen Assessors of Rates, for the year ensuing. affirmed. & sworn.
- 7th Nathaniel Piercy Chosen pound keeper.
- 8th Robert Barker, Christopher Cornell, Thomas Cornell, Thomas Phipps Benjamin Brownell, Benjamin Brownell 2^d, Silvester Brownell, Peris, Richmond, Benjamin Boomer Chosen Fence Viewers & affirmed, also George White Chosen Fence Viewers.
- 9th Benjamin Brownell 2^d, Henry Tibbitts, Samuel Willoughby Quack Labor, Ephraim Gifford Chosen Field drivers and affirmed also, Abraham Cornell & Joseph Gifford Chosen Field drivers.
- 10th Thomas Davis, Barjona Devol Chosen Surveyors of Lumber Shingles & Boards, and sworn, also John Anthony Chosen, . . .
- 11th Daniel Drapp, Barjona Devol, George Brownell Cooper, & Pelleg Potter Chosen Corders & measurers of Wood, & sworn, also John Anthony Chosen.
- 12th Barjona Devol & George Brownell Chosen Chosen Cutters, of hoops & staves and affirmed
- 13th Preserved Sherman and Thomas Briggs Chosen Sealers of Leather, & sworn
- 14th Daniel Drapp 2^d, George Brownell Cooper, & Christopher Cornell Chosen Cutters of Dry Fish . . .

- 15th Silvester Brownell, Humphry Macomber, Benjamin Cory, Benjamin Brownell 1st, Edmond Drapp, Abner Potter, Silvanus White, John Mosher, Robert Barker, Abraham Cornell, William Phipps, George Lawton, Barjona Devol, Charles Petty Jonathan Pukham, Gershom Woodley, & John Davis Chosen Surveyors of highways and affirmed except Humphry Macomber,

16th George Lawton, Lemuel With, & John Mosher, chosen a Committee of Accounts and to settle with the town treasurer and to settle ~~the~~ ^{their} doings to the next meeting

Upon Collecting sorting and Counting the Votes for County treasurer, it appeared that there was seventy eight Votes for Samuel Crocker, and seven Votes for Benjamin Williams

Noted to adjourn this meeting to the second monday of May next, ten of the Clock in the fore noon, then to meet at this place and it was adjourned accordingly

At a town Meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday y^e 13th day of May AD 1799 for the purpose of Voting for a Representative, to Represent the town of Westport, in the General Court of this Commonwealth, agreeable to the Constitution upon Collecting sorting and Counting the Votes, it appeared that William Army Esq^r had twelve Votes, it being the whole number given in, and was chosen, and declaration made thereof by the Select men accordingly — Wm Army town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday the 1st day of April A^d 1799, and continued by adjournment to Monday the 13th day of May following, **Voted**, that for the amending and repairing the highways and town within the town of Westport, for the year ensuing, the sum of seven hundred dollars, be assessed on the Polls and Rateable Estate, Real & personal, of the Residents & non residents of the town of Westport, ~~for the year ensuing~~ as the inhabitants are by law assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors Assess the same as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the persons and the sums at which they are assessed to each Surveyor for his limits, according to law, and by the fifteenth day of June next, at farthest.

Voted that fifty eight Cents be allowed for the days work of a man or pair of oxen on the said ways if done before the first day of July next and fifty Cents for each days work for a man or a pair of oxen if done after said day — — — — —

and that twenty Cents be allowed for the use of a Cart or plow on the ways one day — — — — —

~~Noted~~ The Committee chosen by the town to examine and allow accounts brought against the town of Westport, reported that after giving due notice, they met agreeable to appointment at the dwelling house of Abner Brownell, in Westport on Monday ye, 6th day of May A^d 1799, that after carefully examining the accounts laid before them, they allowed to the several persons named in the list presented with their report, the sums set to their respective names, amounting in the whole to the sum of Eleven hundred & Seventy nine Dollars & Ninety two Cents,

Also said Committee reported that agreeable to their appointment, they had examined the Accounts of the treasurer, of said town for the year past, and found that the treasurer, had received for the town since the last Settlement with him, the sum of — — — — — \$ 1214 - 74 - -

And had paid out as by his accounts — — — — — 1199 - 76 - 8 - -

Leaving a Balance in favour of the town of \$ 14 - 97 - 2 - - -

and that they had made a Settlement with him accordingly — — — — —

The Committee, further reported, that there was by the report of the Committee, the last year, a balance in favour of the town, between the sums assessed on the town, and the accounts that had been allowed against the town, of the sum of — — — — — \$ 34 - 30 - - -

And that there had been assessed on the inhabitants of said town the year past, the sum of — — — — — \$ 915 - 00 - -

Amounting to the sum of — — — — — \$ 949 30

And that the expenses, as allowed by the Committee as by their report was — — — — — 1192 - 92 - -

Leaving a Balance against the town of — — — — — \$ 243 - 62 - -

The committee also reported, that at the time of the settlement with the treasurer, it appeared by the treasurers Books, that there was in the hands of Thomas Woodle, Collector for the town of Westport. — — — — — \$ 120 - 88

and in the hands of John Gifford Collector, — — — — — 505 - 45 - - -

Voted, to accept the report of the Committee, and that the treasurer be directed to pay the accounts allowed by them, which accounts when paid shall discharge him of so much money, he shall have received for the town — — — — —

Voted that there be raised by way of tax, on the polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport, for the support of the poor, and other necessary charges of said town, the year ensuing the sum of, one thousand Dollars, to be collected and paid into the town treasury, within one year, from the time of passing this Vote, and the Assessors are hereby directed to Assess the same, in the same way & manner that other taxes are by law assessed, and deliver lists thereof to the Collector, within one month from the time of passing this Vote. — — — — —

Voted, that the treasurer, be, and hereby is directed to Give Execution against the Collector, for the sum he shall be deficient, if any at the expiration of the year, Unless, he be directed by the Major part of the Select Men, to suspend giving his execution, which suspension shall at no one time exceed three months,

Voted, That the providing for & supporting the poor, be by vending, unless in Instances where the Select Men shall think it best to agree otherwise, having regard to their comfortable support & maintenance — — — — —

126

Voted, That the Select men, be directed, to hire a town School kept, the year ensuing agreeable to law, and that the districting the town, & the time & manner of keeping the school, be left to the discretion of the Select men --

Daniel Boomer chosen tything man & sworn also Winton Maccumber
Chosen Tything man --

Robert Barker, William Maccumber Cordwainers, Gash Taber, Benjamin Boomer, Job Milk Chosen Hog Reeves, and Benjamin Boomer & Job Milk was sworn,

Silvester Brownell, George Brownell Cooper, Joseph Gifford, Lemuel Soule Job Army, Samuel Wilcox, & John Hurby Chosen overseers of fishing,

Voted that Humphrey Maccumber be excused from serving as Surveyor of highways, & that Christopher ^{Cornell} be chosen in his stead, and Christopher Cornell was sworn accordingly --

Abraham Cornell & Joseph Gifford sworn Child drivers --
Christopher Cornell, affirmed, Cutler of Dry fish --

Voted upon the eighth article in the warrant for calling this meeting that it is not the mind of this town to allow interest upon town orders --

Voted that it is not the mind of the town to allow interest upon town orders, --

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday of Friday the, 17th day of May inst to two of the Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place and it was adjourned accordingly.
Friday y^e 17th day of May two of the Clock met according to adjournment --

Voted, That the Select men be directed to Complain to the grand jury of those that do not settle with the Select men, for the Improvement of the towns landing as tillage or higher up
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday of July ~~inst~~ two Clock afternoon, then to meet at this place & it was adjourned accordingly --

127

May 17th. John Gifford appeared & entered into Bonds for the faithful performance of ~~this~~ trust as Collector of taxes for the year ensuing and was sworn Constable & Collector of taxes --

Preserved Sherman & Thomas Briggs sworn Dealers of Leather --
(Daniel Tripp 2^d & George,

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport, on Thursday the 6th day of June ~~inst~~ 1799, for the purpose of giving in their Vote, for a Representative to Represent the third Southern district, of this Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States. Upon collecting sorting and Counting the Votes, it appeared that Stephen Bullock Esq^r = Eleven Votes, and recorded, and a Declaration made thereof in town meeting by the Select men accordingly --

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on ~~the~~ day of September 1799 for the purpose of drawing one person to swear the petit jury at the Court of Common pleas, and General Sessions of the peace, Sept. term 1799, Henry Tibbitts was drawn accordingly --

At a town meeting legally warned, and held at the town house in Westport, on Saturday y^e 6th day of ~~October~~ ^{October} 1799, for the purpose of drawing one person to serve as a Grand juror, at the Supreme Judicial Court, October term 1799, and one person to serve on the Petit jury at the same Court, Job Milk was drawn as a Grand juror & Christopher Cornell was drawn to serve on the Petit jury at said Court.

At a town Meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday 2^d day of December 1799, for the purpose of drawing one person to serve on the Petit jury, at the Court of Common pleas December term 1799 --
Peter Maccumber was drawn to serve as aforesaid --

At a town meeting legally warned and held, at the townhouse in Westport, on Monday the 2^d day of December A^d 1799,
 Voted that, William Amy Cog, the Representative of this town to the General Court of this Commonwealth, be requested to use his influence at the said Court, to have ~~that~~ part of the dividing line, between the towns of Dartmouth and Westport, altered, and that the part of the highway, which is the dividing line, as surveyed and altered, by the Select Men of Dartmouth, in the year 1785, be made the dividing line between said towns, and that the said towns of Dartmouth and Westport, be directed to divide and keep in repair the same in the same way and manner. They were directed to do the highway, which was made the dividing line between said towns, in the Act for Incorporating said town of Westport —
 Voted, That the treasurer of this town, be directed to notify Thomas Woodle, that unless he pay into the hands of the Treasurer, the sum agreed upon for him to give, for a certain highway, and the interest thereof, on or before the 25th day of December Inst, the treasurer is directed not to give him a Deed after that time,

Recorded by William Amy Cog Clerk

At a town meeting Legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday the Seventh day of April A^d 1800 —
 For the purpose of drawing one man to serve as a Grand Juror, the year ensuing, and two persons to serve on the jury of trials at the next Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Taunton on the Monday next preceding the third Tuesday of April Inst, and at the Courts of General Sessions of the peace —

Jonathan White was drawn to serve as a Grand Juror, and Nicholas Underwood & Isaiah Burden was drawn to serve on the jury of trials as aforesaid —

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the town of Westport, in the District and County of Bristol, Qualified agreeable to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, to Vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators ~~of said district~~ the said meeting being legally warned, and held, at the town house, in said town, on Monday, the seventh day of April, A^d 1800, For the purpose of giving in their Votes, for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and Senators and Counsellors for said District, Votes for the following persons were given in voted & Counted and declaration made thereof by the Select men, according to the Constitution
 Namely, Moses Gill had 58
 Elbridge Gerry had 1
 Caleb Strong had 1 } Votes for Governor —

Edward H. Robbins had 58,
 Moses Gill — 2 } Votes for Lieut. Governor —

Elisha May had 42
 Samuel Tobey had 38 } Votes for Counsellors & Senators —

At a town meeting Legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday the seventh day of April A^d 1800 for the purpose of acting upon the following articles Contained in the warrant for Calling said meeting — Namely —

- 1st To choose all such town officers as towns are by law required and such Committees as may appear necessary,
- 2nd To Vote what sum of money may be ~~raised~~ shall be raised by way of tax for the ensuing year —
- 3rd To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer,
- 4th To devise such methods as may appear most requisite for the support of the poor the year ensuing,
- 5th To do what may appear most advantageous, in regard to a town school or schools,
- 6th To do what may appear proper and necessary, in regard to receiving returns and alterations of highways that have been made, together with the division that is made, between Dartmouth and Westport, of the highway that is the dividing line, between the towns and to give such instructions and directions, as may appear necessary, in regard to reconveying where we have at present no returns thereof, and for laying out some open ways where there is now drift ways —

7th To agree upon what sum shall be ~~applied~~ ^{expended}, to be expended, in labour, for the repair and amendment, of the town ways, and what plan will be most equitable, in proportioning the labour, that it may be expended, where it is most wanted.

Voted that William Army, be moderator of this meeting

William Army chosen town Clerk and sworn in

Abner Brownell

Roger White &

Silvester Brownell

} Chosen Select men

William Army Chosen town Treasurer, and

to have one & one fourth p. Cent on the money he shall receive into the treasury, & was sworn.

John Gifford Chosen Constable and Collector of Rates and to have two per Cent on the money he collects & to procure

Bondsman for his faithful performance of the trust

Silvester Brownell, Gideon Tallman, & Humphrey Howland chosen Assessors of Rates, and were sworn -

Nathaniel Herby. Chosen Pound Keeper, and affirmed,

Robert Barker, Christopher Cornell, Thomas Cornell, Thomas Tripp

Benjamin Brownell, Benjamin Brownell 2^d Silvester Brownell,

Jonathan Tripp, Peris Richmond, Chosen Town Viewers

and all affirmed -

Henry Tibbitts, Jeremiah Wilcox, Capt. Job Army, Isaac

Tabor, Wesson Sowle, Abraham Cornell, & Joseph Gifford

Chosen Field drivers and affirmed

George Lawton, Lemuel Milk and John Mosher,

Chosen Committee to examine accounts &

to settle with the town treasurer.

Benjamin Devol, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Cory,

Benjamin Brownell the first, Edmond Tripp, Pleg Wilson,

Stokes Potter, John Mosher, Govit Cornell, Warren Gifford,

Abraham Cornell, Isaac Howland, George Lawton,

Charles Baker, Barjona Devol, Wesson Maccumber, Job Milk

(Daniel Boomer & John Davis - Chosen Surveyors of

highways and were all duly engaged excepting

Edmond Tripp, Govit Cornell, Warren Gifford, & Daniel

Boomer -

May 12th - Daniel Boomer sworn -

Noted that the Select Men be requested to hire a town School kept agreeable to Law, and that the districting the town, and the time and manner of keeping the School, be left to the discretion of the Select Men -

131

Voted, That the providing for, and supporting the poor, be by vendueing, unless in instances where the Select men, shall think it best to agree otherways, having regard to their comfortable support and maintainance —

Voted, That for the amending highways, and town ways, within the town of Westport for the year ensuing, the sum of eight hundred Dollars, be assessed on the polls and Rateable Estate, Real and personal, of the Residents and non residents of the town of Westport as ~~and~~ the Inhabitants are by law assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors assess the same as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the persons names, and the sums which they are assessed, to each Surveyor for his limits, according to law, and as soon as may be —

Voted that fifty Cents, be allowed, for ~~the~~ a days work of a man, or pair of oxen, and that twenty Cents, be allowed, for the use of a Cart or plow, one day — on said ways —

Upon Collecting voting and counting the votes for Town Treasurer, it appeared that Samuel Crocker had fifty four votes —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second monday of May next at ten of the Clock fore noon then to meet at this place, and it was adjourned accordingly

Attest William Abney Town Clerk —

Monday May 4th 12th D 1800 —

Met according to adjournment

Voted, Thomas Davis Barjona Devol, & John Anthony
Surveyors of Lumber King, & Barjona Devol was affirmed

George Brownell, Barjona Devol, Peleg Potter, & Daniel Tripp chosen
Corders & measurers of Wood, Barjona Devol & Daniel Tripp
was affirmed

George Brownell, & Barjona Devol Chosen Cutlers of hoops & Staves,
& Barjona Devol, was affirmed —

Preserved Sherman & Thomas Briggs Chosen Sealers of Leather —

Daniel Tripp George Brownell, & Christopher Cornell,
Chosen Cutlers of dry Fish, & Daniel Tripp was affirmed. —

Abner Brownell was chosen Sealer of Weights
& Measures & was sworn —

John Crowell and Peter Maccumber Chosen
Tithing Men

Robert Barker, William Maccumber Cordwainers, Leach Taber
Job ~~Milk~~, & Nelson Cowle, Chosen Hogreives
& Nelson Cowle was sworn

Silvester Brownell George Brownell Cooper, Joseph Gifford
Lemuel Cowle, Job & Henry Samuel Wilcox & John Flerty
Chosen Overseers of the Fishery

Noted, That the report, of the Select Men, of the Division
of the highway, that is the dividing line between this
town and the town of Dartmouth, as made by the Committee
appointed by the town of Dartmouth, and the Select Men
of this town, be accepted, and that the town Clerk
is directed to record the same in the towns Book of
Records of highways

Noted that the Survey of the highway, laid out by the
Select men, from Hicks Bridge so called to Dartmouth
line, be accepted and, that the Clerk record the same

Noted that the School Districts as defined, by the Select men
in a report made to this meeting, be adopted by the town,
and the Limits therein mentioned shall be, Limits of the
Different School Districts

Noted that the Select Men be directed to lay out an open highway
from the highway by the School house, in John Carls Land,
Notbury to Paul Brownells Land, where the drift way
now is, and that they report their doings to this
town, at a meeting, held at some future time, and
legally warned to meet & act thereon

Noted that the Select men, be requested, to survey such
highways & drift ways, within the town, as we have no
returns of as they shall think for the Interest of the
town

The Committee appointed by the town of Westport, at a town held at
the town house in Westport, on the first day of April ~~last~~, to examine
and allow accounts against the town of Westport, also to settle with the
treasurer of said town, Report, that after giving due notice, they met
agreeable to appointment at the dwelling house of Abner Brownell,
in said Westport, on monday y^e 5th day of May, Inst, and after
carefully examining the Accounts laid before them, they allowed to
the several persons, named in the list presented with this report,
the sums set to their respective names, amounting in the whole
to the sum of

\$ 787:19

Also the Committee agreeable to appointment, have examined the
Accounts of the treasurer of the town of Westport, for the year past,
and report that the treasurer has received, for the town of Westport,
for the year past, since the last settlement with him,

the sum of \$ 739:58:9.

And has paid as by his accounts 744:37:7

Leaving a Balance in favour of the Treasurer of 4:78:8
and made a Settlement with him accordingly

They further report, that there was by the report, of the Committee
the last year, a Balance against the town of Westport, between
the sums assessed on the town and the Accounts that had been
Allowed, against the town, Balance against the town
the sum of \$ 243:62

And that your Committee has allowed accounts
against the town for the last year, the sum of 787:19

Amounting to the sum of 1030:81

and that there has been assessed on the town

the year past for the payment thereof the sum of 1030:19

Leaving a Balance against the town of 62 Cents,

They also find that the treasurer has received of

Lechus Dyer, for expenses of Fall Carl, \$ 11:41

& of Thomas Woodle for a highway 13:-- } 37:41

& find a mistake the last year agt town 13=

which sum will, make a Balance in favour

of the town of \$ 36:79

The Committee, also report, that at the time of the Settlement with
the treasurer it appeared by the treasurers Books, that there was
in the hands of John Gifford Collector \$ 940:19

and in the hands of Thomas Woodle 16:20

\$ 956:39

Voted to accept the report of the Committee, and that the treasurer be directed, to pay the accounts Allowed by them, which accounts, when paid, shall discharge him of so much money, he shall have received for the town -

Voted that there be raised by way of tax, on the Polls and Estate of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport, for the support of the poor and other necessary charges of said town, the year ensuing the sum of Nine hundred Dollars, to be Collected and paid into the treasury, within one year from the time of passing this Vote, and the Assessors are hereby directed to Assess the same, in the same way and manner that other taxes are by Law Assessed, and deliver lists thereof to the Collector, as soon as may be -

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the nineteenth day of May Inst. at 2 of the Clock afternoon, then to meet at this place and it was ^{adjourned} accordingly -

Att a meeting legally warned and held at the town House in Westport, on Monday 12th day May A^d 1800 -
For the purpose of Choosing a Representative, to Represent the town of Westport, in the General Court the year ensuing.
Voted not to Choose a Representative -

Att a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in, Westport on Monday y^e 12th day of May A^d 1800 -
For the purpose of defining the limits of each School district that School Houses may be erected agreeable to Law -
Also to determine, what Neat Cattle and Horses, may go at large, without a keeper, in any of the Commons or highways, of said town, agreeable to a Law passed Feb 26th 1800

Voted that, the School Districts, as defined by the Select Men, in a report made to this meeting, be adopted and the limits therein mentioned shall be the limits of the different School Districts -

Voted that no Neat Cattle and Horses, shall be permitted to run at large on the Horsesneck so called without a keeper, under the Penalties in the Law in such Cases provided -

Voted that no horse or horse kind shall be permitted to run in any of the highways or Commons in this town, under the penalties in the Law in such Cases provided -

Voted that the Select Men be requested to procure a fence erected with Suitable Bars, across the highway, Southward, of Capt. Job Abney, near the Sea Shore, in order to prevent Cattle & horses, going on the Horsesneck so called -

Recorded by William Abney Town Clerk

Att a town Meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday y^e 7th day of April A^d 1800, and Continued by adjournments to, ^{Saturday} ~~Monday~~ y^e 14th day of May following, one of the Clock P.M.

Met according to adjournment,

Voted that Thomas Tripp be Moderator pro Tem -

Voted that Abner Brownell be Clerk pro Tem -

Voted to adjourn this Meeting, to monday, y^e 26th of May Inst. 10 of Clock afternoon then to meet at this place -

Monday y^e 26th May A^d 1800

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Edmond Tripp be excused from being surveyor of highways, for the year ensuing, and that Stephen Cornell be Chosen in his stead and was affirmed accordingly -

Govt Cornell and Warren Gifford was sworn Surveyors of highways -

Voted that Elijah Potter, a Cordier & Measurer of Wood, the year ensuing, be sworn Measurer of Wood -

Jethro Howland Chosen Culler of hoops & staves -

Thomas Briggs sworn Dealer of Leather -

Christopher Cornell sworn - Culler of Dry Fish -

Christopher Gifford, Chosen Culler of Dry Fish -

Henry Tibbitts & John Tibbitts Chosen Logcutters & sworn -

Robert Barker affirmed Logcutters -

adjourned without day

At a town Meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday y^e 26th day of May A^d 1800. at ten of the Clock in the fore noon - To know whether the town will reconsider the Vote passed at a town meeting on the 12th Inst, determining what Neat Cattle & horses shall go at large, on the Commons & highways in said town, & to determine by Votes or Veto, what Regulations is requisite to be done for the advantage of said town agreeable to a law passed February y^e 26th A^d 1800 -

Wm. Shry - Chosen Moderator of this Meeting.

Voted not to reconsider the Vote, passed at a town meeting held at the town house in this town on Monday the 12th Inst, determining what Neat Cattle & Horses, may go at large on the Commons in this town - adjourned without Day -

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport, on Monday y^e 25th day of August, A^d 1800 - at three of the Clock afternoon, for the purpose, of drawing, two good and lawfull men to serve on the petty jury at the next Court of Common pleas and General Sessions of the peace, to be holden at Taunton on the monday next preceeding the second tuesday of September next, Jeremiah White, & George Brightman were drawn accordingly -

At a town meeting legally warned and held, at the town house in Westport, on Saturday y^e 11th day of October A^d 1800. at three of the Clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of drawing, one good and lawfull man to serve on the Grand jury at the next supreme judicial Court to be holden at Taunton, on the tuesday next preceeding the last tuesday of October Inst, and one Petit Juror to serve at the same Court, Capt. Philip Taber was drawn G^r Juror and - Lemuel Nicks - drawn Petit Juror -

At a town Meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on monday the 6th day of April A^d 1801 - for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor of this Commonwealth, & Lieutenant Governor. Also to give in their Votes for Counsellors and Senators for the district of Bristol. -

Votes for the following persons, were given in sorted, Counted & declaration made thereof in town meeting agreeable to the Constitution - - -

Namely, Caleb Strong had 91
& Elbridge Gerry had 10 } Votes for Governor -

Samuel Philips had 91 } Votes for Lieutenant Governor.
Edward H. Robbins had - 10

Elisha May had. 46 } Votes for Counsellors & Senators.
Alden Spooner had - 40

Attest William Shry town Clerk - - - - -

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on monday y^e 6th day of April A^d 1801, at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to Act on the following Articles.

Namely, 1st To Choose all such town Officers as are required by law for the year ensuing - - - - -

2nd To give in their Votes for a County Register, & County Treasurer. - - - - -

3rd To choose a Committee to allow or disallow accounts brought against the town, - - - - -

4th to conclude in what method to support the poor the year ensuing, - - - - -

5th to determine what sum is necessary, to raise by way of tax, for the support of the poor and, other necessary expenses for the year ensuing.

6th to conclude in regard to amendment and repairs of highways, and drift ways, - - - - -

7th To determine what method is most expedient to proceed in for the support & promotion of schools, agreeable to law. - - - - -

8th to Direct and authorize the committee on Aids to settle with the treasurer - - - - -

9th To receive or Right returns of highways, and drift ways, laid out & altered by the select men, and also to determine whether the town will discontinue a piece, of an open highway, Eighty two rods, by the sea shore, South of Capt. Job Shry, and make the same a drift way - - - - -

10th To do what shall appear necessary, in more particularly discriminating or altering the boundaries, and inhabitants of any of the school districts

11th to know the towns mind, whether they will, give liberty to the inhabitants of this town, under certain restrictions, to set out trees in the highways — — —

12th to examine the list of jurors, to be laid before the town, for the regulating the jury boxes, agreeable to law. — — —

13th to know the towns mind, in regard to altering the drift way, that leads on the west side of the east river, from the head down to the point, into an open highway, by request of a number of inhabitants, — — —

2 William Almy Chosen town clerk & sworn — —

4 William Almy chosen Moderator — —

3 Abner Brownell, Silvester Brownell, & Roger White Chosen select Men — —

4 William Almy chosen town treasurer and to have one and one fourth p^{ts} cents on the money he shall receive into the treasury And was sworn — —

Silvester Brownell, Gideon Tallman & Wesson Tripp chosen assessors of rates & Silvester Brownell & Gideon Tallman sworn — —

Nathaniel Piercy chosen pound keeper & affirmed —

Thomas Cornell, Thomas Tripp, Benjamin Brownell, Silvester Brownell, & Jonathan Tripp Chosen fine viewers and affirmed, also, Robert Barker, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell y^r 2^d & Peris Richmond Chosen fine viewers — —

Henry Tibbitts, Jeremiah Willcox, Capt. Job Almy, Esack Pabon, Wesson Lovle, Abraham Cornell, & Joseph Gifford Chosen field drivers and Henry Tibbitts, Wesson Lovle, Abraham Cornell, & Joseph Gifford was, sworn — — —

George Lawton, Lemuel Mith, & John Mosher chosen a Committee on acts, and to settle with the treasurer, and are requested to make report of their doings, at the next meeting upon the adjournment of this meeting —

Benjamin Devol, Wesson Lovle, Benjamin Cory, Benjamin Brownell, Stephen Cornell, Job Lawton, Josiah Brownell, Thomas Tripp, Williams Allen, John Brownell, George Lawton, Lemuel Mith, Barjona Devol, Wesson Macomber, Henry Tibbitts, Abial Davis Jun^r. Chosen Surveyors of Highways and affirmed
Also, Warren Gifford, Matthew Russell, & Daniel Tripp Chosen Surveyors of highways — —

Upon Collecting voting and Counting the votes for County Register it appeared that James Withams Esq had, 67 votes. — —

Upon Collecting voting and Counting the votes for County Treasurer it appeared that Samuel Crocker had, 58 votes. —

Upon the thirteenth article in the warrant namely to know the towns mind, in regard to altering the drift way, that leads on the west side of the east river, from the head down to the point, into an open highway. —
Voted that the town would not direct the select men to lay out the same in an open highway — — —

Voted to discontinue the open highway eighty two rods by the sea shore, south of Capt. Almys, lay the same into a drift way and the return made thereof for that purpose, by the select men was accepted & voted to be recorded — —

Voted to accept, of the return of a drift way laid out by the select men and presented to this meeting, from Little Compton line East to the river. — to the Canoe Rock in Silvester Brownells land, and that the same be recorded — —

Voted to accept of the return of an open highway laid out by the select men and presented to this meeting, from the south west corner of Zashus Dyers meadow Northw^y to Little Compton line — — and that the same be recorded —

Voted not to accept of the return of an open highway laid out by the select men, from the highway leading from the point beginning at the School house, and leading to Pabon Mills — and that the same shall not be recorded —

146

Noted to accept of the Return of a Drift way laid out by the
Select Men, and presented to this meeting, from the open
highway that leads by Tashens Dyers, down to the Sea Shore
by Peris Richmonds! and that the same be recorded.

Noted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 11th day of May next
Nine of the Clock in the fore noon then to meet at this place
and it was adjourned accordingly
William Army Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport legally
warned and held at the town house in Westport, on ~~Monday~~
the 6th day of April A.D. 1802. for the purpose of drawing
one person to serve as a Grand Jurior for the year ensuing
also to draw two persons, to serve on the petit jury at the
next General Sessions of the peace and Court of Common pleas,
to be holden at Taunton for the County of Bristol.

John Mosher, was drawn to serve as a Grand Jurior

John Tripp & Humphry Howland was drawn Pettit jurors,
William Army Town Clerk

Westport May 11th A.D. 1802. Nelson Tripp was affirmed a Justice of the Peace
Christopher Cornell & Benjamin Brownell 2. affirmed Peace Jurors.

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday 4th day of April 1801 and continued by adjournment to Monday the 11th day of May following. -

Voted, that Warren Gifford be excused from being surveyor of highways for the year ensuing and that Peleg Cornell be chosen in his stead, and was sworn accordingly. -

Barjona Devol & Thomas Davis. Chosen Surveyors of Lumber Shingles & Planks. and. Barjona Devol - affirmed -

Elijah Potter, Daniel Tripp Peleg Potter, & Barjona Devol. chosen Corders & measurers of wood, & Daniel Tripp & Barjona Devol affirmed -

Jethro Howland & Barjona Devol chosen Cutlers of hoops & staves and Barjona Devol, affirmed -

Thomas Briggs & Preserved Sherman, chosen Dealers of Leather and sworn.

Christopher Gifford, Daniel Tripp, Christopher ~~Gifford~~ Cornell, & John Gifford chosen Cutlers of dry fish & Daniel Tripp & Christopher Cornell affirmed -

David Sanford & Warton Maccumbe chosen tything men -

Robert Barker, William Maccumbe, E. Taber, & Job With Chosen Hog Reeves.

Silvester Brownell, George Brownell Cooper, Joseph Gifford, Lemuel Lowle, Job Almy, Samuel Willcox, & John Hurty, chosen Overseers of the Fishery -

Voted that the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars, of the sum voted for town expenses be appropriated to the support of schools, in the way and manner the Select men shall direct, agreeable to Law -

Voted the school districts, where they are found to be not convenient, as they now are fixed, may be altered by the Select men, they to make report of their doings to the next meeting -

Voted that those school districts, that do not make return to the select men of the Schooling within their district by the first day of April Annually. shall be excluded from having any part of the sum Voted to be appropriated for Schooling

Voted, that. that part, of the vote of the town passed at their meeting, held on monday y^e 12th day of May A^d 1800. for defining the limits of the school districts - which provides that if either of the districts as they are therein described, conceive that the district is too large, to be convenient for one district, that they shall have a right to divide, & have two schools. or if either of the districts, shall conceive that they are divided too small. they shall have the privilege, of joining with any other district, or if any individual in either district, as is therein described, finds it more convenient to join any other district, he shall have the privilege - be and the same is hereby repealed, and rendered null & void

Voted that for the amending and repairing of highways & town ways, and town ways within the town of Westport, for the year ensuing, the sum of eight hundred Dollars, be assessed, on the polls & Rateable Estate, Real and Personal, of the Residents and non Residents, of the town of Westport, as the Inhabitants are by law Assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors Assess the same, as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the persons names and the sums which they are Assessed, to each surveyor, for his limits, according to law and as soon as may,

Voted that Seventy five Cents, be allowed, for a days work of a man or a pair of oxen, and that twenty five Cents be allowed, for a plow or a Cart one day

Benjamin Brownell Jun^r. Chosen Constable and Collector, of Rates, for the town of Westport for the year ensuing, and to have two per Cent on the money he shall Collect & pay in to the several Treasurers as he shall be directed by his warrants and to procure Bondsmen for the faithful performance and was sworn accordingly

The Committee appointed to examine and allow accounts and to settle with the treasurer, made a report that after giving due notice, they met agreeable to appointment, at the dwelling house of Abner Brownell, in Westport on monday y^e 14th day of May inst. and after carefully, examining the accounts laid before them, they allowed to the several persons, named in the list, presented with their report, the sums set against their respective names. Amounting in the whole to the sum of \$865-30...

Also the Committee agreeable to appointment, reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer, for the year past, and find that the treasurer had received for the town since the last settlement with him, the sum of - \$ 1192:10... And has paid out as p^r his accounts - 1170:40... Leaving a Balance in favour of the town of \$ - 21:70 And made a settlement with him accordingly

They further report, that by the report of the Committee made the last year, there was a Balance in favour of the town, between the sums that had been allowed, against the town, and the sums provided for the payment thereof, the sum of \$ 30-70 and that there had been Assessed on the town - \$ 934-44... making the sum of - \$ 971:14 And that the Acts allowed as by their report is - 865-30... Leaving a Balance in favour of the town of \$ - 105:84 And that the treasurer has received of Roger White, that was the property of Elisha Allen the sum of - 53:50... also of Roger White on Rent of Dinah Whites House - 4-60... Making in the whole a Balance in favour of the town of \$ 163:94

The Committee further reported that at the time of the settlement with the treasurer, it appeared by the treasurers books that, there was in the hands of John Gifford Constable, the sum of - \$ 740-63... and in the hands of Thomas Woodle - 16:20...

All which they submitted

Thereupon Voted to accept the report of the Committee, and that the treasurer be directed to pay the accounts allowed by them, which sums when paid shall discharge him, from the same sum he shall have received on the towns account

144
Noted that there be raised by way of tax on the polls and Estate of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport, for the support of the poor & other necessary expenses of the town for the year ensuing. the sum of eight hundred dollars, to be collected and paid into the treasury within six months from the time the Collector shall receive the tax Bills from the Assessors, otherwise the treasurer is hereby directed to issue his Execution for the Balance in the hands of the Collector at the end of said six months.

And the Assessors are hereby directed to Assess the same in the same way and manner, that other taxes are by Law Assessed and deliver lists thereof to the Collector as soon as may be.

Noted that John Gifford, take all the poor of the town of Westport for one year, to support them Comfortably in sickness and in Health, and to pay all Necessary Doctors Bills, and all extra expenses, and to find Bedding Cloathing, &c. in addition to what they now have, and to return Bedding cloathing &c. at the end of the year as good as he receives with them, and to receive therefor twenty five dollars less than they Cost the town the last year, that will appear by the report of the Committee on accounts, after deducting therefrom the sum allowed for the expenses of Job Potter who is deceased, and also said Gifford to allow any person that chooses to take Constant Tripp & his wife, at the same ^{sum} ~~sum~~ ^{sum} they Cost the town the last year, which sum is to be deducted from the sum he would otherwise receive, and to be paid by the town to the person who shall keep them, and if any of the poor shall die before the twentieth day of May next, then said Gifford is only to receive a sum for their expense, in proportion the time they shall live after the 20th of May Inst. bears to one year. the sum he shall receive shall bear the same proportion to the whole sum of that persons expense the last year - and the said poor persons to ^{be} under the Care and inspection of the Select Men, to see that they are Comfortably provided for. And the said John Gifford who is present agrees to said terms.

145
Noted that any Inhabitant in this town, shall have the privilege to set out in the highway, against his own Land, so as not to discommode any of the paths in the highway, any trees that shall be beneficial for shade, and that all persons who shall set out trees, in the highways as aforesaid, shall be entitled to them, as to their private property, to make use of whenever they please, after they have returned a Certificate to the town Clerk, of the number and kind of trees, and the time when & where they set them, which said Clerk is hereby directed & ordered to record the same.

Noted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday y^e 25th day of July next, two of the Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place. Attest William Abney Town Clerk

At a meeting warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday y^e 11th day of May A.D. 1801. for the purpose of choosing a Representative to Represent this town in the General Court, agreeable to the Constitution, of this Commonwealth, Upon Collecting Voting and Counting the Votes, it appeared, that Abner Brownell had forty four Votes, and was chosen. and declaration made thereof in town meeting accordingly.

At a meeting legally warned, and held at the house of Abner Brownell Esq^r in Westport on Monday y^e 15th day of March A.D. 1802. for the purpose of drawing one person to serve on the Grand Jury for the year ensuing, and two persons to serve on the Petit Jury April term next.

Holder White was drawn to serve on the grand jury - and Peleg Sison & Richard Gifford to serve on the Petit Jury

To Abner Brownell, Esq., one of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport, in the County of Bristol - Greeting...

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Westport, qualified by law to vote in town meeting, to meet and assemble at the town house, in Westport, on Monday y^e 5th day of April next, at nine of the clock in the fore noon, to act on the following articles Namely...

- 1st To choose all such town officers, as towns are by law required, for the year ensuing.
- 2nd To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
- 3rd To choose a Committee, to examine and allow all just accounts, exhibited against said town, and also to settle with the town Treasurer, & report the same to the town.
- 4th To conclude on what method, to support the poor of said town the year ensuing.
- 5th To conclude on what sum, is necessary, to raise by way of tax, for the support of the poor, and other necessary expenses for the year ensuing.
- 6th To make provision for the amendment and repairs, of high ways and drift ways, in said town.
- 7th To make provision for the support, and promotion of schools agreeable to law.
- 8th To receive or reject, returns of high ways, or drift ways, laid out or altered by the Select men.
- 9th To do what shall appear expedient, in regard to the disposing of the law Books, belonging to said town.
- 10th To know the towns mind, in regard to altering the accommodations of the Inside of the town house, and about painting the outside thereof.

And also on the same day, ^{at 12 o'clock} to give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, & Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

And make return, of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the town Clerk, at or before said day of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport, this 16th day of March. A^d 1802.

Sylvester Brownell } Select Men
Roger White } of Westport

Pursuant to the above Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the said town of Westport, qualified as therein expressed to meet, at the times and place, and for the purposes above mentioned.

Westport April 5th A^d 1802. - Abner Brownell

Monday April y^e 5th A^d 1802. Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants having met at the town house, proceeded as follows - Namely -

- 1st William Almy chosen Moderator.
- 2nd William Almy chosen town Clerk, & sworn.
- 3rd Sylvester Brownell, Abner Brownell, & John Mosher, Chosen Select Men.
- 4th William Almy, chosen town treasurer, and to have one and one fourth per Cent, on the money he shall receive into the treasury - & was sworn.
- 5th Sylvester Brownell, Gideon Daltman, and Nelson Tripp, chosen Assessors of rates, & sworn.
- 6th Benjamin Brownell, Jun^r, chosen Constable and Collector of Rates, for the year ensuing and to have, two per Cent on the money he shall collect & pay into the Treasury, and was sworn accordingly.
- 7th George Lantton, John Mosher & Samuel Mith, chosen a Committee, on accounts, & to settle with the Treasurer, & to report at the next meeting.
- 8th Benjamin Devol, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Cory, Benjamin Brownell 1st, Job Lantton, George Lantton, Charles Baker, Wesson Macomber, Henry Robbitts, Thomas Woodle, Isaiah Burden, Peleg Cornell, Warton Case, Chosen Surveyors of highways and were engaged agreeable to law.
- Also, Edmund Tripp, Josiah Brownell, George Wood, Joseph Wing, Benjamin Devol, Stephen Potter, Job Mith, Chosen Surveyors of highways.
- 9th Thomas Tripp, Benjamin Brownell, Sylvester Brownell, Jonathan Tripp, Robert Barker, Benjamin Brownell 2nd, Chosen Fence Viewers - & affirmed.
- Also Thomas Cornell, Christopher Cornell, & Peris Richmond chosen Fence Viewers.

Nathaniel Thorby Chosen Ground Keeper, sworn

10th Jeremiah Wilcox, Joseph Gifford, chosen field drivers
& sworn

Also, Ezekiel Brownell, Job Abney, Essek Taber,
Wesley Soule, Jonathan White, George Brownell.

Chosen field drivers.

11th Upon Collecting, sorting, and counting the votes for County Treasurer
it appeared that Samuel Crocker Esq. had 31 Vote and
declaration was made thereof in town meeting accordingly

12th Bazina Devol, George Brownell 2^d and Abraham Gifford Carpenter,
Chosen Surveyors of Lumber Shingles & Planks.

13th Elijah Potter, Daniel Tripp, Bazina Devol. & Releg Potter

Chosen Corders & measurers of Wood, & Daniel Tripp affirmed,

14th George Brownell 2^d & Bazina Devol. Chosen Cutlers of hoops & staves,

15th Thomas Briggs & Preserved Sherman. Chosen Cutlers of Leather, sworn

16th Christopher Cornell & Daniel Tripp. Chosen Cutlers of Dry Fish & affirmed,

17th Voted that the town be requested, to Collect such law books that belong
to the town, that is not needed in the Clerk's Office and bring,
them to the next meeting to be disposed of, as the town shall
agree -

18th Voted not to paint the out side of the town house. -

19th Voted that the Select men be a committee, to enquire and
report what alteration is necessary in the inside of the
town house and are requested to report a plan thereof
at the next meeting -

20th Voted, that the return of an open highway, laid out
by the Select men, by Roaches Willcox called, and
presented to this meeting, be accepted, and the town
Clerk is hereby directed to record the same. -

21st Voted that the sum of twelve hundred dollars, be assessed on
the polls and rateable Estate, Real and personal, of the residents
& non residents, of the town of Westport, as the inhabitants are by
law assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors, assess the
same as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the persons names,
and the sums which they are assessed, to each surveyor
for his limits according to law, & as soon as may be

for

for the purpose of amending, and repairing, the highways and town ways
within the town of Westport for the year ensuing. -

Voted that seventy five Cents be allowed, for one day's work of a man or
a pair of oxen, & that twenty five Cents be allowed for the use
of a Cart or Horse one day. -

Voted that the sum of one hundred, & twenty dollars, of the sum that
shall be voted for the town expenses for the year ensuing, be appropriated
for the support and encouragement of school, in the way and manner,
the Select men shall direct agreeable to law. -

Voted that Abner Brownell, & John Mosher, be a committee, for the
purpose of ascertaining the sum, that shall be due to John
Gifford, for keeping the poor of the town the year past, agreeable
to the agreement between the town & said Gifford, and that
they report their doings to the Committee on Accounts,
for their Allowance -

Also agreeable to the aforesaid warrant, the Select men did
proceed to Collect, sort and Count the votes for Governor, and
Lieutenant Governor, for the Commonwealth, and for Senators,
and Counsellors for the District, -

And it appeared that Caleb Strong had 70 } Votes for
and Elbridge Gerry had 6 } Governor

Edward H. Robbins had 76 Votes for Lieutenant Gov
And declaration was made thereof in town meeting.

Upon Collecting, sorting and Counting the votes for
Counsellors and Senators, it appeared that,

Elisha May had 57 Votes, }
Alden Spooner had 57 } Votes for Counsellors
Josiah Dean had 4 } & Senators
David Perry had 4 }

and record and declaration was made thereof in town
meeting accordingly -

Voted to adjourn this meeting, to the second Monday of
May, Nine o'clock forenoon, then to meet at this place
& adjourned accordingly

Monday May 10th 1802

town met according to adjournment.

Josiah Brownell sworn Surveyor of highways.

Joseph Wing — J^o — J^o —

Barzina Devel J^o — J^o —

Voted to excuse Job Milk from being surveyor of highways and Jeremiah Brownell, was chosen in his stead.

Eleazer Baker chosen surveyor of highways.

Barzina Devel, sworn. Surveyor of Lumber Shingles &

Planks, & Cordier and measurer of Wood. also Culler

of hoops & staves.

David Sanford and Martin Maccumber chosen thing men.

Robert Barker, William Maccumber, Quack Dyer & Job Milk
Chosen hog reeves.

Silvester Brownell, George Brownell, Cooper, Joseph Gifford,

Job Army, Samuel Wilcox, & John Piercy chosen

Overseers of the Fishing.

The Select men who were appointed a committee to enquire
& report what alterations was necessary to be made in
the inside of the town house, reported that they had not agreed.
Thereupon Voted that the Select men be requested to proceed
and make such alterations as to them shall appear
necessary & expedient.

Voted That the providing for and supporting the poor,
unless in instances where the Select Men, shall think it
best to agree otherwise, having regard to their comfortable
support & maintenance — be by Venduing.

Voted that the Law Books belonging to the town exclusive
of the two Volumes, last printed by order of Court, be left in
the hands of the Select men, for the use of the inhabitants
of the town and Abner Brownell, took them accordingly.

151

The Committee appointed, at the last meeting, to examine & allow ~~accounts~~ accounts, brought against the town of Westport, & to settle with the town treasurer - Reported, that after giving due notice, they met agreeable to appointment, at the dwelling house of Abner Brownell in Westport, on the 3^d day of May A^d 1802, and after carefully examining the Accounts laid before them, they allowed to the several persons, named in the list of Accounts, presented with their reports, the several sums set to their respective names, amounting in the whole to the sum of — — — — — \$886:44:5,

Also the committee agreeable to appointment have examined the accounts of the treasurer of the town of Westport, for the year past, and report, that the treasurer had received for the town, since the last settlement with him the sum of — — — — — \$1036. 01. -
And has paid out as by his Accts — — — — — 1001:80. -
Leaving a Balance in favour of the town of — — — — — \$34:81
and made a settlement with him accordingly — —

They further report, that there was by the report of the Committee the last year, a Balance in favour of the town of Westport, between the sums ~~Assessed~~ Assessed on the town, and the ~~sum~~ Accounts that had been allowed against the town, a Balance in favour of the town of — — — — — \$163 = 94. -
And that there had been Assessed on the town the year past the sum of — — — — — \$880 - 89 -
1044:83

The sum allowed for expenses, the year past as by report is — — — — — 886:44. -

Leaving a Balance in favour of the town of \$158:39

And it further appears by the treasurers Books, that there is in the hands of Benjamin Brownell Collector the sum of — — — — — \$638:81.

All which is submitted — —

Voted to accept the report of the Committee, and that the treasurer be directed to pay the several sums as allowed by them, out of the money he shall receive into the Treasury —

Voted that there be raised by way of tax, on the polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport, for the support of the poor and other necessary expenses, of the town the year ensuing, the sum of Nine Hundred dollars. to be collected and paid into the treasury, within six months. From the time, the Collector shall receive the tax Bills from the Assessors, otherwise the treasurer is hereby directed, to issue his execution, for the Balance in the hands of the Collector at the end of said six months.

And the Assessors, are hereby directed to Assess the same, in the same way and manner, that other taxes are by law assessed, and deliver a list thereof to the Collector as soon as may be —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of July next 3 of the clock in the afternoon thence to meet at this place — and it was adjourned accordingly —
November 4th 1802 Ebenezer Baker sworn Surveyor of highways.

At a town meeting, legally warned, and held, at the town house in Westport on Monday y^e 10th day of May A^d 1802 — for the purpose of voting for a Representative to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth, the year ensuing. And also, to appoint some person, to have the care, & Collect together, all the Bonds & Securities that have or may be given, to indemnify or secure said town, and to make out and exhibit a list thereof, Annually to the Select men of said town —

Upon Collecting, sorting, and counting, the votes, for representative it appeared that Abner Brownell Esq^r had, 31 votes being the whole number given in, and a Record and declaration was made thereof, in town meeting accordingly, —

Voted that the treasurer be requested, to ~~as soon as~~ Collect and keep in his office, all Bonds & Securities that have or may be given, to indemnify or secure the town and to make out, and exhibit Annually a list thereof to the Select Men —

154

To Abner Brownell Esq^r one of the Inhabitants of the
town of Westport,
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said
town, of Westport, duly Qualified, to Vote for Representatives in
the General Court, of said Commonwealth, to assemble at
the town house in said town, on monday. the first day
of November next, at one of the clock in the afternoon,
to give in their Votes for a Representative, of the people of
said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States,
for Bristol District, Also to know the towns mind in
regard to remonstrating, against paying, for the land, for
an open highway, where the Court of General Sessions of
the peace, have appointed a Committee, to lay out one, &c.
And also in regard, to regulating ear marks, for Creatures
in this town, And make return of this warrant,
with your doings thereon, to the town Clerk at or before,
the said day and time of meeting —

Given under our hands and seals, at this 9th day of
October A.D. 1802
Nehemiah Brownell Selectmen
John Mosher - J of Westport —

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the
male Inhabitants, of the town of Westport, Qualified as therein
expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes
within mentioned -- Abner Brownell

Westport November 4th A.D. 1802 —

November 4th The town having met agreeable to the above
warrant, The Select men, did proceed to Collect votes and
Count the Votes for a Representative as therein expressed,
and it appeared that Laban Whitton Esq^r had 41 Votes,
and Phaniel Bishop Esq^r — — — — — had - 38 votes,
and Record & declaration thereof made in town meeting
as by Law required —

155

Also Abner Brownell was chosen Moderator of said meeting,
Voted that ^{a copy} of each ear. shall not be considered as a sufficient
and legal ear, for Creatures in this town — — —
The article respecting the highway was not acted upon —
William Abney Town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town
house in Westport on monday y^e 4th day of April A.D. 1803 —
for the purpose of Voting for Governor & Lieutenant Governor
of this Commonwealth, & Senators and Counsellors
for the District of Bristol,

Upon Collecting sorting and counting the Votes
it appeared that,

His Excellency Caleb Strong had 98 Votes for Gov^r
& that his honour Edward H. Robbins, had 98 Votes for
Lieutenant Governor —

Alden Spooner Esq ^r had	90 Votes	} for Counsellor & Senators,
Stephen Burlock Esq ^r had	90 Votes	
Josiah Dean Esq ^r had	12 Votes	
& David Perry Esq ^r had	12 Votes,	

And a Record and declaration made thereof in town
meeting by the select men, agreeable to the Constitution

Attest William Abney Town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the
town house in Westport on monday y^e 4th day of April A.D. 1803
for the purpose of drawing one good & lawfull man to serve
on the Grand Jury, at the Court General Sessions of the
peace for the year ensuing and one person alike
Qualified to serve on petty jury at the next Court
of Common ^{pleas} & general sessions of the peace, to be holden
at Taunton —

Humphry Maccumber, was drawn to serve on the
Grand Jury & Russell Gifford, on the Petty Jury

All a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday y^e 4th day of April A 1803, for the purpose of acting on the following articles mentioned in the warrant, Namely

- 1st - To choose all such town Officers, as are by law required for the year ensuing.
- 2nd - To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.
- 3rd - To choose a Committee, to examine and allow all just Accounts, that may be brought against said town, & also to settle with the town Treasurer.
- 4th - To determine what sum is necessary to raise by way of tax, for the support of the poor, and other necessary expenses for the year ensuing.
- 5th - To conclude in regard to the repair and amendment of the highways &c.
- 6th - To receive, or reject returns of highways, & driftways laid out or altered by the Select Men.
- 7th - To know the towns mind in regard to selling a peice of a highway, through a lot of wood land, at the northward of Abial Maccumbers.
- 8th - To determine what method is most beneficial, in proportioning school money among the several districts, and in particular where there is school houses in a district, whether any school in such district, that is not kept in the school houses, shall be entitled to any school ~~district~~.
- 9th - To know the towns mind, in regard to remonstrating against the report of the committee, lately appointed by the Court of General Sessions of the peace, of the County of Bristol, for the laying out of an open highway, by William Abney Esq^r.
- 10th - To know the towns mind, in regard to petitioning the General Court, to repeal the laws, prohibiting the signing of fish, and catching of oysters in the Rivers - - or,

or otherwise to devise, some method, more effectually to have the laws, put in execution, than they have heretofore been,

- First, William Abney Esq^r was chosen moderator.
- 2nd William Abney Esq^r was chosen town Clerk and sworn.
 - 3rd Silvester Brownell, Abner Brownell, & John Mosher, were chosen Select men.
 - 4th William Abney, chosen town treasurer, & to have one & one fourth p^{ct} Cent, on the money he shall receive into the treasury - and was sworn.
 - 5th Silvester Brownell, Gideon Tallman, & Weseon Tripp, Chosen Assessors of Rates, and were engaged accordingly.
 - 6th George Lawton, John Mosher, and Lemuel Mink, Chosen a Committee on Accounts, & to settle with the treasurer.
 - 7th Upon Collecting sorting, & counting the Votes for County Treasurer it appeared, that Samuel Crocker Esq^r had forty two votes.
 - 8th Nathaniel Pierby Chosen pound keeper, & sworn.
 - 9th Benjamin Devol, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Cory, Benjamin Brownell, Weseon Pierby, Philip Potter, Bazona Devol, David Sanford, Abner Devol, Isaiah Burdett, William White, Hatter, Prince Howland, & William Pierby chosen Surveyors of highways, and were affirmed. Also, Silvanus White, Samuel Devol, Prince King, Elijah Gifford Jun^r, Job Baker, John Gifford Blackth were chosen Surveyors of highways - George Lawton chosen Surveyor of highways & sworn.

Bradford Richmond. Sylvester Brownell, Benjamin Brownell, Jonathan Tripp, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell². Thomas Cornell, Chosen ~~Surveyors~~ and affirmed. Also Robert Barker chosen Senequier,

Jeremiah Willcox. Warton Maccumber. Thomas Briggs. Edward Wing. Joseph Gifford, & George Brownell, Chosen Field Drivers --

Barjona Devol. Humphry Howland, George Brownell² Chosen Surveyors of Lumber. Shingles & Planks. - & Barjona Devol was affirmed.

Elijah Potter. Peleg Potter & Barjona Devol chosen Corders & measurers of Wood, & Barjona Devol & Peleg Potter aff.

Barjona Devol & George Brownell² Chosen Cutters of hoops & Staves. & Barjona Devol affirmed,

Thomas Briggs. & Preserved Sherman chosen Dealers of Leather -- May 11th sworn

Christopher Cornell. & Warton Maccumber. Chosen Cutters of dry Fish & Christopher Cornell aff.

John Tibbitts & Warton Maccumber. Chosen Tying men --

Warton Maccumber, Nathan Lyon, & George Brownell² Chosen Hog Reeves. --

Sylvester Brownell. George Brownell Cooper. Joseph Gifford Job Army. Samuel Willcox, & John Flury. Chosen Overseers the Fishery.

Noted that the sum of twelve hundred dollars, be Assessed on the polls. & Rateable Estate, Real & Personal, of the Residents & non Residents of the town of Westport, as the Inhabitants are by law Assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors, Assess the same, as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the persons names, and the sums which they are Assessed, to each Surveyor for his limits according to law, & soon as may be, for the purposes of amending and keeping in repair the highways. and town ways. within the town of Westport, for the year ensuing. --

Noted that seventy five Cents be allowed for one days work of a man or a pair of oxen. and that twenty five Cents, be allowed for the use of a Cart or Plow a day on the highways. if done before the first day of October. & thirty three Cents per days work after that time

Noted not to sell the highway. mentioned in 7th Article in the warrant. and that the Select men be requested to make inquiry respecting any trespass that may have been committed thereon. and take such measures as they shall Judge will be for the Interest of the town --

Noted not to remonstrate against the report of the Committee appointed for laying out the highway as mentioned in the 9th Article of the warrant. --

On the tenth Article in the Warrant,
Voted not petition the General Court for a
repeal of the Cyster and Fish Act,

Voted to adjourn this meeting to wednesday y^e 11th
day of May next, at ten of the Clock in the
fore noon then to meet at this place, adjourned accordingly
~~Jeremiah~~ May 11th ---

Jeremiah Willcox, sworn Field driver, & Thomas Briggs ---

Preserved Sherman & Thomas Briggs sworn Dealers of leather ---

Met according to adjournment May 11th A^d 1803 ---

Wesley Towle, Paul Piercy, chosen Field drivers & affirmed,
also Schabod Potter 2^d chosen Field drivers. ---

Voted that one hundred and twenty dollars, be appropriated for
the support of School, to be distributed at the discretion of
the Select men, agreeable to law. ---

Ebenezer Baker chosen Surveyor of highways & affirmed. ---

The Committee chosen to examine and allow accounts & to
settle with the treasurer, --- Reported, that after giving
due notice, they met agreeable to appointment, at the
dwelling house of Abner Brownell, in Westport, on the 2nd
day of May A^d 1803, and carefully examined the accounts
laid before them, and allowed to the several persons named
in, a list presented with their report, the sums set against
their respective names, amounting in the whole to the
sum of --- \$ 631.45.8. ---

Voted to accept the report of the Committee, and the
treasurer is hereby directed, to pay the several accounts,
thus allowed by them, which accounts when paid, shall
discharge him from the same sums ---

Also the Committee reported, that agreeable to their appointment, they had examined the accounts, of the treasurer of the town, for the year past, and report, that the treasurer ~~has~~ has received, for the town, since the last settlement, with him, the sum of - - - \$729:45. —

And has paid by his accounts - - - 714:59.6. —

Leaving a balance in his hands --- of \$ 15:45:4

And that they made a Settlement with him accordingly.

Voted that there be raised by way of tax, on the polls and estates, of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport for the support of the poor, and other expenses of said town for the year ensuing, the sum of seven hundred Dollars, to be collected and paid into the treasury, within six months from the time, the Collector shall receive the tax Bills from the Assessors, otherways the ^{Treasurer} Collector, is hereby directed, to give his execution for the balance, in the hands of Collector, at the end of said six months. —

And the Assessors are hereby directed to Assess, the same, in the same way and manner, that other taxes are by law Assessed, and deliver a list thereof to the Collector as soon as may be - - -

Benjamin Brownell Jun^r was chosen Constable & Collector of taxes for the year ensuing, and to have three per Cent on the money he shall Collect and pay into the several Treasurers, agreeable to his warrants - - -

and was sworn accordingly - - -

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the last Monday in July at two of the Clock in the afternoon there to meet at this place

Passed by - - - William Abney T. Clark

At a town meeting warned & held, agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, at the town house in Westport, on Wednesday the 11th day of May A.D. 1803, for the purpose of Choosing, a representative, to represent this town of Westport in the General Court of this Commonwealth upon sorting & Collecting the Votes it appeared that Abner Brownell Esq.^r had 49 Votes and was chosen - - -

At a town meeting held at the town house in Westport Monday y. 2^d day of April A.D. 1804, for the purpose of drawing jury men - - -
Edward Burden was drawn to serve on the Grand Jury at the General Sessions of the peace for the year ensuing, and Nathaniel Brownell was drawn to serve on the Petty Jury at the next Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions of the peace - - -

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westport Qualified to Vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Councillors, - being legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday y. 2^d day of April A.D. 1804 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, for this Commonwealth and for Senators and Councillors for the County and District of Bristol. - - -
Upon Collecting, sorting, and Counting the Votes
It appeared That Caleb Strong had 112 } Votes for Governor
James Sullivan had - - - 21 }
Edward H. Robbins had - 112 }
William Heath had - 21 } Votes for Lieut Governor
Recorded by William Almy Town Clerk - - -

Also Alden Spooner had 99 } Votes for Councillors
Stephen Bullock had 101 } and Senators. -
Josiah Dean - had - 27 }
Nathaniel Moten Junr. had 27 }
and Declaration thereof made agreeable to the Constitution.

To Abner Brownell one of the inhabitants of the town of Westport in the County of Bristol Greeting a -
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholder, and ~~other~~ ^{said} other inhabitants of ~~the town of~~ ^{said} Qualified by law, to vote in town meetings namely such as pay, to one single tax, beside the poll, or polls, a sum equal to two thirds, of a single poll tax, to meet and assemble at the town house, on Monday the 2^d day of April next, at nine of the clock in the fore noon, to act on the following Articles. - -
Namely, To choose all such Officers as towns are by law required to choose. - - -
2^d To give in their Votes for County treasurer. - - -
3^d To choose a Committee, to examine, and allow, all just, accounts, brought against said town, and also to settle with the town treasurer - - -
4th To Conclude in what method to support the poor the year ensuing. - - -
5th To determine what sum is necessary, to raise by way of tax, for the support of the poor, and, other necessary expenses for the year ensuing,
6th To Conclude in regard, to amendment, and repair of highways, and drift ways ~~and other ways~~ ^{the year ensuing} ~~and other ways~~ ^{by the select men} - - -
7th To receive or reject, returns of highways, and drift ways, ~~and other ways~~ ^{and other ways} ~~and other ways~~ ^{by the select men} - - -
8th To examine the list of jurors, for regulating the jury Boxes agreeable to Law. - - -
9th To do what shall appear most beneficial in having the towns landing, put in better repairs and regulations by those who use the same - - -
10th

10. To transact all and any prudential and legal affairs that may appear necessary and expedient for the interest of the town.

And make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon unto the town clerk at or before the said day of meeting. Given under our hands and seals at Westport this 12th day of March A.D. 1804

John Mosher } Select Men
Silvester Brownell } of Westport.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. —
Abner Brownell.
Westport April 2^d A.D. 1804

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday y^e 2^d Day of April A.D. 1804. For the purposes of choosing town officers and acting upon other articles mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

William Almy was chosen Moderator of said meeting.
William Almy was chosen town clerk and sworn,
John Mosher.

Abner Brownell and } Chosen Select Men.
Silvester Brownell. }

William Almy chosen, town Treasurer, and is to have one and one fourth per cent on the money he shall receive in the town Treasury — and was sworn

Silvester Brownell, Gideon Tallman, and Welson Tripp, chosen Assessors of Rates, and were engaged according to law.

George Lawton, John Mosher, and Lemuel Withy, chosen a Committee on Accounts and to settle with the town Treasurer.

Nathaniel Pierby Chosen Pound keeper and affirmed.

Upon Collecting and Counting the Votes for County Treasurer, it appeared that Samuel Crocker Esq^r had 50 votes — and declaration was made thereof accordingly

Bradford Richmond, Peter Macumber, Benjamin Cory, Nathaniel Pierby, Welson Pierby, Arnold Wood, Peleg Tison, Daniel Devol, Ephraim Gifford, George Lawton, Charles Baker, Barjona Devol, David Sanford, George Woodle, William White Esq^r, Prince Howland, William Gifford, Peleg Cornell, Ebenezer Baker, Chosen Surveyors of Highways, and were engaged agreeable to law. —
Also Thomas Woodle Chosen Surveyor of Highways, & sworn May 12th

Town Viewers.

Thomas Cornell, Bradford Richmond, Silvester Brownell, Jonathan Tripp, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell the 2^d, were chosen Town Viewers and sworn, also Benjamin Brownell Chosen Town Viewers — affirmed May 12th

Jeremiah Witter, Jonathan Tripp, chosen Field Drivers and sworn. Also, Wanton Macumber, Josiah Brownell, Edward Wing Jun^r, Jonathan Peckham, George Brownell, Welson Lovle, Edmond Tripp, Chosen Field Drivers —

Barjona Devol, Humphrey Howland, & George Brownell 2^d Chosen Surveyors of Lumber Shingles and Boards — and Barjona Devol was affirmed —

George Brownell sworn
Elijah Potter, Peleg Potter, and Barjona Devol, Chosen Saw Corders and measurers of Wood & sworn —

Barjona Devol, & George Brownell 2^d Chosen Cutters of Hoops and Staves Barjona Devol affirmed —
George Brownell sworn —

Thomas Briggs, and Preserved Sherman Chosen Sealers of Leather and Thomas Briggs sworn —

Cutters of dry Fish, Christopher Cornell and Wanton Macumber Chosen, Christopher Cornell sworn —

Tything Men
Prince Howland, and Wanton Macumber chosen.

Wanton Macomber, Nathan Lyon and George Brownell Chosen Hog Reeves and Nathan Lyon was sworn

Voted that the sum of one thousand Dollars, be assessed on the polls and Estates = Real, Personal, of the Residents and non Residents of the town of Westport, as the Inhabitants are by law assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors Assess the same as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the persons names, and the sums which they are assessed, to each Surveyor for his limits according to law, and as soon as may be, for the purposes of amending and keeping in repair the highways and towns ways, within the town of Westport for the year ensuing.

Voted that seventy five Cents, be allowed, for one days work of a man or a pair of Oxen on the highways, and that twenty five Cents be allowed, for the use of a Cart or plow one day.

On the ninth Article in said warrant, respecting repairing the towns landing,

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen, who are requested to view said landings, and report to this town at the next meeting the best method to be taken for repairing said landings.

And Lemuel With George Larston, and Isaac Gory was Chosen a Committee accordingly - - - and also to report what regulations was best for the town to adopt respecting the same.

Voted that this town accept the return, of the highway, and landing laid out by the Select men, through Jonathan Giffords land, at the high hill so called, at the head of the West Branch, ofaccoaxet River, on condition that Little Compton compleat an open highway, from the north end of this to the highway near said Giffords dwelling house, that then said Gifford to receive of this town Fifty Dollars in full satisfaction, for all damages, that he is or may be entitled too therefore with this proviso, that if it can hereafter be

be found out, that there was land left, at that place for publick use, that then said Gifford or his heirs or assigns, shall refund back the value of what land was thus left for publick use. - - -

Voted that the survey of the highway leading from, Oliver Brownells, house Northby to the Country road near George Larstons, be accepted by this town, and Recorded. - - -

Voted that the survey, of the highway ~~leading from~~ that leads, from the head of the East Branch ofaccoaxet River Northby by Proaches Mills, to the highway that divides the town of Westport and Dartmouth, be accepted and recorded. - - -

Voted, that the survey, of the part of the drift, that leads easterly by Lovat Driggs, into the highway, that leads from the town house to the Centes meeting house so called, be accepted and recorded - - -

Voted to adjourn this meeting, to Saturday the twelfth day of May next at ten of the Clock, in the fore noon then to meet at this place and it is adjourned accordingly

Recorded by William Abney Town Clerk
Saturday May 12th A.D. 1804

Met according to adjournment -

Jeremiah Devol. and Nathan Lyon chosen Field Officers -

~~Voted to excuse~~

Voted that the providing for and getting the poor supported be by ~~providing~~ unless in instances, where the Select men shall think it best to agree otherwise, having regard to their comfortable support and maintenance.

Voted to excuse Nathaniel Piercy from being Surveyor of high ways the year ensuing, and that Benjamin Brownell be chosen in his stead, and he was chosen and affirmed accordingly

The Committee appointed by the town at the meeting on the 2^d day of April last, to view the towns landings, at the head of the East Branch of Noxet river (so called) and report their opinion of the best manner to have the same repaired, made their report, which was accepted by the town, and ordered to be recorded. — which is as follows — —

Whereas it is necessary, that, there should be considerable repairs, on the towns landings, on both sides of the East branch at the head of Noxet River so called in Westport, and it being equitable, to be paid by those persons, occupying the same.

Therefore, Voted that, there be paid, on every Cord of Wood, that shall be brought, on either of said landings the sum of four Cents — on every ton of Lumber, four Cents — on every thousand feet of Boards, four Cents — on every thousand feet of two inch plank, eight Cents — and on other Plank, at the same rate in proportion, to the thickness of the plank, which sums are to be paid by the persons, having the same surveyed, but if there should be any of the above named Articles, of Wood, Lumber, Boards, and Plank, brought on said landings, and taken of without being surveyed, then to be paid by the person or persons, who owned the same, and brought or caused the same to be brought on said landings.

And for the purpose of Collecting the several sums as aforesaid, the town of Westport shall at the town meeting, to be holden in the month of March or April Annually, for the purpose of choosing town officers, also choose an Agent, or Agents, who shall have full power and Authority to sue for and recover for the use of the town, of any person or persons, who neglects or refuses, when demanded, to pay any of the sums, due ~~due~~ from him, or them, for the use of the landings as aforesaid, and the said agent or agents to be paid, such sum or sums for Collecting the same, as shall be agreed upon between the town and said Agents, and said agent or agents shall pay the Balance, into the hands, of the Committee appointed by the town to repair said landings, which Committee, are to expend,

such sums of money as they shall or receive, in repairs on said landing in such way and manner, as the town shall direct.

And it shall be the duty of the measurers and Corders of Wood, and Surveyors of Lumber, who shall measure or survey ^{any} wood, timber boards or Plank on either of said landings, to render an account, thereof, to the Agent or Agents appointed by the town as aforesaid, for Collecting the sums as aforesaid, when requested thereto by the agent or agents, and also to give to the agents or agents, an account according to the best of their knowledge, of all Wood, Timber, Boards and Plank, that shall have been brought on said landings, and taken of without being measured or Surveyed, by the Measurers of Wood or Surveyors of Lumber chosen by said town —

Voted that the foregoing laws and Regulations respecting the towns landings, at the head of the East Branch, of Noxet River so called, be recorded, and that William Amy Esq, be chosen an agent, in behalf of the town, who is requested ~~in behalf of the town~~ to present a Copy of the same, to the Court of General Sessions of the peace, for the County of Bristol, and endeavour to obtain, their approbation, of the same in order that, it may become a Law.

Voted that if the said landings, are repaired to the satisfaction of the Committee, appointed by the town to view the same, before the next Sessions, of the Court of the General Sessions of the peace, for the said County, and said Committee shall certify their approbation thereof, to the said Agent, then said Agent is requested not to present, the aforesaid Laws and Regulations, to the said Court, for their approbation, as aforesaid.

The Committee chosen to examine and allow accounts, and to settle with the treasurer. Reported that after giving due notice they met, at the dwelling house of Moses Brownells, Inholder in Westport on Monday 27th day of April inst, and after carefully examining the Accounts laid before them, they allowed to the several persons named in the list presented by them, the several sums, set against their respective names, amounting in the whole to

170

to sum of eight-hundred seventy seven Dollars - \$ 877:60:2.
Sixty Cents & two Mills

Voted to accept the report of the Committee, and the treasurer is hereby directed to pay the accounts thus allowed. by them. which accounts when paid shall discharge him from the same sums.

Also the Committee reported that agreeable to their appointment they had examined the accounts of the treasurer. for the year past. and find that the treasurer, has received, since the last Settlement with him, the sum of - - - \$ 679:85:4.

And has paid as per Accounts - - - 698:82:5.

Leaving a Balance against the town of \$ 18:97:1

And made a Settlement with the treasurer accordingly - -

They further Report, that there was by the report, of the Committee the last year. a Balance between the sums assessed on the town, and the accounts that had been allowed against the town. a Balance in favour of the town of - - - \$ 332:2:2.

And that there had been assessed on the inhabitants the year past. the sum of - - - 786:21 - -

making in the whole - - - \$ 11 18:23-2

And the sums allowed for expenses the year past - 877:60:2

240:63 0

Leaving a Balance in favour of the town of }

Voted that there be raised by way of tax on the Polls and Estate of the inhabitants of the town of Westport, for the support of the poor and other expenses of the said town for the year ensuing. the sum of seven hundred Dollars, to be collected and paid into the treasury, within six months from the time the Collector shall receive the tax Bills of the Householders, and the treasurer is hereby directed to have Execution for the Balance that shall be in the hands of the said Collector at the end of said six Months - - - And

171

And the Assessors are hereby directed to Assess, the said sum of seven hundred dollars, in the same way and manner that other taxes are by Law Assessed, and deliver a list of the same to the Collector as soon as may be. —

Benjamin Brownell Junr. was chosen Constable and Collector of Rates for the year ensuing and is to have three per Cent on the money he shall Collect and pay to the several Treasurers agreeable to warrants, and he was sworn accordingly.

John Palmer. George Brownell Cooper. William Gifford. Job Abney. Samuel Willcox. John Herby. Jeremiah Willcox. were chosen a Committee to oversee the Fishery —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the third monday of August. three of the clock in the afternoon then to meet in this place and it was adjourned accordingly —

Recorded by William Abney Town Clerk

August 20th A.D. 1804 Met according to adjournment. —

The Select Men Presented a list of Jurors. which was accepted. and one fourth part of the number selected. and Voted to be put in the Box. to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court, and the remaining part of said list was Voted to be put in the other Box to serve as Jurors at the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace. —

Having ~~performed~~ Completed the Business, to be transacted by virtue of the warrant. this meeting was dissolved —

William Abney Town Clerk

Recorded by William Abney Town Clerk

All a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Saturday the 12th day of May 1804.

To act on the following articles in the warrant for calling said meeting - - - Namely - - -

1st To know the towns mind in regard to joining with Dartmouth to petition the Court of General Sessions of the peace to have as much of the highway, (which is the dividing line between this town and Dartmouth,) discontinued as the Select men of both towns shall adjudge expedient. - - -

2nd To know the towns mind in regard to authorising the Select Men of town to make an exchange with Dartmouth of part of said way, which is the former division of said way, was for Dartmouth to amend and keep in repair. provided that Dartmouth wishes to do it on equitable terms. - - -

3rd To know the towns mind in regard to granting to the proprietors, of the Horseneck so called, the privilege of enclosing all the Beach or land, belonging to this town, that lays south, of Capt. Job Almy's homestead farm, on condition that, the proprietors make no expense to this town in fencing, or otherwise nor prevent none of the inhabitants of this town from passing and repassing thereon, nor taking of sea muck - - -

4th To take into consideration the expediency of lessening the number of Licensed houses, & Grog Shops, and determine the number of places, that the Select men shall recommend.

William Almy was Chosen Moderator of said meeting.

Voted, That the Select men join with in behalf of this town join with the town of Dartmouth, to petition the Court of General Sessions of the peace, to have as much of the highway, (which is the dividing line between this town and Dartmouth,) discontinued as the Select men of both towns shall judge expedient.

173
Voted, that the Select Men be and they are hereby authorised to make an exchange, with Dartmouth, of such part of the highway which is the dividing line between this town and Dartmouth, which fell to Westport, to keep in repair in the Division of said way, for such part thereof as fell to the town of Dartmouth in said Division to keep in repair as the Select of this town and the Select men or agents of the town of Dartmouth shall think expedient and shall agree upon - - -

Voted, To grant to the proprietors of Horseneck so called, the Privilege of enclosing all the Beach, or land belonging to this town, that lays south of Capt. Job Almy's homestead farm, and West of the highway, which is the dividing line between this town and Dartmouth, on Condition that, this town is to be at no expense in fencing or otherways, and that none of the inhabitants of this town be prevented, from passing and repassing thereon, nor prevented from taking of sea muck - - -

Voted not to give the Select men directions respecting approbations for Licenses - - -

Recorded by me William Almy Town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house on Saturday the twelfth day of May AD 1804. for the purpose of Choosing a Representative to Represent this town, at the General Court, appointed to be Convened. and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Inst. — Upon Collecting, sorting and Counting the Votes it appeared, that William Almy Esq. had thirty Votes.

Abner Brownell Esq. had twenty Votes.

and Robert Earl Esq. had one Vote.

It was thereupon declared that William Almy Esq. was Chosen and Record made thereof agreeable to the Constitution

Recorded by William Almy Town Clerk

At a meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday y^e 20th day of August AD 1804 —

To Act on the following Articles contained in the warrant for calling said meeting — Namely

1st To know whether the town, at said meeting, will reconsider the Vote, passed at a town meeting begun and held at the town house, in said town, on Monday y^e 2nd day of April last past, and Continued by adjournment to Saturday y^e 12th day of May following. For raising money, for the repair of the towns Landings at the head of the East Branch of Acosset River so called in Westport, by laying a tax on all Wood, Lumber &c. that shall be laid on said landing.

2nd To know the towns mind whether they will take any further measures, for repairing said Landings

William Almy was chosen moderator of said meeting — Voted to repeal the aforesaid Vote for laying a tax on Articles therein mentioned, for the purpose of repairing said Landings, and that the same be null and void.

Ebenezer Baker and Henry Tibbitts were chosen a Committee, to superintend the repairing of said Landings, and, to direct in what manner, the money is to be laid out thereon, that is raised by subscription, for repairing said Landings.

Adjourned without day William Almy, Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday the fifth day of November A 1804 to know the towns mind in regard to discontinuing a piece of highway in the fork of the river, so called, layed out March 8th 1785, begining opposite where the widow Macumber now lives. and extending Notherly about two hundred & ninety four rods,

William Ahny was chosen Moderator of said Meeting Voted To discontinue a part, of said highway. Begining Opposite the widow Macumbers house. thence notherly. untill said highway is intersected by the highway leading notherly from the Forge. and that thus much of said highway be from this time discontinued.

Recorded by me William Ahny Town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house, in Westport on Monday 5th day of November A 1804 for the purpose of drawing two men to serve as Jurors at the Court of Common Pleas. next to be holden at Taunton. on the Monday next preceeding the second Tuesday of December next,

Daniel Cornell. and Thomas Sherman was drawn, out of the Box agreeable to law to serve at the next Court as aforesaid.

Recorded by me William Ahny Town Clerk

At a meeting of the male Inhabitants of the town of Westport in the district of Bristol, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, duly Quallified to Vote, for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, said meeting being legally warned. and held at the town house in said town, on Monday y^e fifth day of November. A 1804, being the first Monday in said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes, for nineteen Electors, of President and vice President of the United States. Qualifed according to the Constitution thereof. and also for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative, of the people of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States. for Bristol District. Votes for the following persons. were given in sorted and Counted. And declaration & Record thereof made as by Law is required.

- Namely, The Honourable James Sullivan of Boston and had twenty six votes
 - The Honourable Elbridge Gerry of Cambridge for Electors at large.
 - The Honourable James Woodin of Boston had twenty six votes,
 - Col John Hathorne of Salem had twenty six votes.
 - Doctor Thomas Fittredge of Andover had twenty six votes,
 - The Honourable James Winthrop of Cambridge had twenty six votes,
 - Jonathan Smith Junr. Esq. of West Springfield had twenty six votes.
 - Edward Upham Esq. of New Salem had twenty six votes,
 - The Honourable James Warren of Plymouth, had twenty six votes,
 - The Honourable Josiah Dean of Raynham, had twenty six votes,
 - The Honourable John Davis of Barnstable had twenty six votes,
 - Gen Timothy Novell of Sturbridge had twenty six votes,
 - Gen John Whiting of Lancaster had twenty six votes,
 - The Honourable John Bacon of Stockbridge had twenty six votes,
 - The Honourable William Heath of Barnury had twenty six votes,
 - The Honourable John Woodman of Ruxton had twenty six votes.
 - The Honourable Charles Turner of Turnus had twenty six votes,
 - Col Thomas Dillebrown of Wallonick, had twenty six votes,
 - John Farley Esq. of New Castle had twenty six votes.
- for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States - whose names were all borne on each Ticket agreeable to Law.

Also

Also }
 At Large } Hon David Cobb Esq. of Gouldsbrough District of Maine
 Oliver Wendell Boston Massachusetts.
 had fifty four votes for Electors at large. --
 Suffolk District Hon. John Coffin Jones Esq. Boston fifty four votes
 Gloucester Benjamin Goodhue Salem had fifty four votes
 Gloucester N. Bailey Bartlett Haverhill had fifty four votes
 Middlesex Ebenezer Brooks - Lincoln had fifty four votes
 Hampshire S. William Shepard - Westfield had fifty four votes
 Plymouth William Lewis - Hingham had fifty four votes
 Barnstable Ebenezer Bacon. Barnstable had fifty four votes
 Hampshire N. Ebenezer Mattoon & Amherst. had fifty four votes.
 Bristol - George Leonard. Norton. had fifty four votes.
 Worcester S. Joseph Allen Worcester - had fifty four votes.
 Worcester N. Josiah Stearns Lunenburg had fifty four votes
 Berkshire. David Probetter - Richmond had fifty four votes.
 Norfolk. Cotton Rust. Weymouth - had fifty four votes.
 York John Lord Barnstable had fifty four votes.
 Cumberland Isaac Parker Portland had fifty four votes.
 Lincoln - Thomas Rice. Wiscasset had fifty four votes.
 Pennebuck Samuel Wilde Hallowell had fifty four votes.
 for Electors of President and vice President of the United States
 whose names were all borne on each Ticket agreeable to Law --

Also Upon Collecting, sorting and counting the votes for a
 Representative of the People of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 for Bristol District it appeared that
 The Honourable Pharnel Bishop had twenty seven votes,
 and Nicholas Tillinghast Esq. had fifty three votes.
 And Record and declaration was made thereof agreeable to Law.
 Westport Nov 5th 1804
 Recorded By me William Abney Clerk

At a meeting of the male inhabitants of the town of Westport
 in the County and district of Bristol, in the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, Qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth,
 to Vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Representatives
 said meeting being warned as the Constitution directs, and holden on
 the first Monday of April. 1805, being the first Monday of
 of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes, for
 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, of said Commonwealth, and
 Senators and Counsellors for said district,
 Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted and counted,
 and Record and declaration thereof made. as by said Constitution
 is directed. Namely
 His Excellency Caleb Strong had 106 } Votes for Governor.
 and James Sullivan Esq. - had 54. }

His Honour Edward T. Robbins had 106 } Votes for Lieutenant
 and William Heath Esq. - had 54 } Governor --

Also Josiah Dean Esq. - had 47 }
 Nathaniel Morton Esq. - had 47 } Votes for Senators
 Stephen Bullock Esq. - had 68 } and Counsellors --
 and Samuel Tobey Esq. - had 68 }

Upon Collecting & counting the votes for County treasurer,
 it appeared that Samuel Crocker Esq. had forty four votes.

Recorded by William Abney Clerk of the town of Westport --

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in
 Westport, on Monday y^e 1st day of April 1805, for the purpose of drawing
 drawing one good and lawful man, to serve on the grand jury for the
 year ensuing, and one man alike qualified to serve on the Petty
 jury at the next Court of Common Pleas, & General Sessions of the
 the peace. -- John Davis was drawn to serve on the grand jury
 and - Ebenezer Baker was drawn to serve on the Petty
 jury as aforesaid --

Recorded By William Abney Clerk --

At a meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1805. for the purpose of acting upon the following articles contained in the warrant for calling said meeting — Namely

- 1st To choose all such officers as towns are by law required to choose.
 - 2nd To choose a committee to examine and allow. all just accounts, brought against said town, and also to settle with the town Treasurer — — —
 - 3rd To determine what sum is necessary, to raise by way of tax, for the support of the poor, and other expenses that may arise the year ensuing, and also what sum shall be expended, in amundments, and repairs of highways, ^{& drift ways} the year ensuing.
 - 4th To receive or reject returns of highways, or drift ways, layed out or altered, by the Select men — —
 - 5th To determine what method is most beneficial agreeable to law in regard to schools. — —
 - 6th To know the towns mind in regard to granting a privilege to a number of inhabitants to build a Wharf in the river opposite the towns landing at the Point.
 - 7th To do what shall appear best in regard to regulating Creatures, going at large in highways and Commons, agreeable to law.
 - 8th To choose an agent, or agents, to represent the situation of the highway, between Dartmouth and this town, which has been complained of to the Court of General Sessions of the peace — —
 - 9th To know the towns mind in regard to granting a privilege to Benjamin Davis and son, to build a pier or wharf, a little west of the wharf they now own at the point. — —
- which warrant was dated the 9th day of March A.D. 1805.

And signed

Eleazer Brownell

Select Men

John Mosher —

of Westport. —

William Army Esq. was chosen Moderator of said meeting.
 William Army Esq. was chosen town clerk and was sworn,
 William Army, &

Jonathan Peckham and } were chosen select men. —
 Roger White — — — }

William Army Esq. was chosen town Treasurer. and was sworn
 and is to be paid one and one fourth per cent on the money
 he shall receive into the treasury. — — — — —

Thomas Woodle, Roger White and Barney Hicks were chosen
 Assessors of Rates and Thomas Woodle & Barney Hicks
 were sworn. accordingly. — — — — —

Nathaniel Piercy John Mosher and Oleg Elson
 were chosen a Committee on Accounts and to settle with the
 Treasurer. — — — — —

Nathaniel Piercy was chosen Pound keeper & sworn. — — — — —

Peter Maccumber, Abner Potter, Jonathan White, Gardner White,
 Wilbur Gifford, George Lawton, William Nith, Barjona Devol,
 David Sanford, Nelson Maccumber, Elkanah Woodle, William
 White 2^d, William Elson Joseph Wing Ebenezer Baker Henry
 Tibbits. were chosen Surveyors of Highways and affirmed
 also Silvester Brownell, Peter Devol, John Dyer, Philip Taber,
 Benjamin Brownell, William Piercy, Nelson Piercy, were
 chosen Surveyors of Highways. — — — — —

Thomas Cornell, Bradford Richmond, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin
 Brownell, Benjamin Brownell 2^d were chosen Fence Viewers and
 were affirmed. Also Silvester Brownell and Jonathan
 Tripp were chosen fence Viewers. — — — — —

Jeremiah Wilcox. Nelson Tripp. Josiah Brownell.
 Hiram Lovle, Jeremiah Devol, Nathan Lyon. William
 White 2^d Chosen Field drivers and affirmed. —
 also Warton Maccumber, Edward Wing. George Brownell,
 Edmond Tripp, Chosen Field drivers. —

Voted that the sum of one thousand dollars, be assessed on
 the polls and Estates Real and personal, of the residents and
 non residents of the town of Westport, as the inhabitants are by
 law assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors assess the
 the same as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the persons,
 and the sums which they are assessed, to each Surveyor,
 for his limits according to law, and as soon as may be, for the
 purposes of amending and keeping in repair, the highways
 and ~~town~~ ways within the town of Westport the year
 ensuing. —

Voted that seventy five Cents, be allowed for one days work
 of a man or a pair of oxen, on the highways, and that
 twenty five Cents, be allowed for the use of a Cart or plow
 one day.

On the eighth article in the warrant, namely to know
 the towns mind, in regard to choosing an agent or agents
 to represent the situation, of the highway between this town
 and Dartmouth, which has been complained of, ~~sent~~
 to the Court of General Sessions of the peace,

Abner Brownell Esq^r was chosen an agent, for the purposes
 aforesaid. —

Voted, That Benjamin Davis and son, have the privilege to
 Build a Pier or wharf, a little to the west of the wharf they
 now own and on the west side of the little Channell, leading
 up the west side of said wharf. —

On the sixth article in said warrant, namely to know the towns
 mind, in regard to granting a privilege to a number of inhabitants
 to build a wharf, in the river opposite, the towns landing at the Point.
 Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to view said landing
 and report to this town whether in their opinion it is expedient, to
 grant, the request, of said inhabitants, and if expedient to report in
 writing the place and ~~from the report~~ such other facts as they shall
 think necessary, to give the town, information on the subject, and
 make a report of their doings, at the adjournment of this meeting
 in May next.

and Robert Carl Esq^r Capt. Barney Hicks, & M^r Humphrey
 Maccumber, was chosen a Committee for the purposes aforesaid. —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the thirteenth day of
 May next, at ten of the clock in the fore noon then to
 meet at this place. — and adjourned accordingly. —

Recorded by William Henry Clerk of the town of Westport. —

Monday y^e 13th day of May A^d 1805 —

Met according to adjournment —

Barney Hicks was excused by vote from serving as an Assessor
 of Rates for the year ensuing. —

Benjamin Cory was chosen Assessor of Rates & sworn —

Roger White refusing to serve as an Assessor of Rates

Jeremiah Wilcox was chosen to serve, the year ensuing. —

Roger White was chosen Constable & Collector of Rates the
 year ensuing, and to have three ^{sh} Cent upon the money
 he shall Collect and pay into the several Treasurers.
 and was sworn accordingly. —

Capt. Philip Taber was excused from serving as a
 Surveyor of highways and Benjamin Cory was chosen
 in his stead & sworn —

Wesley Herby Benjamin Brownell & William Herby
affirmed Surveyors of highways. —

John Crowell Peter Macumber, & Barjona Devel. chosen
Surveyors of Boards Plank Timber & Split work, and Surveyors of
Lumber Shingles & Boards — and affirmed accordingly.
~~John Crowell~~

Barjona Devel. John Crowell. Pelig Potter. (Daniel Tripp
& Elijah Potter chosen borders & measurers of Wood, &
Barjona Devel. John Crowell & Daniel Tripp affirmed. —

Barjona Devel. George Brownell Jr. & Jethro Howland.
chosen Cutters of hoops & Staves, & Barjona Devel affirmed. —

Thomas Briggs & Preserved Sherman Chosen Dealers of Leather
& were sworn —

Christopher Cornell chosen cutter of dry fish & affirmed. —

Wanton Macumber ~~son of~~ William Gifford son of Recompense
George Gifford son of Benjamin, & Prince Howland ~~son of~~
were chosen Cything Men — — — —

Wanton Macumber. Barney Cory, Gideon Davis.
& Nathan Lyon Chosen hog reeves —

John Palmer, George Brownell Cooper. William Gifford
Job Shroy, Samuel Willcox Junr. — John Herby
Jeremiah Willcox, were chosen a Committee to oversee
the Fishery —

Voted that when any of the highways or town ways, are blocked
up or incumbered with snow, the Surveyors of such highways
or town ways, shall assign to the several persons, in his limits,
their proportion of days work, and team, if necessary, according to his
Real & personal Estate, as near as he can, and shall assign a time
for the purpose, of removing or treading down, the snow, in the
same manner, as highways are repaired in towns who neglect,
to Vote or agree upon a sum of money, for the purpose of repairing
the highways and town ways. —

The committee appointed by the town at their meeting on the first
day of April last past, to view the towns landing at the point, upon
the petition of ~~Peter~~ Macumber & others, inhabitants of the town
of Westport, made a report in writing, that they had viewed the
premises at the point, and report as follows, that it is expedient in
our opinion that the said Petitioners have liberty to build a wharf
opposite the towns landing in said Westport, beginning at the
south west corner, of the most southernmost part of the old wharf,
on said landing, from thence south about seven degrees, East, to a
flat rock, by the edge of the channel, said wharf to be built
twenty six feet in width on the east side of said line, and liberty
to build a pier on the east side of said wharf, adjoining the same,
to make said wharf fifty five feet upon the Channel.

Upon the following Conditions that said Petitioners or owners of said
wharf, shall at all times move, or cause to be moved, all vessels or
Incumbrances, of any kind to or about said wharf, that vessels &
other Crafts, shall have suitable and convenient passages, or pass ways
to and from said towns landing, in every direction

Signed the 13th day of May A.D. 1805

Robert Earl

Barney Hicks

Humphrey Macumber

Committee

Voted to accept the report, and that the same be recorded.

Noted that the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars, be appropriated for the support of schools, to be proportioned to each school district, in the same manner, the money appropriated for schools, heretofore has been expended, and that each school district, is requested to return to the Select men an account of the schooling within that district, within the year by the first day of April next, and the Select men is directed to divide the money accordingly.

The Committee, appointed to examine & allow accounts brought against the town, also to settle with the town Treasurer, reported, that they had attended that service, and allowed to the several persons, named in the list presented the several sums set against their names, amounting in the whole to the sum of \$723:02. Also that they had examined the accounts of the treasurer, for the year past, and found that the treasurer had received since the last settlement with him the sum of — \$903:34. And had paid as by his accounts — 921:33

leaving a balance in favour of the treasurer of — \$ 17:99 And made a settlement with him accordingly. Voted to accept the report of the Committee, and the treasurer is hereby directed, to pay the several accounts thus allowed & named in said list presented to the town, which accounts when paid shall discharge the treasurer from the same sums.

Noted that the sum of nine hundred dollars, be raised by way of tax on the polls & Estates of the inhabitants of the town of Westport, for the support of the poor, and other ~~incidental~~ expenses of said town the year ensuing, to be collected and paid into the treasury by the first day of April next, and the Assessors are hereby directed to Assess said sum of nine hundred dollars, in the same way and manner that other taxes are by law assessed, and deliver a list of the same to the Collector as soon as may be.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the first day of July three of the clock afternoon then to meet at the place

187
Recorded by William Henry Town Clerk

At a meeting of the male Inhabitants of the town of Westport, Qualified agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, to Vote for Representatives, said meeting being legally warned and held at the town house in said town on Monday y^e 13th day of May A.D. 1805. for the purpose of giving in their Votes, for a Representative to Represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May

~~the~~ — First —
Upon Collecting, sorting and counting the Votes, it appeared that John Mosher had forty three Votes and William Henry Esq. had forty two Votes, which was recorded and declaration made thereof that John Mosher was chosen, agreeable to the Constitution

Recorded By William Henry Clerk of the town of Westport

May y^e 22^d Jeremiah Willcox sworn Assessor of Rates
23^d Peter Devol affirmed Surveyor of highways
Silvester Brownell sworn Surveyor highways
June 29th John Dyer sworn Surveyor highways
By William Henry Clerk

188

At a meeting legally warned and held at the town in Westport on Saturday the 17th day of August A 1805. for the purpose of drawing two persons to serve on the Petit Jury at the next Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Taunton on the Monday next preceeding, the second Tuesday of September next - - Isaac Macomber and Jonathan White Jun^r. were drawn to serve as aforesaid - Ordered by William Abney V. Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house, in Westport on ~~wednesday~~ the 12th day of October A 1805 - for the purpose of Drawing one person to serve on the Grand Jury and one person to serve on the Petty Jury, at the Supreme Court next to be holden at Taunton on the second Tuesday of October Inst., Benjamin ~~Willard~~ was drawn to serve on the Grand Jury and John Howland to serve on the Petty Jury as aforesaid - - - - -

189

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport Greeting,

⁽¹⁾
⁽²⁾ You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn, the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the town of Westport, Qualified by law to vote in town meeting. Namely such as pay to one single tax beside the Poll or Polls, a sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet at the town in said town on Wednesday, y^e second day of October next at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to Act on ~~on~~ the following Articles Namely -

First To choose a Collector to finish the Collection, of the sums that remains uncollected, on the tax Bills ^{committed to} Benjamin Brownell Jun^r; for the year 1804, (a deficient Collector) which Bills are now in the hands of the Assessors -

^{2^d} To know the towns mind whether they will take any measures to supply the deficiency, in the State and town taxes, occasioned. by the Constables neglecting to pay in said taxes agreeable to ^{his} warrants. -

^{3^d} To know whether the town will take measures, or give any directions, relating to the executions, now in the hands of the Sheriff and Coroner, against said Constable for the sums deficient on said taxes -

And make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Clerk, of said town. as soon as may be - - - - -

Given under our hands and seals this 28th day of September A 1805 -

William Abney } Select men
Jonathan Peckham } of Westport.
Westport October y^e 2^d A 1805. -

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants - of said town Qualified as therein expressed. to meet, at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned.

Roger White Constable n. - - - -

Recorded by William Abney Clerk of the town of Westport October 3^d A 1805. -

198

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house
in Westport on wednesday y^e 2 day of October A^d 1805 - for the purpose
of acting upon the Articles contained in the foregoing warrant.

William Abney Esq^r was chosen Moderator of said meeting,
Roger White was ^{chosen} Collector to finish the Collection of the sums,
that remains uncollected, on the tax Bills committed to Benjamin
Bromwell Jun^r for the year 1804. (a deficient Collector,) and is to be
paid by the town four and one half per Cent. on the money
he shall collect and pay into the town treasury by virtue of
his being chosen Collector as aforesaid. he to ~~give~~ give
bonds for his faithful performance and paying in the
money he shall collect, agreeable to his warrant. —

The said Roger White appeared entered into bonds agreeable
to the above Vote. and was sworn accordingly. —

By William Abney Town Clerk —

On the second and third Articles in said warrant
Voted not to act on them. —

The meeting was then adjourned without day —

Recorded by William Abney Clerk of the town of Westport

191

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the
freeholders and other Inhabitants, of said town. Qualified by
law, to Vote in town meetings, Namely. such as pay to one
single tax. beside the poll or polls, a sum equal to two thirds
of a poll tax, to meet at the town ^{house} in Westport, on saturday
the y^t 2^d day of November next. at two of the Clock in the
afternoon. to Act on the following Articles Namely—

First To know the towns mind, whether they will take
any measures relating to the Execution, now in the hands
of the Sheriff against the Collector of taxes, for the town
of Westport for the year 1804. for the sum that remains
unpaid. by said Collector, of the State tax for said year.
or otherwise to Act thereon as they shall think ~~it~~ proper.

2^d To know the towns mind, whether they will give any
directions, to the town treasures, or Coronet. relating to the
Execution. now in the hands of the Coroner. against said
Collector, or take any other measures. relating to said
Execution. for the sum due on the town tax for said
year 1804. — — —

And make return of this warrant with your doings thereon,
to the Clerk of said town as soon as may be.

Given under our hands and Seals. this fourteenth
day of October in the year of our lord one thousand
eight hundred & five - William Abney } Select men
Jonathan Peckham } of Westport.

Westport Nov^r 2^d 1805 ---

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified, the
Inhabitants of said town Qualified as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned Roger White Constable - - -

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on Saturday y^e 2^d day of November A^d 1805. at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the Articles mentioned in the foregoing Warrant, First William Abney Esq^r. was chosen Moderator.

2^d Voted, That the town of Westport will raise by way of tax on said town, the sum of five hundred and seventy two dollars, for the purpose of paying the sum that remains unpaid of this towns proportion, of the Commonwealth tax for the year 1804, and expenses that have accrued thereon, which tax was committed to Benjamin Brownell Jun^r to Collect, and remains unpaid to the Commonwealth Treasurer.

And that the Assessors of the said town of Westport, be and hereby are required, to assess the said sum of five hundred and seventy two dollars, on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of said town, in the same way and manner, that other taxes are assessed on said town, and to commit a list or lists thereof to the Collector or Collectors of said town, with a warrant or warrants in due form of law requiring him or them to collect and pay the same or so much thereof as remains due to the Commonwealth, to Jonathan Jackson Esq^r Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or to his successor in Office, on or before, the first day of April next, and the overplus if any there be, to direct said Collector or Collectors to pay to the Treasurer of said town of Westport on or before said first day of April.

3^d Voted that the Coroner, be ^{directed to} return the Execution, now in his hands, against Benjamin Brownell Jun^r, for the sum unpaid on the town tax for the year 1804, not satisfied, And the town treasurer is hereby directed not to issue an Alias Execution, until the town shall direct him so to do.

4th This meeting was adjourned without day.

Recorded by me William Abney Clerk of the Town of Westport

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport - Greeting. - -

1st You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the town of Westport, of twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth, of the Annual Income of three pounds, or any Estate of the Value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the town ^{house} in said town on Monday y^e 7th day of April Next, at twelve of the Clock at noon of said day, to give in their Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Gov^r of the Commonwealth, and for Senators and Councillors - agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. -

Also you are required to notify the male Inhabitants of said town, qualified agreeable to the Constitution to vote for Representatives, to meet at said time and place, for the purpose of giving in their Votes, for a County register, and Also for a County Treasurer, agreeable to the Laws of this Commonwealth.

And you are to make return of ~~you~~ ^{this} warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town at or before said time of meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals, this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six - William Abney } Select men of
Jonathan Peckham } Westport.

Pursuant to the above warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purposes, therein mentioned Roger White Constable March y^e 22^d A^d 1806 - - -

Recorded by me - William Abney Town Clerk

At a meeting of the male Inhabitants of the town of Westport in the County of Bristol, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth, to vote for Governor-Lieutenant Governor-Senators and Counsellors. said meeting being warned, as the Constitution directs. and holden on monday y^e 7th day of April. A^d 1806. for giving in their Votes for Governor & Lieutenant Gov^r of said Commonwealth, and Senators and Counsellors for said district, Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted and Counted, and Record and declaration thereof made, as by said Constitution is directed. -

Namely

Caleb Strong Esq ^r had one hundred & nine	109	} Votes for Governor -
James Sullivan Esq ^r had forty four - 44		

Edward H. Robbins Esq ^r had one hundred and eight Votes -	108	} Votes for Lieut Gov ^r -
William Heath Esq ^r had forty four - 44		

Josiah Dean Esq ^r had forty one	41	} Votes for Senators & Counsellors -
Nathaniel Morton Jun ^r Esq ^r had forty one - 41		
Samuel Pales Esq ^r had eighty	80	
Seth Spooner Esq ^r had seventy eight - 78		

Recorded by me William Abney Clerk of the town of Westport

At a meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on monday y^e 7th day of April A^d 1806. for the purpose of giving their Votes for County Register and County Treasurer. agreeable to the laws of this Commonwealth.

William Abney Esq^r was chosen Moderator of said meeting and to Count the Votes. -
The Inhabitants gave in their Votes, for County Treasurer. and the same being sorted and Counted. by the moderator and Town Clerk. it appeared that there were for Samuel Crocker Esq^r. Seventy Votes for County Treasurer.

Also the Inhabitants gave in their Votes for County Register. and the same being sorted, and counted by William Abney Esq^r who was chosen to count said Votes. it appeared that James Williams Esq^r had fifty four Votes - for County Register -
Recorded by me William Abney T. Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in said town on monday the 7th day of April A^d 1806, for the purpose of drawing one man out of the Box to serve on the Grand Jury at the next Court of Common pleas. to be holden at Taunton. and at said Court of Common pleas throughout the year. and also one man to serve on the Petit Jury of Trials at said Court next be holden at Taunton -

Nathaniel Pierby ^{Blacksmith} was drawn to serve on the Grand Jury, and Henry Palmer was drawn to serve on the Petit Jury as aforesaid -
William Abney T. Clerk

196

To the Constable of the town of Westport, Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town meetings namely such as pay to one single tax besides the poll or polls, a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax, to meet at the town house in said town on Monday y^e 7th day of April A^d 1806, at nine of the Clock in the fore noon, To act on the following Articles Namely

- 1st To choose all such town officers as towns are by law required to choose, in the months of March or April Annually
- 2^d To choose a Committee on Accounts, and also to settle with the treasurer - - -
- 3^d To conclude in what manner to support the poor the year ensuing - - -
- 4th To vote what sum of money shall be raised by way of tax for the support of the poor, and other expenses of said town, the year ensuing - - -
- 5th To agree on the method to amend the highways and town ways within said town the year ensuing and to vote a sum of money for that purpose,
- 6th To receive returns of highways laid out or altered by by the Select men - and to pass such vote thereon as shall be thought expedient - - -
- 7th To vote a sum of money to be applied to the support, of Schools - and to take such other steps relating thereto, as shall appear most beneficial
- 8th To know whether the town will pass any vote, or give any directions relating to Intemperance, and Retailers, the year ensuing - - -
- 9th To act and do what shall be thought best, relating to the deficient Collector, of taxes for the year 1804 - and to know if the town will give any directions, relating thereto - - -
- 10th For the town by vote more particularly to define, the limits of such of the school districts as appear to need it. - - -

197

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town as soon as may be,

Given under our hands and seals, this nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Six - -

William Abney } Select men
Jonathan Peckham } of Westport

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein expressed.
Westport March 22nd A^d 1806 Roger White Constable -

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in said town on Monday y^e 7th day of April A^d 1806, for the purpose of choosing such town Officers as town are by law required to choose, in the months of March and April Annually and to act upon the other articles mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

William Abney Esq^r was chosen moderator of said Meeting - - -

William Abney Esq^r was chosen ~~town~~ clerk, and sworn to the faithful discharge of the trust, by Robert Earl Esq^r -

Jonathan Peckham Roger White and William Abney were chosen Select Men - - -

William Abney Esq^r was chosen town treasurer and is to have one and one fourth per cent on the money he shall receive into the Treasury - and was sworn - - -

Elijah Gifford Junr. William White. and Thomas Woodle were chosen, Assessors of Rates, and William White was affirmed and Thomas Woodle was sworn agreeable to law. — — —

Nathaniel Pierby, John Mosher, & Peleg Sison were chosen a Committee on Accts and to settle with the Treasurer, and to make report of their doings to this meeting, when next met by adjournment. —

Nathaniel Pierby, Chosen Pound keeper, and was affirmed.

Surveyors of highways. —

Peter Macomber, Abner Potter, Samuel Devol, Nathaniel Pierby, Lemuel Nitch, Barjona Devol, Jonathan Tripp, George Woodle, Stephen Cornell Jr. 2^d Abner Wilcox, Major Allen, Ebenezer Baker, Jonathan Peckham, Welson Pierby, Benjamin Brownell, John Davis, Silvester Brownell, John Dyer were chosen Surveyors of highways and were sworn agreeable to Law. — — —

Also, Jonathan White, George Larvton, David Sanford, Benjamin Cory, & Isaac Brownell were chosen Surveyors of highways

Noted that for the purpose of mending and keeping, in repair the highways and town ways, in the town of Westport, the year ensuing, the sum of eight hundred dollars, be assessed on the polls, and Rateable Estate, Real and Personal, of the Residents and non Residents, of the town of Westport, as the Inhabitants are by law assessed in other taxes, and that the Assessors Assess the same as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the persons names, and the sums which they are assessed, to each Surveyor, for his limits, according to law. —

Noted that seventy five cents be allowed by the Surveyors of highways for a days work of a man or a pair of Oxen and in proportion for parts of days — and that twenty five cents, be allowed for a Cart or plow one day — — —

Noted that when any town ways or highways are blocked up or incumbered with Snow, the Surveyors of such ways, shall assign to the several persons in his limits their proportion of days work, and team if necessary, according to his Real and personal Estate, as near as he can, and shall assign a time for the purpose of treading down the snow in the same manner, as highways are repaired in towns who neglect to vote a sum of money, for the purpose of repairing the highways in said towns — — —

Noted that a Committee of five, be chosen, to enquire and consider, what will be the legal and most effectual means to be taken, by the town to prevent the excessive use of spiritous Liquors, in said town, and to make report to this meeting, of their doings when next ^{met} by adjournment, and John Crowel, Ebenezer Baker, Nathaniel Pierby Blacksmith, Abner Potter, & Silvester Brownell, were chosen a Committee for that purpose. — — —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday y^e 12th day of May next, nine of the clock in the fore noon then to meet at this place — — —

Recorded by me William Abney Town Clerk —

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house, in Westport, on monday y^e 7th day of April A^d 1806 and continued by adjournment to monday y^e 12th day of May following - Met according to adjournment -

Elijah Gifford Jun^r. was chosen ~~Assessor of Rates~~ -

Jonathan White was chosen Surveyor of highways -

George Lanston, David Sanford, Benjamin ~~Corey~~ & Isaac Brownell sworn surveyors of highways -

Thomas Cornell, Bradford Richmond Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell, Benjamin Brownell ^{2^d} Silvester Brownell, & Jonathan Tripp, were chosen Fence Viewers and Thomas Cornell, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell, & Jonathan Tripp, were affirmed - - - -

Jeremiah Willcox, Nelson Tripp, Josiah Brownell, Hiram Lovle, Jeremiah Devol, Nathan Lyon, William White ^{2^d}, Warton Maccumbet, Edward Wing, George Brownell & Edmond Tripp - were chosen, Field drivers and

Nathan Lyon, & Peter Maccumbet were sworn - - -
John Lawrence chosen Field driver, sworn June 17th -

John Crowell, Peter Maccumbet, Barzona Devol, & Abraham Gifford, were chosen Surveyors of Lumber, Boards, Plank.

Timber & Split work - and Surveyors of Shingles & Clabboards - and Peter Maccumbet, Barzona Devol, & John Crowell were affirmed - - -

Barjona Devol, John Crowell, Peleg Potter, Daniel Tripp,
Elijah Potter, were chosen Corders & measurers of Wood &
Barjona Devol and John Crowell were affirmed.

Barjona Devol, George Brownell ^{2^d} & Jethro Howlands.
were chosen Cutlers of hoops & Staves and
Barjona Devol. affirmed. — —

Peleg Wood and Preserved Sherman, were chosen
Sealers of Leather and. Peleg Wood was sworn —

Christopher Cornell was chosen cutter of Dry Fish
and was ~~sworn~~ affirmed — —

John Gifford, John Crowell, Barney Cory, Willbours Gifford
Warton Macumber, Benjamin Cory, Jonathan Tripp,
Peleg Lison, Job Sherman, & Peleg Potter were chosen
Tytthing Men —

And John Crowell, John Gifford, Willbours Gifford.
Benjamin Cory, Jonathan Tripp, & Job Sherman were
Sworn — —

The Committee chosen to enquire & consider, what will be the
legal and most effectual means, to be taken, by the town to
prevent the excessive, use of Spiritous Liquors in said town.
Reported, that in their opinion that four Innholders
in said town, is sufficient, and that no shops, or Stores, be
considered, as Lienced houses, and that the Select men be
required to do their duty according to law, in regard to Lienced
houses & choosing Tytthing Men. — — —

Whereupon Voted, that the Select be hereby directed to approbate
only ~~four~~ persons for Innkeepers, & Retailers and that ^{other} approbation
given by them for licences be only for Retailing Licences. —

Roger White was chosen Constable & Collector of Rates,
for the year ensuing - and to have, three P^{er} Cent,
upon the money he shall collect and pay into the town
treasury, and otherways as he shall be directed.
and to ~~be~~ enter into bonds for his performance, with
sureties to the acceptance of the Select men - and
then to be sworn - - -

Voted, that, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars,
be appropriated for the support of schools, to be proportioned
to each school district, (to be divided between the school
districts) in the same manner, the money heretofore appropriated
for that purpose has been divided, and that each school
district be requested to return to the Select men, an account,
of the schooling within that district, within the year,
by the first day of April next, and the Select ^{men} is hereby
directed to divide the money accordingly.

Voted that manner of providing for and supporting the poor
belonging to this town, be by Vending, unless in instances
where the Select men, shall think it best to agree otherways,
having regard to their comfortable support and maintenance, -

Voted that the treasurer be and is hereby directed to
Issue, an Execution against the deficient Collector of taxes
for the year 1804, for the Balance the town tax for said
year that remains unpaid, by the said Collector, within
thirty days from this day - - -

William White y^r 2^d was ~~chosen~~ appointed by the Select Men,
Sealer of Weights and measures and sworn
by the town Clerk - - -

The Committee appointed by the town to examine and allow
Accounts brought against the town, made a Report in writing
that they had attended that service, and allowed to the several
persons named in a list presented by them, the several sums
set against their respective names, amounting in the
whole to the sum of. Eleven hundred ninety one dollars
and thirteen cents - -

Thereupon Voted to accept the report of the committee,
and the treasurer is hereby directed to pay the several
sums thus allowed, to the several persons named in said list
~~by~~ the bearers, which sums when paid shall discharge
him of so much of the towns money in his hands - -

They also reported that they had made a settlement with the
town treasurer, agreeable to their Commission -
and found that he had received within the year - \$ 856.04
and had paid out - - - 828.27
Leaving a Balance in his hands of - - - \$ 27.77

Voted that the sum of Nine hundred dollars be raised by
way of tax, on the polls and Estate of the Inhabitants, of the town
of Westport, for the support ~~and~~ of the poor & schools, and other
expenses of said town the year ensuing, to be collected and
paid into the town treasury by the first day of April next -
and the Assessors of said town are hereby directed to Assess,
the said sum of nine hundred dollars, in the way and manner
directed by law, and deliver a list, or lists thereof to the
Collector as soon as may be - -

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday y^r 28th day of
June next, two of the Clock in the afternoon then to meet
at this place, & it is adjourned accordingly -
Resolved by me William Abney Clerk of the town
of Westport,

John Lawrence sworn Field driver. June 17th 1806 —
 Peleg Potter sworn Cordier, & measurer of wood, June 18th 1806
 By me William Abney Town Clerk —

June 28th Jonathan White was sworn Surveyor of highways
 Elijah Gifford Junr. sworn Assessor of Rates. —
 Edmond Tripp affirmed Fence Viewer. —
 Edmond Tripp affirmed Field driver. —

By Before me William Abney Town Clerk
 At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house
 in Westport on ~~saturday~~ Monday y^e 7th day of April and continued
 by adjournments to Saturday y^e 28th day of ~~April~~ June following.
 Voted that school district N^o 2. include all the inhabitants
 with their estates laying on the east side of the east branch
 of Acasset River, from the sea shore on the south westerly
 as far as the ^{South} line of Ebenezer Allen's land and from
 the river to Dartmouth line,
 Voted that N^o 3 district include all the inhabitants & estates
 from the said south line of Ebenezer Allen's land north
 to the north line of John Howlands land, & from the
 river to Dartmouth line, and the Estate & Inhabitants
 laying north of said north line of John Howlands line,
 and north, as far as the south line of district N^o which is
 one mile south of the Country road. constitute a school
 district to be called N^o —

Stephen Cornell, William White & Warton Macomber, Gideon Davis,
 Nathan Lyon, & Cardon Cornell chosen Log rangers —
 & Stephen Cornell, & Cardon Cornell was sworn —
 Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford, Jeremiah Willcox, Samuel Willcox
 & Perry Gifford chosen overseers of the Fishery —
 Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday y^e 30th day of
 August next being the last Saturday in said month at two of the clock
 afternoon then to meet at this place
 Recorded by me William Abney Town Clerk

To Roger White, Constable of the town of Westport
 Greeting.

① You are hereby required, in the name of the Common-
 ② wealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male
 Inhabitants of the town of Westport, being twenty one years of
 age and upwards, and resident within said town, for the
 space of one year, next preceeding, having a freehold Estate
 within said town, of the Annual income of three pounds,
 or any Estate, of the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the
 town house in Westport on Monday y^e 12th day of May Inst. —
 at eleven of the clock in the fore noon, of said day, for the
 purpose of choosing a Representative, to Represent them at
 the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at
 Boston, on the last Wednesday of May Inst.

Given under our hands, and seals, at Westport
 the third day of May 1806 —

William Abney } Select Men
 Jonathan Peckham } of Westport.

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified, and warned
 the male Inhabitants of said town Qualified as the therein
 expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes
 above mentioned. Roger White Constable —
 Westport May y^e 10th 1806

Recorded. By me William Abney Town Clerk

At a town meeting warned and held at the town house
in Westport on ~~Monday~~ Monday the twelfth day of May
A 1806, of the male Inhabitants of said town, qualified
agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, to vote
for Representatives, for the purpose of giving in their votes,
for a Representative to represent them in the General Court,
appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday
of May Inst. ---

Upon Collecting sorting and counting the votes, it appeared
that John Mosher had forty votes
and that William Abney had seventy two votes. ---
which was recorded and declaration made thereof that
by the Select men that William Abney was chosen a
Representative the year ensuing - agreeable to the
Constitution of this Commonwealth. ---

Recorded May 27th A 1806

By me William Abney Clerk of the town of Westport

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport
Greeting ---

In compliance with the request of ten of the Freeholders,
of the town of Westport, you are hereby required in the name
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn
the Freeholders and other Inhabitants, of said town qualified by
law to vote in town meetings (namely such as pay to one single
tax beside the poll or poll, a sum equal to two thirds of a single
poll tax,) to meet at the town house in said town on Saturday
the 28th day of June Inst at two of the clock in the afternoon
to act on the following Articles Namely ---

To know whether the town will reconsider, the Vote passed on the
12th day of May last past, directing the treasurer to issue an
Execution, against the deficient Collector of Taxes, for the year
1804. For the balance of the town tax, for said year, that
remains unpaid, by said collector, within thirty days, from
said time, and to pass such other votes, relating to said deficient
Collector, as the town shall think proper. ---

Given under our hands & seals, this seventeenth day of
June A 1806

William Abney } Select men
Jonathan Peckham } of Westport

Pursuant to the above warrant, I have notified the
Inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to
meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein
expressed.

June 27th A 1806

Roger White Constable. ---

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport, on saturday y^e. 28th day of June A^d 1806. to act on the article mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

It was moved & seconded, that if Benjamin Brownell Jun^r. a deficient Collector of taxes for the year 1784, will procure a bondsman, that he shall pay the sum of fifty dollars, to the treasurer of this town, within three months from this time, and himself promise to pay unto the said Treasurer, the sums that remains uncollected, on the tax bills for the years 1802 and 1803, as soon as he possibly can collect them, that the treasurer be directed to suspend issuing execution against him, untill further orders from this town.

It passed in the negative.

2nd It was moved and seconded, that if the said Benjamin Brownell, do procure within twenty days, a bondsman to the acceptance of the Select men, for the payment of the balance of the town tax, due from him to the town, on the town tax for the year 1804, within one year from this time with the interest thereon, that the treasurer be directed to suspend issuing an execution, for said sum according to a former Vote of this town, but if at the end of the said twenty days the said collector shall not procure sureties as aforesaid, then the treasurer be directed to issue his execution for the sum due on said town tax for the year 1804 agreeable to a former Vote of this town.

and it passed in the affirmative.

Recorded by me William Abney T. Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on saturday y^e. 30th day of August A^d 1806 for the purpose of appointing two men to serve on the Petit Jury at the Court of Common Pleas September term next - and also for the purpose of appointing in the manner the law directs, one good & Lawfull man to serve on the grand Jury at the Supreme Judicial October term next and also one man to serve on the Petit Jury at the same Court, John Brownell was drawn to serve on the Grand Jury and Edmond ^{Mosher} was drawn to serve on the Petit Jury at the Supreme Court ~~and Edmond~~ and Arnold Wood and Paul Herby was drawn to serve on the Petit Jury at the Court of Common Pleas.

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport Greeting - You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Westport, Qualified by law to Vote in town meeting, to meet at the town house in Westport on saturday the 30th day of August Instant at two of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Article namely
To know what measures the town will take relating to the petition of Bradford Richmond and others, presented at the Court of General Sessions of the peace, held at Taunton April term A^d 1806, praying that a Committee may be appointed, by said Court, to lay out a highway, from the head of the road by Archer Marshbustons, to the landing place, known by the name of the High Hill.

Given under our hands & seals this 20th day of August A^d 1806.

William Abney } Select men
Jonathan Peckham } of Westport.

Agreeable to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified as within expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up notifications at the usual places
August 30th A^d 1806 - Roger White Constable -

At a ~~town~~ meeting, legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on saturday y^e 30th day of August A 1806, to act on the article in the foregoing warrant. Namely to know what measures, the town will take, relating to the petition of Bradford Richmond and others, presented at the Court of General Sessions of the peace held at Taunton April term A 1806, praying that a committee may be appointed by said Court, to lay out a highway, from the head of the road by Archer Manchester, to the landing place, known by the name of the High Hill. William Abney Esq^r was chosen moderator. -

Noted that ~~it is~~ the opinion of this town, that the way prayed for by Bradford Richmond and others, to be laid, from the head of the road by Archer Manchester, to the landing place known by the name of the high hill, could but verry little accomodate the public, and the petitioners could receive no benefit therefrom on account of the towns landing, and would cost a large sum of money when compared with the advantages that could be derived therefrom, The town will therefore choose an agent to represent, this town at the Court of General Sessions of the peace who is hereby, directed to use his endeavours, to prevent, said way being laid out as prayed for in said petition. - and William Abney Esq^r was chosen agent for the purposes aforesaid. Recorded by me William Abney Town Clerk

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport, Greeting
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male inhabitants of
 said town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in said
 town, for the space of one year next preceeding, having a Freehold
 Estate within said town, of the Annual income of ten dollars, or
 any Estate of the Value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the town
 house in said town on monday the third day of November next at
 two of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of giving in their
 Votes, for a Representative to Represent this Commonwealth in the
 Congress of the United States, for Bristol District. —

You are alike required to notify and warn, the Inhabitants
 of said town, qualified as the law directs to vote in town meetings
 to meet at said place on said day, at three of the clock in the afternoon
 to know the towns mind whether they will remit to, William
 Wilcox and John Cornell, their proportion of the tax assessed on
 them, for the purpose of making up this towns deficiency, of the
 State tax, for the year 1804, or whether the town will give the
 Committee on Accounts, any directions thereon, or take any other
 measures relative thereto —

Also to know the towns mind whether they will give the
 Treasurer any directions relative to the application of Benjamin
 Brownell junr. who stands committed to prison by virtue of an
 Execution against him, for the deficiency of the town tax for
 the year 1804: and has made application for the privilege to take
 the oath allowed by an Act of this Commonwealth, Entitled
 "An Act, for the relief of poor prisoners, who are committed
 by Execution for Debt." Herof fail not and make
 return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Clerk of
 as soon as may be, Given under our hands and seals, this first
 day of October ~~1804~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred & six

William Abney Select men
 Jonathan Putnam } of Westport

Westport Nov: 1st 1806

Pursuant to the above warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants
 of said town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time
 and place and for the purposes therein mentioned —

Roger White Constable —

or done any other act, contrary to the meaning of the Act, Entitled
"An Act, for the relief of poor prisoners, who are committed by Execution,
for debt." That he appear at the time and place, which is proposed
to administer the oath required by said Act, and oppose the same,
Recorded By me William Abney Town Clerk

At a town meeting Legally warned and held at the
house of Levy Standish in Westport on Saturday y. 29th
day of November A.D. 1806, for the purpose of drawing
two men to serve on the Petit Jury at the Court of
Common Pleas next to be holden at Taunton, on the Monday
next preceeding the Tuesday of December next -
Prince Wing and Thomas Allen were drawn to serve
as aforesaid -

At a meeting of the male Inhabitants of the town of Westport,
in the County and district of Bristol, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Qualified agreeable to the Constitution, of said Commonwealth, to vote
for Representatives in the General Court, said meeting being
warned as the law directs, and holden on the first Monday of
November, being the third day of said month, A.D. 1806,
for the purpose of giving in their votes, for a Representative to Represent,
this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for
Bristol District.

Votes for the following persons were given in voted, counted, and,
declaration and Record thereof made, as by a law of this Commonwealth
Entitled "An Act, dividing the Commonwealth into seventeen districts
for the choice of Representatives, in the Congress of the United States,
and prescribing the mode of Elections is directed. -

Namely - Josiah Deane Esq. had eighteen votes,
Nicholas Tillinghast Esq. had ten votes. -

William Abney } Select men
Roger White } of Westport -

Recorded by me William Abney Town Clerk -

Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants Qualified
to vote in town meeting as therein expressed met at the time
and place therein mentioned -

And William Abney Esq. was chosen Moderator of said meeting
Voted not to remit to William Wilcox and John Cornell the taxes
assessed on them for the purpose as mentioned in the foregoing warrant,
nor to give the Committee on Accounts, any directions relative
thereto -

Voted, that if it should be made to appear to William Abney Esq.
the Treasurer of this town, that Benjamin Bronwell Junr. who stands
committed to prison, by virtue of an Execution against him, for the
deficiency of the town tax, committed to him to collect, for the year 1804,
has any estate Real or personal, in possession or reversion, sufficient to
support himself in prison, or to pay prison charges, or that he has
since the commencement of the writ against him, or at any other time
directly or Indirectly, sold leased or otherwise conveyed, his Estate

③ To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport
Greeting,

④ You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Westport, qualified by law to vote in town meetings, to meet at the town house in Westport on saturday the 27th day of December Inst, at two of the clock, in the afternoon, to know whether the town will vote to set Benjamin Brownell Junr, who is committed to prison, by virtue of an Execution issued by the Treasurer of said town for non payment of taxes committed to him to collect, at Liberty from his confinement, upon the condition or proposal, to be made at said meeting.

And you are to make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town as soon as may be, Given under our hands & Seals this 19th day of December A.D. 1806

William Abney
Jonathan Peckham Men of
Westport,

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants, of the town of Westport, qualified to vote in town meetings, to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up notifications at the usual places -
Dec^r 25th A.D. 1806 - Roger White Constable

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on saturday y^e 27th day of December A.D. 1806 - at two of the clock in the afternoon, to know whether the town will vote to set Benjamin Brownell Junr who is committed to prison by virtue of an Execution, issued by the treasurer of said town, for non payment of taxes committed to him to collect, at liberty from his confinement upon the condition or proposal to be made to the meeting, George Larston was chosen moderator of said meeting -

Capt. Peleg Sisson was chosen Clerk pro. tem. and was sworn by Robert Earl Esq -

William Abney Esq town clerk being absent. - Upon a motion made and seconded, that Benjamin Brownell Junr be set at liberty from Goal his confinement in Goal on the Execution Against him for non payment of taxes committed to him to collect, upon his paying, all costs of commitment, & prison fees - and giving his note to the Treasurer for the deficiency on demand with Interest. - Voted not to set him at liberty. agreeable to the motion made - - -

Recorded by me Peleg Sisson Clerk Pro. Tem.

216
To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport
Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Westport, of twenty one years of age and upwards, having a freehold estate within the Commonwealth, of the annual income of three pounds, ^{ten dollars} for any estate of the value of sixty pounds, (two hundred dollars) to meet at the town house in said town, on Monday the sixth day of April next at eleven of the clock in the fore noon, to give in their votes for Governor, & Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Senators and Counsellors, for the County and district of Bristol, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

You are also required as aforesaid, to notify the male inhabitants, of said town qualified agreeable to the Constitution to vote for Representatives to meet at the said time and place, for the purpose of giving in their votes, for a County Treasurer, agreeable to the laws of this Commonwealth, And you are to make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town, at or before said time of meeting, Given under our hands and seals, this twenty first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven,

William Ahmy } Select men of
Jonathan Beckham } Westport -

Pursuant to the above warrant, I have notified the inhabitants, to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose above mentioned,
April 15th 1807
Roger White Constable

Recorded by me William Ahmy Town Clerk

217
At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westport, in the County of Bristol in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, holden on the sixth day of April, A.D. 1807 being the first Monday of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and Senators and Counsellors for the district of Bristol, Votes for the following persons, were given in voted counted, and record and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, Namely

For Governor. { His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq. had Ninety two Votes,
The Honourable James Sullivan Esq. had, forty five Votes. -

For Lieut. Governor { The Honourable Edward H. Robbins Esq. had Ninety one
Votes -
The Honourable Levi Lincoln Esq. had forty five Votes,

For Senators and Counsellors, { Nathaniel Morton Junr. Esq. had forty five Votes,
David Perry Junr. Esq. had forty five Votes,
Samuel Tobey Esq. had, seventy two Votes,
Samuel Fales Esq. had seventy two Votes. -

Recorded by me William Ahmy Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives holden at said Westport, on the sixth day of April, A.D. 1807, The said inhabitants gave in their votes for a County Treasurer, and the same being voted and counted in the meeting, by the moderator thereof and town Clerk, it appeared that there were for Samuel Crocker Esq. fifty three Votes -

Recorded by me William Ahmy Town Clerk

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport
Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Westport, Qualified by law to vote in town meeting, (namely such as pay to one single tax beside the poll or polls, a sum equal to two thirds of a single poll tax) to meet at the town house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to Act on the following articles namely —

1st To choose a Moderator, Clerk, and all such other officers as towns, by law are required to choose in the months of March or April Annually,
2nd To Choose a committee on Accounts, and to settle with the Treasurer, and such other Committee, and for such purposes, as the town shall Judge expedient. —

3rd To agree in what manner, either by Vendueing, or otherwise, to get the poor supported the year ensuing. —

4th To Vote a sum of money to be raised by way of tax, on said town, for the support of the poor, and other expenses, of said town, the year ensuing —

5th To agree on the method, to get the highways amended, the year ensuing, and to Vote a sum of money to be expended for that purpose,

6th To receive returns of highways laid out or altered, by the Select men, and to pass such Vote thereon as shall be thought expedient.

7th To Vote a sum of money to be applied, to the support of schools, and to adopt such other measures, relating thereto, as shall be thought beneficial,

8th To know whether the town will give the Select men, any directions as to the number, of Freeholders and retailers, to be approbated by them the year ensuing. —

9th To examine the list of jurors, to be presented by the Select men, for regulating the Jury Boxes, agreeable to law. —

10th To know, whether the town will take any measures, relating to any of the towns property, in possession of or occupied by others —

And you are to make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Clerk, of said town, at or before said time of meeting. Given under our hands and seals, this twenty first day of March in the year of our lord one thousand, eight hundred and seven

William Abney } Select men
Jonathan Peckham, } of Westport,

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified, and warned the Inhabitants, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes, before mentioned, by posting up notifications at the usual places,
Westport April 1st 1807 Roger White Constable or
Recorded by me William Abney Town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house, in Westport on Monday y^e 6th day of April A^d 1807. — at nine of the clock in the fore noon for the purpose of choosing town officers, and for acting on the other articles contained in the foregoing warrants,

William Abney Esq^r was chosen Moderator. —

William Abney Esq^r was chosen Town Clerk, and sworn by Abner Brownell Esq^r in town meeting & agreeable to Law. —

Jonathan Peckham, Roger White, and William Abney was chosen Select Men, and William Abney and Roger White, took the oath required by law, to faithfully execute, the duties of said Office Before Abner Brownell Esq^r in town meeting, and Jonathan Peckham took the affirmation Before William Abney Esq^r the town Clerk. —

William Abney Esq^r was chosen Town Treasurer, and to receive one and one fourth per Cent on the money he shall receive into the treasury & — and was sworn before Abner Brownell Esq^r in town meeting —

Noted to choose three Assessors, And Elijah Gifford Junr.
William White 2^d. and Nelson Tripp was chosen. and affirmed
^{agreeable to law}
that they would faithfully execute the duties of the Office
Before the town Clerk in town meeting. —

Lemuel Mith, William White 2^d. and George Lanston
were chosen a Committee on Accounts, and to settle with the
Treasurer.

Nathaniel Lerby chosen pound keeper and affirmed —

Peter Macomber, Richard Gifford, Abner Potter, Holder
White, Thomas Tripp, Daniel Gifford, Lemuel Mith,
Barjona Devol, Jonathan Tripp, Isaiah Burden, Stephen
Cornell 2^d. David Lyson, Ebenezer Allen Junr., Ebenezer
Baker, Jonathan Cushman, Nelson Lerby Benjamin Brownell
John Davis, Nathaniel Brownell, John Dyet, George Lanston,
David Sanford, Benjamin Cory & Isaac Brownell were
chosen Surveyors of highways and were all duly engaged
according to law to the faithful performance of the duties
of the Office Before the town Clerk in town meeting. —

Noted that for the amending and keeping in repair the highways and
town ways in the town of Westport for the year ensuing, the sum of
one thousand dollars, be Assessed on the polls, and Rateable Estate,
Real and personal of the residents and non residents of the town of Westport,
as the Inhabitants are by law Assessed, in other taxes, and that the
Assessors Assess the same as soon as may be, and deliver a list of the
persons names, and the sum which they are Assessed, to each Surveyor
for his limits according to law. —

Noted that seventy five cents be allowed by the surveyors of highways for
a days work of a man or a pair of oxen, and in proportion for the
parts of days work —
and that twenty five cents be allowed for the use of a cart or plow
one day —

Voted that when any highways or town ways, within the town of Westport, are blocked up ^{or incumbered} with snow, the Surveyors of such ways, shall assign to the several persons in his limits, their proportion of days work and team if necessary, according to his Real and personal Estate, as near as he can, and shall assign a time for the purpose of treading down ^{or removing} the snow in the same manner, as highways are repaired in towns, who neglect to Vote a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the highways, in said town. —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday y^e 4th day of May next — at nine of the clock in the forenoon then to meet at this place, and it is adjourned accordingly.

Recorded By me William Abney Town Clerk

William White y^e 2^d being appointed by the Select men a Dealer of Weights and Measures for the town of Westport the year ensuing personally appeared and was sworn to the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him by the said appointment, on the 6th day of April A^d 1807 Before me William Abney Town Clerk

May 4th A^d 1807 Personally appeared Benjamin Brownell, and was sworn agreeable to law, faithfully and impartially to execute the duties incumbent on him a Jenee Verger for the town of Westport the year ensuing — Before me William Abney Town Clerk

*Pursuant To Roger White Constable of
the town of Westport, Greeting!*

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age, and resident in said town for the space of one year, next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said town, of the Annual Income of ten dollars, or any estate to the value of two hundred dollars, to meet at the town house in said town on monday y^e 4th day of May next at ^{eleven} o'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of choosing a Representative, to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston, on the last wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands and seals, at Westport the twenty fourth day of April in the year of our lord, one thousand eight hundred and seven,

William Amy } Select men
Jonathan Peckham } of Westport,

Westport May 4th 1807

Pursuant to the above warrant, I have notified the male inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose above expressed -
Roger White Constable. - - -

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Westport, qualified according to the Constitution upon due warning given, met together the fourth day of May ^{then} instant, and did elect, William Amy Esq^r, to represent them in the General Court, to be convened and held, for the Governments service at the State House in Boston, or such other place, as may hereafter be appointed, for the General Court to convene at, agreeable to the Constitution upon the last wednesday of May, said person having twenty two votes being all the votes given in at said meeting, and record and declaration thereof was made by the Select men agreeable to the Constitution -
proved by me - - - William Amy Clerk of the town of Westport

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house in Westport on monday y^e 6th day of April 1807 and continued by adjournment to monday y^e 4th day of May following, met according to adjournment. - - -

Roger White was chosen Constable and Collector of rates for the town of Westport, for the year ensuing, and to have three per Cent, upon the money he shall collect and pay in according as he shall be directed, he first to give bond with sufficient surety or sureties for the faithful performance, to the satisfaction of the Select men, then to be sworn as the law directs -

Thomas Cornell, Bradford Richmond, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell, Benjamin Brownell 2^d, Silvester Brownell, Jonathan Tripp, Edmond Tripp, George Allen and Wilbur Gifford were chosen Fence Viewers - and Thomas Cornell, Bradford Richmond, Silvester Brownell, Jonathan Tripp, were sworn and Benjamin Brownell was affirmed accordingly. -

Jeremiah Willcox, Wesson Tripp, Josiah Brownell, Jeremiah Devol, William White 2^d, Warton Macumber, Edward Wing, George Brownell, Edmond Tripp, were chosen Field Drivers -

and George Brownell was sworn accordingly. -

John Crowell, Peter Macumber, Barjona Devol, & Peleg Lison, chosen Surveyors of Lumber, Boards, Plank, Timber, & Silt work, and Surveyors of shingles & Claboards, and John Crowell, Barjona Devol, and Peleg Lison were affirmed.

Barjona Devol, John Crowell, Peleg Potter, Daniel Tripp and Elijah Potter, were chosen Measurers and Corders of Wood, and Barjona Devol, affirmed accordingly -

224
Barjona Devol. and George Brownell, were chosen
Jethro Howland. Cullers of Hoops & Staves -
and Barjona Devol was affirmed accordingly. - -

Preserved Sherman and Peleg Wood were chosen Dealers
of Leather - - -

Christopher Cornell was chosen a Culler of Dry Fish

Warton Macumber. Job Inell. and Thomas Allen
chosen Lying Men. -

Benjamin Woodle, John Wate, George Brownell
William Macumber. Pardon Allen, Pardon Herby
were chosen Hog Reeves
and George Brownell was sworn accordingly. -

Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford, Jeremiah Wilcox,
Samuel Wilcox and Perry Gifford, were chosen
Overseers of the Fishery. -

Jonathan Peckham and Lemuel Milks were chosen
a Committee to settle with Nathaniel Tripp, his
demands against the town for keeping Joseph
Peckham, and the treasurer is directed to pay to the
said Nathaniel Tripp the sum that said committee
shall certify to be due to said Tripp, and charge the
same to the town accordingly - -

Jonathan Peckham was chosen a committee to take
care of the Bridge across the head of the east branch
of Acosset River, and requested to cause the
same to be repaired as often as in his opinion
is necessary, and to lay his accounts before the committee
on accounts for their examination & allowance -

225
Voted that the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars,
be appropriated for the support of schools, to be proportioned to each
school kept in the town, in proportion to the number of days schooling
the whole number of scholars shall receive in said school, the
schools kept by Mistresses, to have one half the sum in proportion
to the days schooling as those schools kept by school Masters,
and that each school district, and the Masters and Mistresses
are requested to return the number of days schooling in their
schools kept within the year, to the Select men on or before
the first day of April next, and the Select men is hereby
directed to divide the money accordingly,

Voted that the manner of providing for the poor belonging
to this town be by vendueing ~~and~~ in instances where the
Select Men, shall think it best to provide otherwise,
having regard to their comfortable support and maintenance,

Voted, that the Select men be, and they are hereby directed
to approbate only four persons for Inn keepers, and retailers in
the manner they were the last year, with the addition of one
at the harbour if requested, and that the other approbations
given by them for licences be only for Retailing Licences. -

The Committee on Accounts, made a report in writing, that
they had attended, the duties assigned them, and that they
had allowed to the several persons, named in the list presented
by them, the several sums set against their respective
names, amounting in the whole to the sum of Six
hundred and fifty dollars and seventy four cents. -
It was thereupon Voted to accept the report of the committee,
and the treasurer is hereby directed to pay the several
sums thus allowed by the Committee to several persons therein
named, and to charge the same to the town. - -

They also reported that agreeable to their Commission -
They had made a settlement with the Town Treasurer,
and

And found that he had received for the town within the
the year the sum of - - - - - \$629.28
and had paid out as pr. his Acct. - - - - - \$49.37
leaving a balance in favour of the treasurer of \$ 20.29
and that they had made a settlement with him accordingly.

Voted that the sum of seven hundred dollars, be raised by
way of tax on the polls and estates, of the inhabitants of the town
of Westport, for the support of the poor, and schools, and other expenses,
of said town the year ensuing, to be collected and paid into the town
treasury by the first day of April next, and the Assessors are hereby
directed to pay aforesaid sum of seven hundred dollars in the way
and manner directed by law, and deliver a list or lists thereof
to the Collector as soon as may be -

Also at said meeting the Select men did present to the town a
list of persons names qualified ~~to~~ agreeable to law, to serve as jurors,
and the town did select out one third part of the number, laid before them,
and voted to have them put in one of the boxes, there to be liable to be
drawn out, to serve on the petit jury, at the supreme judicial Court,
and also on the Grand jury at that Court, and at the Court of General
Sessions of the peace. And the town did also select one half part of the
remainder of said list, and voted to have them put into the other box,
there to be liable to be drawn out, to serve on the petit jury at the
Courts of Common pleas, and General Sessions of the peace, and they
were put into said boxes accordingly. - - -

Voted to adjourn this meeting to saturday the twenty ninth day
of August next, at two of the clock in the afternoon then to meet at
this place, and it was adjourned accordingly -
Recorded by me William Abney Town Clerk

May 26th 1807, George Allen was sworn Juror. By me Wm Abney Town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town
house in Westport on monday y^e 6th day of April 1807 -
and continued by adjournments to saturday y^e 29th day of
August following. met according to adjournment

Voted that the Select men, appropriate Isaac Howland for
an Inkeeper, in addition to the number before directed. -

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the last saturday in
September next, at two of the clock in the afternoon
then to meet at this place, and it was adjourned accordingly

Recorded by me William Abney Town Clerk

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town
house in Westport, on saturday y^e 29th day of August,
1807, for the purpose of drawing two men from the
Jury Box, to serve on the Petit Jury at the Court of Common
pleas, next to be holden at Taunton on the second monday of
Sept. next, Humphrey Allen and Samuel Made
were drawn accordingly. - - -

On the 26th day of September 1807, Roger White
Personally appeared and took the oath required by
law to qualify him, to execute the duties of Constable
and Collector, for the town of Westport the year ensuing -
Before me William Abney Town Clerk
and at the same time entered into bonds with surety,
for the faithful performance of the trust reposed
in him

At a town meeting, legally warned and held at ~~the~~ on the 29th day of September
1807, for the purpose of drawing one man to ^{serve} on the Grand Jury, and one
man to serve on the Petty Jury at the supreme Court October term
Jerattimel White was drawn to serve on the Grand Jury and
Richard Gifford was drawn to serve on the Petty Jury

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport Greeting,
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other
 Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to Vote in town
 meeting, to meet at the town house in said town on Saturday
 the twenty eighth day of November Instant at two of the Clock
 in the afternoon, To Act on the following Articles Namely -

- To choose a Clerk and Treasurer, in the room of the present Clerk
 and Treasurer, who is about to remove out of the Town
 Of Westport — — — — —
 2^d To choose a Committee or appoint the present Committee —
 on accounts, to settle with ^{the} Treasurer, and to Receive the Towns,
 Books, and other property in the hands of the present Clerk
 and Treasurer and to form a list thereof and to deliver the
 same to the new Clerk and Treasurer and to take Receipts
 therefor in behalf of the town — — — — —

Given under our hands and seals, this seventeenth day of
 November in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight
 Hundred and Seven — — — William Almy } Select man
 Jonathan Peckham } of Westport

In pursuance to the foregoing warrant, I have notified, and
 warned the Inhabitants to meet at time and place
 and for the purpose before mentioned, by posting up
 Notifications at the usual places — — — — —
 Westport November y.^e 28th A.D. 1807 — — — — —

Roger White Constable — — —

Recorded by me William White Town Clerk — — —

At a town meeting legally warned and held at the town house
 in Westport on Saturday the 28th day of November A.D. 1807 —
 at two of the Clock in the after noon for

For the purpose of choosing a Clerk and Treasurer in Room of
 the present One — — —
 William Almy Esq^r was chosen Moderator —
 William White 2^d was chosen Town Clerk and sworn
 William White 2^d was chosen Town Treasurer, and to Receive
 One and one fourth per Cent on the money he shall Receive
 into the Treasury, — and was sworn before William Almy
 Esq^r in town meeting

Recorded by me William White Town Clerk —
 The present committee on accounts were appointed to settle
 with the Treasurer and to Receive the Towns books and other
 property in the hands of the present Clerk and Treasurer and to
 form a list thereof and to Deliver the same to the new Clerk
 and Treasurer and to take a Receipt therefor in
 behalf of the Town

Recorded by me William White Town Clerk —

At a Town meeting legally warned and held at the house
 of William Almy Esq^r in Westport on Friday the 4th day
 of December A.D. 1807 — for the purpose of drawing two men
 to serve on the Petty Jury at the Court of Common Pleas next
 to be holden at Taunton on the Monday next Preceding
 the Second Tuesday of December next — — —
 William Richards and Isaac Cory jun^r were drawn to
 serve as aforesaid — — — — —

At a Meeting legally warned and held at the house of William White 2^d
 in Westport on Saturday the 20th day of Feb^r. A.D. 1808 for the purpose
 of Drawing two men to serve on the Petty Jury at the Court of common
 Pleas to be holden at Taunton within and for the county of Bristol on
 the Second Monday of March Next
 And Perry Gifford & Edmond Tripp were Drawn to serve as
 Aforesaid. — — —

And one man to serve

One Man to serve on the Grand Jury at the Court of common pleas to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the Second Monday of March next and at September Court of common pleas, next to be holden at Taunton on the Second Monday of September next within and for the said County of Bristol. And Abraham Gifford was drawn to serve as aforesaid

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport
Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the town of Westport of twenty one years of age, and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth, of the Annual income of three pounds (Ten Dollars) or any Estate of the Value of Sixty Pounds. (Two hundred Dollars) ^{Must} at the town house in said Town, on monday the fourth Day of April next at Eleven of the clock in the fore noon, to give in their Votes for Governor, & Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth and for Senators and Counsellors, for the County and District of Bristol, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth —

You are also required as aforesaid to Notify the male Inhabitants of said town, Qualified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for Representatives, to meet at the said time and place, for the purpose of giving in their Votes, for a County Treasurer — Agreeable to the laws of this Commonwealth. — — —

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town at or before said time of meeting Given under our hands and seals, this Twelveth Day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eight

Jonathan Tuckham } Select men
Roger White } of Westport

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned, by posting up notifications at the usual Places. —

April 8th A.D. 1808. — Roger White Constable
William White 2^d Town Clerk —