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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport
Assembled at the Town House in Said Westport on Monday the
Sixth day of April A.D. 1812. at eleven of the Clock in the
forenoon for the purposes Contained in the foregoing
Warrant

Votes for the following Persons were Given in. Sorted
Counted and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution
is Directed.

		Viz.
For Governor	This Excellency Elbridge Gerry Esq.	
	had Fifty five votes	55
	The Honorable Caleb Strong Esq.	
	had Two Hundred & thirty five votes . .	235

For Lieut. Governor	This Honor William King Esq.	
	had Fifty five votes	55
	This Honor William Phillips Esq.	
	had Two Hundred & thirty five votes . .	235

For Senators	Thomas Hazard jun. Esq.	had Fifty five Votes	55
	Joseph Fisdale Esq.	had Fifty five votes	55
	Amasa Stetson Esq.	had Fifty five votes	55
	Joseph Bemis Esq.	had Fifty five votes	55
	Samuel Crocker Esq.	had Two hundred & thirty five votes . .	235
	Sylvester Brownell Esq.	had Two hundred & thirty five votes . .	235
	Elijah Cram Esq.	had Two hundred & thirty five votes . . .	235
	James Richardson Esq.	had Two hundred & thirty five votes . . .	235

Recorded by me William White r. Clerk of the
. Town of Westport

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Mour. B. Gifford Chosen Treasurer
and to have one & one fourth p^{ct}. for all the
money he shall receive into the Treasury & pay out
and been duly engaged " " " "

John Mosher, Lemuel Milk &
Nathaniel Kirby B. Smith chosen a-
Committee on accounts

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill Monday
the 20th of this Instant. at One O'clock there
to meet at this place

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Westport, assembled at the town House in
said Westport, on Monday the 20th of this Inst.
agreeable to adjournment the Inhabitants met
accordingly " " " " " "

Surveyors of Peter Davis, Abraham Kirby ~
Highways Nathaniel Kirby David Soule John Dyer
George Lanten, Samuel Borden, ~
Jonathan Tripp, Wilbour Gifford, Stephen
Kirby, William Gifford, Lot Shearman
Job Gifford, George Allen, Peter Devol
Nathaniel Brownell, Humphrey Mauomber
John Mauomber Nathaniel Soule, Isaac
Petty, Benjamin Wodell, Abraham Cornell
William Sipson, Ephraim Mauomber
all engaged except Benjamin Wodell, Abraham Kirby
Sam. Borden & George Allen

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Nathaniel Kirby B. Smith, Chosen Pound Keeper
and was duly engaged " " " "

Pence Viewers, are. " " " "
George Gifford, Thomas Wodell, Abraham Cornell,
Bradford Richmond Christopher Cornell, Benjamin
Brownell, Benja Brownell & John Dyer, Jonathan
Tripp Edmond Tripp Wilbour Gifford, and all
Engaged except Wilbour Gifford, Edmond Tripp &
George Gifford " " " "

Field drivers are. " " " "
Jerathmael White, Wilbour Gifford Edward Manchester
Benjamin Cory, George C Brownell, Jo Zebud Davis
Russell Gifford Jonathan Soule, Nathaniel Tripp
George Wodell. " And Russell Gifford was Engaged.

Surveyors of Lumber Borders & Measurers of wood.

Levi Standish Jethro Howland
John Anthony, Daniel Howland Mour. B Gifford
and Pardon Gifford. " " " "

Cullers of Hoops and staves
Jethro Howland & Joeth Howland

Scalers of Leather.
Daniel Brownell
Preserved Shearman. " " "

Cullers of Dry Fish
Jethro Howland
Joeth Howland

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Dything Men

Benjamin Cory, Ebenezer V. Soule
Daniel Doomer, John Snell " " "

Hog Reavers. " " " " "

John Anthony, Pardon Gifford
Phillip Davis & Cornelius White
Barneer Potter Jonathan Gifford, George
C. Brownell, Joshua Potter, Job Gifford
Benjamin Woodell, Warton Mauomber,
Willbour Gifford, Nathaniel Kirby, Joshua Potter
Phillip Davis, Phillip Davis &
Job Gifford, Willbour Gifford & Nathaniel Kirby Engaged

Overseers of Fishery

Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford,
Pardon Cornell, Sumner Wilcox, &
Serry Gifford, " " "

Overseers of Landing at N. River

Lemuel Milk and Humphrey
Howland & Abner B. Gifford

Voted that for the repairing and amending Highways
and town ways in the town of Westport, the year ensuing
The sum of Eight Hundred dollars be assessed, on the
Polls and estates, as other Taxes are assessed, and that
the assessors Assess the same as soon as may be
and deliver a list of the persons names, and the sum
they are assessed, to each surveyor for his Limits
according to Law.

1872. Voted that seventy five cents ²⁹⁴ be allowed by the
Surveyors of Highways, for a days work of a man or
pair of oxen and in proportion for parts of days work.
And that Twenty five cents be allowed for the use of
a plow or cart one day, " " "

Voted that the above sum be expended on the high
ways and Town ways one half by the first day of July
and the other half by the first day of September next
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 & Teams 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 high-
ways are repaired, in Towns who neglect to vote a
sum of money for the purpose of repairing the high-
ways in said Town. " " "

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill Monday the
Eleventh Day of May next at one o'clock P.M. to
meet at this place " " "

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk.

George Lawton and Lemuel Milk were appoint
a committee to receive the towns books and other property
in the hands of William White & late treasurer of
the Town, and deliver the same to Abner B. Gifford
their present treasurer, taking a receipt therefor
in behalf of the Town " " "

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol, ss. To John Milk, one of the constables of the
Town of Westport within the said County

Grating. —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required forthwith to warn, all the freeholders
and other Inhabitants of the Town of Westport,
within your district, being twenty one years of age, and
residents in the town for the space of one year now last
past, having a freehold estate within the same of the
annual Income of three pounds, or any estate to the value
of sixty pounds; to assemble at the Town House in said
Town, on Monday the Eleventh day of May next at one
of the clock in the afternoon; then and there to elect
three met persons, to represent the town, in the General
Court the ensuing, commencing on the last Wednesday
of May. Hereof fail not and make return of this
warrant, and your doings thereon, unto the selectmen
on or before the said day, Dated at Westport aforesaid
the twenty fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord
One thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve A.D. 1812.

Almer Brownell, } Selectmen of
Almer B. Gifford } Westport

Bristol, ss. Westport May 9. A.D. 1812. " — "

By virtue of the above warrant, I have warned
the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Westport
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes
therein mentioned

John Milk & Constable —

Recorded by me

Almer B. Gifford Town Clerk

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1812. At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport assembled, at the Town House in said
Westport, on Monday the Eleventh day of May A.D. 1812.
for the purposes contained in the foregoing warrant
The following persons were chosen Representatives for
said Town of Westport
Almer Brownell Esq. had seventy three votes — 73.
Sylvester Brownell had seventy three votes — 73.
Almer B. Gifford had seventy three votes — 73.
and declaration thereof was made by the Selectmen

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Westport, assembled at the town House in said
Westport, on Monday the sixth day of April A.D. 1812,
and continued by adjournment unto Monday the Eleventh
Day of May following.

Met according to adjournment, — " — "

John Milk chosen Constable & collector and to have
Three and one half — pr. b. " — " — "
and was duly engaged — " — " — "

Daniel Howland chosen scaler of Weights &
measures and was duly engaged, " — " — "

Voted that for the providing for the poor that
belongs to this town, be by vendueing, unless in
Instances where the selectmen shall think it best to
provide otherwise having regard to their
comfortable support and maintainance

Recorded by me Almer B. Gifford Town Clerk.

1812 Voted that the sum of twelve Hundred Dollars be raised, by way of Tax on the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the Town for the support of the poor and schools and other expenses of said Town the year ensuing, to be collected & paid into the Town treasury by the first day of April next, And the assessors are directed, to assess & sum in the way and manner directed by Law, and deliver a list or lists thereof to the collector as soon as may be Voted that the sum of One Hundred and twenty Dollars of the aforesaid twelve Hundred 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 & that In each school district, the masters and mistresses are required to return, the number of days schooling, in their schools kept within the year, to the selectmen on or before the first Monday of April next, and those that do not make such returns by said time, are not entitled to any of said sum, neither are any of said returns to be accepted of, by the selectmen at any time after and the selectmen are directed to divide the sum accordingly. " — " — " — " — " — " — "

Voted

1812 The committee on accounts made a report in writing
that they had attended the business 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 to the sum of
Twelve Hundred & Six dollars and nine cents \$1206-09^C
It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the committee
and the treasurer is directed to pay the several sums
thus allowed by the committee to the several persons,
therein named and charge the same to the Town.

The committee also reports that, agreeable to their appointment, they made a settlement with the Town treasurer and found that he had reciev^d for the Town the year past the sum of — \$933.40 and has paid by his accounts the sum of — \$876.44 Leaving a ballance in favour of the Town — \$57.36 Which ballance was by the said treasurer William White paid to Mr. B. Gifford the towns present treasurer which made an even ballance between the said White and the town of Westport and we made a settlement with him accordingly. — " — " — "

The committee further find that there was by the report
of the committee the last year a balance against the
Town, between the sums which had been assessed, on
the Town, and the sums allowed against the town
the sum of " — " — " — " — " \$ 237.56
And that there had been assessed on the Inhabitants
of the town the year past the sum of. — \$ 1211.38
Deducting therefrom the last years deficiency
Leaving the neat sum of " — " — " — " 973.82
And the sums allowed for the expenses the year
past, as by report presented. — " — " — " 1206.09
Leaving a balance against the town. — \$ 232.27

Dated may. 11th 1812

Samuel Milk
John Mosher, } Towns Committee
Nathaniel Kirby }

Recorded by me, Miss B. Gifford Town Clerk

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1812. Voted to adjourn this meeting untill the
Last Saturday in August at Two o'clock in
the after noon then to mett at this place and
it was accordingly adjourned " — " — "

Westport. May. 23. 1812. Benjamin Woodcock appeared before
me the subscriber and was duly engaged. in the offices
of surveyor of Highway & likewise for Hograue in
the Town of Westport. — Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

To John Milk Constable of the Town of
Westport. — Greeting — " — " — "

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, you are hereby required, to notify
and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town
of Westport, duly Qualified to Vote, for representa-
tives in the General Court of said Common-
wealth to assemble at the Town House in said
Town on Thursday the twentieth day of November
Instant, at one of the clock in the afternoon
to give in their votes for four Electors of
President and vice president of the United
States, for the district, containing the counties
of Plymouth, Bristol, Norfolk, Barnstable
Dukes County and Nantucket, agreeable to
a resolve, passed by the Legislature of this
Commonwealth on the Twenty third day of October
Last.

Given under our hands and seals — this
third day of November, A.D. 1812. —

Abner Brownell

Abner B. Gifford } Selectmen
Westport

Bristol, ss. Westport Nov. 12th 1812. pursuant to
the above Warrant, I have notified and warned
the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein
Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the
purpose above mentioned John Milk Constable —

1812. ^{300.} At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
the Town of Westport, assembled at the Town House
in said Town, on Thursday the 12th Day of November
Inst. at one of the o'clock in the after noon A.D. 1812
for the purposes contained in the foregoing warrant
the following persons were voted for —

W^m Rotch Jr. had Two Hundred and Seventy Eight
Votes ————— 278 —

J^m Heath — had Two Hundred and Seventy
Eight votes ————— 278 —

Joshua Thomas had Two Hundred and
Seventy Eight Votes ————— 278 —

Daniel Seudder — had Two Hundred and
Seventy Eight votes ————— 278 —

Recorded by me Minor B. Gifford Clerk

To John Milk Constable of the Town of
Westport Greeting — In the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are required
to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town,
Qualified to Vote for representatives to the Congress
of the United States, to assemble and meet at the
Town house in said Town, on the first Monday
of November next at one of the o'clock in the
after noon to give in their votes for a representative
to the Congress of the United States, for Bristol District
also to know the Towns mind in regard
(turnover)

To Remonstrating the Legislature of this Commonwealth, against the districting Law, for the Choice of Senators and Councillors, wherein the Counties of Bristol and Norfolk make only one District —

Given under our hands and seals this Nineteenth day of October A.D. 1812 —

Henry Brownell,
Henry B. Gifford } Selectmen
Christopher Cornish } of Westport

Bristol, ss. pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants aforesaid Town as was therein expressed and for the purposes therein specified — John Mith Constable —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport assembled at the Town House in said Town on the first Monday of November at one of the Clocks in the afternoon A.D. 1812. for the purposes contained in the foregoing Warrants the following persons were voted for,

Hon. Laban Wheaton Esq. had Two Hundred and forty three votes — 243 —
Hon. John Hawse Esq. had Ten votes — 10 —

Henry Brownell Esq. was Chosen Moderator of the meeting for remonstrating the Legislature of this Commonwealth against the districting Law for Senators and Councillors —

a remonstrance was prepared and read in Town, meeting and accepted by the Town and ordered to be forwarded —
Recorded by me Henry B. Gifford Clerk

At a meeting legally warned and held at the House of Henry B. Gifford on Monday the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1812. for the purpose of drawing one man as a traverse Jurymen at the Circuit Court of common pleas, to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the Second Monday of June next —

Levi Standish was drawn to serve —
accordingly — Recorded by me Henry B. Gifford P. Clerk

At a meeting legally warned and held at the House of Henry B. Gifford on Monday the first day of March. A.D. 1813 for the purpose of drawing two men as Jurors at the next Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol, on the Second Monday of said month. Henry B. Gifford was drawn as a Grand Juror, and Ezekiel Brownell was drawn a traverse Juror for the aforesaid Court —

Recorded by me Henry B. Gifford Town Clerk

1813 ³⁰³ At a legal meeting warned and held at the
Town House of Abner B. Gifford on Monday
the 26th day of April A.D. 1813. for the purpose of
drawing Two men to serve as traverse jurors, at
the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton
on the first Monday of May next, and John Howlands
and Warton Macomber were drawn to serve accordingly
Recorded by me — Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

At a legal meeting warned and held at the House of
Abner B. Gifford Esq. on the 8th day of March. A.D. 1814
for the purpose of drawing two men one to serve on the
Grand Jury for March and September, and the other to
serve on the traverse Jury for March Court, at Taunton
within the County of Bristol, Samuel Milk was
drawn as Grand Jurymen and Edmund Sniff
as traverse Juror at the formentioned Court
Recorded by me — Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

At a legal meeting warned and held at the House of
Abner B. Gifford Esq. on the 21st day of April. 1814
for the purpose of drawing one man to serve as traverse
Juror at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden
by adjournment, at Taunton on the 4th Monday of April
A.D. 1814. — Pardon Cornell was drawn as Juror
for the above mentioned Court

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

At a legal meeting warned and held at the House
of Abner B. Gifford Esq. on Wednesday the Eighth day
of December A.D. 1813. for the purpose of drawing
one man to serve as Traverse Juror at the Circuit
Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton
on the Second Monday of December Inst. Ephraim
Macomber was drawn to serve accordingly
Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

1813. To John Milk Constable of the Town of Westport ³⁰⁴
Grating

You are hereby Required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the male
Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, of Twenty
One years of Age & upwards, having a Free
hold estate within the Commonwealth, of the
Annual income of ten Dollars, or any estate to
the value of Two Hundred dollars, to meet at the
Town House on Monday the Fifth day of Ap^l
next at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to
give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut.
Governor, and Senators & Councillors, agree-
able to the Constitution of said Commonwealth
And if fail not, and make due Return of
this warrant, and of your doings thereon
unto the selectmen on or before the 3^d day
Date at Westport aforesaid, the Fifth day
of March in the year of our Lords one
Thousand Eight Hundred and thirteen
A.D. 1813.

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
Abner B. Gifford — }
Christopher Cornell } Westport

Bristol T. S. Westport April 5th A.D. 1813.
By Virtue of this warrant I have warned the
Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town
of Westport. Qualified to vote in Town affairs
to assemble at the time & place and for the
purposes therein mentioned —
Jn. Milk Constable

Recorded by me
Abner B. Gifford Clerk of the Town of Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
 Town of Westport, assembled at the Town
 House in said Westport, on Monday the fifth
 day of April. A.D. 1813, at Eleven of the Clock
 in the forenoon for the purposes contained
 in the foregoing warrant. —

Votes for the following persons, were given in
 sorted Counties, & declaration thereof made as
 by the Constitution is directed
 (Viz).

for
 Governor, { the Hon^{le} Caleb Strong Esq. had.
 Three Hundred & Twenty votes } — 320.
 { The Hon^{le} Joseph B. Varnum Esq.
 had Nineteen votes — — — } — 19

Hon^{le} Lt
 Governor { The Hon^{le} Wm Phillips Esq. had
 Three Hundred & Twenty votes } — 320.
 { The Hon^{le} Wm King Esq. had
 Nineteen votes — — — } — 19.

Judges — — —

Hon^{le} Sylvester Brownell Esq.
 had Three Hundred & Twenty votes — 320.

Samuel Crocker Esq.
 had Three Hundred & Twenty votes — 320.

Joseph Heath Esq.
 had Three Hundred & Twenty votes — 320.

James Richardson Esq.
 had Three Hundred and twenty votes 320

Thos. Hazard Esq. Nineteen votes — — 19.

Joseph Fisdale Esq. Nineteen votes — — 19.

Jr. Hawes Esq. Nineteen votes — — — 19.

Joseph Bemmis Esq. Nineteen votes — 19.

Recorded by me Abel B. Gifford Town Clerk —

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At a legal meeting held at the House of Honor W. Gifford
on the 8th day of March 1814, for the purpose of drawing
Two men for jury men at the next court. in this month. and
the Grand Juror to serve at S^c Court and at Sept Term. Lemuel
Milk was drawn as Grand Juror. and Edmund Tripp was
drawn as Travers Juror. for the above mentioned Courts.
Recorded by me Honor W. Gifford J. Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Bristol, S. S. To John Milk, one of the Constables
of the Town of Westport, within the said County,

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and
other Inhabitants of the said Town of Westport, Qualified
to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town
House in said Town on Monday the Fifth day of April
next. at Ten of the Clock in the fore noon; then and there
to act on the following articles (to wit) — " —
1. To Choose a moderator of said meeting,
2. To Choose all such Town officers as Towns by law
are Authorized, to Choose Annually, " —
3. To Choose a committee to receive and examine
accounts brought against said Town, and also to
Settle with the Town Treasurer, " —
4. To determine what sum to raise by way of Tax for
the Support of poor, and Schools, and other Incidental
Charges, " — " — " — " —
5. To determine what sum shall be expended in the
repair of highways, and in what manner it shall
be appropriated

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6. to devise the best method for the support of paupers, and relieving others whom poverty stare in the face —
7. to Choose such other Committees or agents, as circumstances may render expedient, —
8. to Give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant and of your doings thereon unto the selectmen, on or before the said day, dated at Westport, aforesaid the fiftenth day of march, in the year of our Lords one thousand Eight Hundred and thirturo —

Abner Brownell

Abner B. Gifford

Christopher Cornell

} Selectmen
of Westport —

Bristol S.S. Westport Apr: 5. 1813. By virtue of this warrant, I have warned the freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Westport Qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned —

John Mills. J. Constable —

At a legal meeting warned and held at the Town House in said Westport, On Monday the fifth Day of April at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes contained in the foregoing Warrants —
 Votes, for the following persons were given in —
 Abner Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator. Votes. 39.

Abner B. Gifford Esq. Chosen Town Clerk. Votes. 74
 Abner B. Gifford Chosen Treasurer and was engaged
 to have Am & 1/4 p^{ts} Cent.

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Minor. B. Gifford³¹⁰, Ephraim Mauomber and
Bradford Richmond Chosen Selectmen and were
duly Engaged.

Ephraim Mauomber, Bradford Richmond, and
Wesley Tripp, Chosen assessors. and were engaged.

John Mosher, Samuel Clark and Nathaniel Kirby
were Chosen a Committee on accounts and to settle
with the Towns Treasurers, " " "

Nathaniel Kirby, Chosen pound keeper and engaged

George C. Brown Chosen Constable and Collector of
Taxes. and to have 3% per Ct. for Collecting Taxes.
and was duly engaged, " " "

Daniel Howland. Chosen sealer of weights and
measures, and was engaged, " " "

Levi Standish, Jethro Howland, John Anthony,
Minor. B. Gifford, Daniel Howland, & Pardon
Allen. were Chosen Corders, and measurers of
woods. " " " " " and. Minor
B. Gifford & Daniel Howland were engaged

Humphrey Mauomber, Richard Gifford, Nathaniel
Sowles, Isaac Pettig, Benjamin Woodell, Stephen
Cornell, Peleg Chace, Ephraim Mauomber, Jonathan
Peckham, Jonathan Davis, Reuben Wate, Nathaniel
Kirby, Lathan Tripp, Jr. Dyer George Sawton,
David Sanford, Ezekiel Brownell, Wilbour Gifford

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Justice Kirby, Josiah Brownell, Tho. Richmond,
Job Gifford, Charles Allen, Peter Devot, and
Jonathan Brownell. were Chosen Surveyors of
Highways. and were engaged.

George Gifford, Thomas Waddell, Abraham Cornell,
Bradford Richmond, Christopher Cornell, Benja-
Brownell, John Dyer, Jonathan Tripp, Edmond
Tripp, and Wilbur Gifford were Chosen
Jury Viewers, and were engaged

Jineth Brownell, Jerathmaus White, Wilbur
Gifford, Edward Manchester, Benjamin Cory,
George C. Brownell, Lebedus Davis, Russell Gifford
Jonathan Soble, Nathaniel Tripp & Dan. Boomer
were Chosen. Field Drivers and were engaged

Jethro Howland and Loeth Howland.
were Chosen Cullers of hoops and staves, — " —

Daniel Brownell. & Preserved Shurman
were Chosen, Sealers of leather, — " —

Jethro Howland and Loeth Howland were
Cullers of fish — " — " — " —

Lecheus Gifford, John Gifford, s. Phillip
Davis, Levi Standish, Wilbur Gifford
Tho. Allen (taylor), Gilbert Mauomber, Phillip
Davis, Benjamin Waddell, & Warton Mauomber
were Chosen Hogrevers, and engaged. —

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Simeon Milk, Humphrey Howland & George
Lawton Chosen Overseers of Landing at N. River

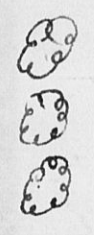
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Gideon Palmer, Danub Gifford, Pardon Cornell,
Sam. Wilcox, and Perry Gifford, were Chosen
Overseers of fishery — " — " —

Voted to adjourn this meeting unto Monday the 10th
day of may next, at one of the Clock in the after-
noon then to meet at this place — " —

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

To John Milk Constable of the Town of Westport
Greeting



You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
wealth 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 three pounds, or any
estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the Town
House in said Town, on Monday the 10th day of May
next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon, for the
purpose of Choosing one or more Representatives to
Represent them at the General Court, appointed to be
convened and holden at Boston on the last Wednes-
day of May

Given under our Hands and seals at said Westport on
the 26th day of April A. D. 1813.

Abner B. Gifford }
Ephraim Mauomber } Selectmen of
Bradford Richmond } Westport

Westport May 10. 1813. in Obedience to the above warrant I have
Notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants to appear at time & place as above
directed & for the above purposes. J. Milk & Constable —

1813. At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, assembled at the Town house in said Westport, on the tenth day of May, A.D. 1813. For the purposes contained in the foregoing warrant, the following persons were Chosen Representatives for said Town of Westport

Abner Brownell Esqr. who had forty six votes.	46.
Abner B. Gifford Esqr. who had forty six votes.	46.
Isaac Cong. who had forty five votes.	45.

And declaration thereof was made by the selectmen

Resolved by Mr. Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

Voted that the manner of providing for the poor - belonging to this Town, be by rendering, unless in Instances where the selectmen shall think it best to provide otherwise having regard to their comfortable support and maintainance.

Voted to raise Twelve Hundred Dollars by way of tax, on the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the Town for the support of the poor, and schools and other expences of said Town, the year ensuing to be collected and paid into the Town Treasurer by the first day of April next, and the assessors are directed to assess & sum, in the way and manner directed by law, and deliver a list, or lists thereof to the Collector as soon as may be

Voted that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars of the aforesaid sum, 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 of those kept by masters and that in each school

1813. District, the masters and mistresses are required, to, return the number of days schooling in their schools kept within the year to the selectmen, on or before the first Monday of April next, and those that do not - make such returns by said time, are not entitled to any of said sum, neither are any such returns to be excepted at any time after by the Selectmen, and the Selectmen are hereby directed to divide the Money Accordingly — " — " — " — "

Voted that for repairing and amending of highways, and Town ways in the Town of Westport, the year ensuing, the sum of Eight Hundred dollars be assessed, on the polls and estates, as other taxes are assessed, 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.

Voted that Seventy five Cents be allowed the Surveyors of highways, for a days work of a man or a pair of oxen, and in proportion for parts of days work, and that twenty five Cents be allowed for a Cart or a plow one day, Voted that the above sum be expended on the highways, and Town ways one half by the first day of July, and the other half by the first day of September next. — " — "

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

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in Towns who neglect to vote a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the Highways in said Town

Abner B. Gifford, Chosen the Towns agent in all cases the year ensuing — " — " —

Voted that Abner B. Gifford should superintend the Building of the Bridge at the head of the east branch.

Voted to give Thomas Richmond, thirty Dollars, to doctor all the poor that is now chargeable to said Town for one year, and also all that become chargeable to said Town during the year. —

The committee on accounts, made a report in writing that they had attended the business assigned them and that they had, allowed to 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 Nine Hundred and Forty three Dollars and forty nine Cents. — " — " — \$943.49.

It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the Committee and the treasurer is directed to pay the several sums thus allowed by the Committee to the several persons therein named, and charge the same to the Town.

The Committee also report, that agreeable to their Appointment they made a settlement with the Town Treasurer, and found that he had received for the Town the year past, the sum of \$1075.85.¢ And has paid out as by his accounts. 1379.57.¢

Leaving a ballance in favour of the Treas. \$267.92 and that they had made a settlement with him accordingly.

Dated May 10. 1813. Signed. John Mosher
Nathan Kirby } Towns Committee
Samuel Mink }

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Vote to adjourn this meeting untill the last Saturday of August next. then at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon — then to meet this place —

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford J. Clerk

At a legal meeting warned and held at the House of Abner B. Gifford Esq. on the 16th day of June: A.D. 1814. for the purpose of drawing two men to serve as traverse Jurymen at the next Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of said Month. Ebenezer Baker and Thomas Woodbury was accordingly drawn.

Recorded by me A.B. Gifford J. Clerk

At a legal meeting warned and held at the House of A.B. Gifford Esq. on the 5th day of September A.D. 1814. for the purpose of drawing from the Jury Box. Two men to serve as Jurors. at the next Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the Second Monday of Sept. Inst. — Charles Maumbe & Daniel Howard were accordingly drawn. Recorded by me A.B. Gifford J. Clerk

At a legal meeting warned and held at the house of Abner B. Gifford Esq. on the 10th day of Oct. A.D. 1814 for the purpose of drawing from the Jury box. Three men, one to serve as Grand Juror, & two to serve as traverse Jurors. at the next supreme Judicial Court. to be holden at Taunton on the third Tuesday of S month. Abner Devos was accordingly drawn as Grand Juror, and Jonathan Davis & Robert Shurman was drawn as traverse Jurors. at the above mentioned Court. —

Recorded by me A.B. Gifford J. Clerk

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1814. At a legal meeting held at the House of Abner B. Gifford Esq. on the 5th day of December A.D. 1814. for the purpose of drawing one man to serve as a traverse Juror at the next Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of 8th month. Warton Cox was accordingly drawn.
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting warned and held at the House of Abner B. Gifford Esq. on the 7th day of March A.D. 1815. for the Purpose of drawing from the Jury Box Two men one to serve as Grand Juror. & one to serve as traverse Juror at the next Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of 8th month. Sylvester Brownell was drawn Grand Juror & Phillip Potter was drawn traverse Juror at the aforementioned Court.

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting warned and held at the house of A. B. Gifford on the 24th day of April A.D. 1815. for the purpose of drawing from the Jury Box one man to serve as traverse Juror at the next Supreme Judicial Court. to be holden at Taunton, on the second Monday of May next. William Sisson was accordingly drawn.

Recorded by me. A. B. Gifford T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting warned and held at the House of A. B. Gifford on the 27th day of May A.D. 1815. for the purpose of drawing from the Jury Box Two men Qualified according to Law to serve as traverse Jurors at the next Circuit Court of C. Pleas. to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of June next. Holdes White & Wilbour Gifford were accordingly drawn.

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk.

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At a legal meeting warned and held at the Town House in Westport on the 6th day of September A.D. 1815. for the purpose of drawing Two men Qualified according to Law to serve on the traverse Jury at the next C. C. of C. P. to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of Sept. Int. Samuel Shad and Preserved Shearman were accordingly drawn.
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting warned and held at the House of A. B. Gifford in Westport on the 2nd day of October A.D. 1815. for the purpose of drawing from the Jury Box one man for Grand Juror and Two men for traverse Jurors at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the 3rd Tuesday of October Int. Alisal Davis was drawn Grand Juror and David Sisson & Elijah Gifford Jr were drawn for traverse Jurors at 3 Court.
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting warned and held at the Town House in Westport on the 27th day of November A.D. 1815. for the purpose of drawing from the Jury Box Two men Qualified according to Law to serve as traverse Jurors at the next C. C. of C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of December next. Stephen Cornell & Jonathan White were drawn accordingly.
Recorded by me. A. B. Gifford Town Clerk.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol, S. S. To George C. Brownell, Constable of the
Town of Westport within the S County.

Greetings,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn, the Free Holders and Other Inhabitants, of the S Town of Westport, Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of April next, at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz/

1. To Chose a moderator of S meeting
2. To Chose all such Town officers as Towns by Law are Authorized to Chose Annually
3. To Chose a committee to receive and examine all accounts brought against S Town and also to settle with the Town treasurer
4. To determine what sum to raise by way of Tax for the support of the poor, and schools and other incidental charges,
5. To determine what sum shall be expended in the repair of highways and in what manner it shall be appropriated
6. To devise the best method for the support of paupers and relieving others who are likely to become chargeable
7. To give in their votes for County treasurer
8. To Chose such other committees or agents as circumstances may render expedient

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant and your doings thereon, unto the selectmen, on or before the said day, dated at Westport the Twenty fifth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen

Abner B. Giffords

Chosen

member

Selectmen

W. Giffords

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Bristol S.S. Westport ap^l 4. 1814. pursuant to the within warrant. I have Summoned and notified the Inhabitants of S Town. Qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

George C. Brownell Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, assembled at the Town House in said Westport on Monday the fourth day of April A.D. 1814. at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes contained in the foregoing warrants

Votes for the following persons were given in —

Almer Brownell, Chosen Moderator by written ballot —

Town Clerk. — Almer B. Gifford Chosen by written ballot — " — & engaged

Selectmen Almer B. Gifford —
Ephraim Macomber & engaged
Bradford Richmond (written ballot)

Committee on accounts. John Mather
Samuel Milk (& engaged)
Nathl. Kirley B. Smith were chosen

Pound Keeper. Nathaniel Kirley —

Treasurer. Almer B. Gifford.. chosen (and engaged) —
and to have 1 1/4 p^{ts} Cent —

voted to adjourn this meeting until the ninth day of May next, then to meet at this place at one of the Clock in the afternoon —

Recorded by me Almer B. Gifford Town Clerk —

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To George C. Brownell, Constable of the Town of
Westport

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the
male Inhabitants of the said Town of Westport
of Twenty one years of age and upwards, having
a free hold estate within the Commonwealth of
the Annual Income of three pounds, or any estate to the
value of sixty pounds, to meet at the Town house in
said Town on Monday the fourth day of April next, at Eleven
of the Clock in the forenoon, to give in their votes for
a Governor, Lieut. Gov. and Senators, and Counsellors
agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at said Westport this
fifteenth day of March A.D. 1814,

Abner B. Gifford

Ephraim Mawmber

Bradford Richmond } Selectmen of
Westport

Bristol. S.S. Westport Apr. 4th 1814,

pursuant to the above warrant, I have warned the
Inhabitants of said Town. Qualified as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place and for the
purposes therein mentioned

George C. Brownell } Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town of
Westport, assembled at the Town house in said Town on
Monday the fourth day of April A.D. 1814 at Eleven
O'clock in the forenoon for the purposes contained
in the foregoing warrant,

Votes for the following persons, were given in, sorted,
and counted and declaration thereof made as by the
Constitution is directed -

(viz)

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For Governor Lieut. Gov. &c

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq.
who had Three Hundred and fourteen votes. 314
The Hon Saml. Dexter who had
Seventeen votes 17

For Lieut. Gov.
His Honor William Phillips Esq.
who had Three Hundred & fourteen votes. 314
His Honor William Gray Esq. who
had Seventeen votes. 17

For Senators,

Sylvester Brownell Esq.
who had Three Hundred & fourteen votes. 314
Samuel Crocker Esq. who had
Three Hundred & fourteen votes. 314

Wm Wood Esq. who had
Seventeen votes 17

Cornelius Grinnell Esq.
who had Seventeen votes 17

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford
Clerk of the Town of Westport.

1814. To George C. Brownell, Constable of the Town of Westport -

Meeting -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of s^d Town being Twenty one years of age, and resident in s^d Town for the space of one year next preceding, having a free hold Estate within s^d Town, of the Annual Income of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of fifty pounds, to meet at the Town house, on Monday the ninth day of May next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Choosing one or more Representatives to Represent them, at the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of s^d May.

Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of April A.D. 1814, and also to allow if thought proper, of such Returns of laying out, and alterations of highways as may have been made by the selectmen the year past, or previous to s^d meeting

Abner B. Gifford } Selectmen of
Ephraim Maunier } Westport

Pursuant to the above warrants, I have notified and warned, the male Inhabitants of s^d Town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned -

George C. Brownell, & Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport assembled at the Town house in s^d Town on the Ninth day of May, A.D. 1814 at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose contained in the foregoing warrant -

Votes for the following persons were given, sorted and Counted, and Record, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution directs

1814. Abner Brownell Esq. had Twenty Seven votes. 27
Abner B. Gifford had Twenty Seven votes. 27
John Anthony had Twenty Six votes. 26.
and they were Chosen
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Town Clerk

Agreeable to adjournment. From last April, the Inhabitants of the Town met at the Town house in s^d Town, and proceeded on the Unfinished Business of the annual meeting -

George C. Brownell. Chosen Constable and collector of Taxes and to have 3^d p^{ct}. Cent. to procure Two good Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him -

Jethro Howland } Chosen
A. B. Gifford } Surveyors of Lumber
Stephen Howland }
Micah Dean }

Pardon Gifford }
Dan. Boomer }
Warren Dwyer }
Joshua Pitney }
Norton Macomber }
Ephraim Maunier } all Chosen
Tything men

George Gifford }
Thos. Wooddell }
Abraham Cornell, Bradford Richmond }
Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell, }
John Dyer, Edmond Lipp Wilbour Gifford }
all Chosen Fence Viewers

Humphrey Maunier, Phillip Potter, Thos. S. Cornell, }
Benjamin Wooddell, Stephen Cornell, & Piley Chase }
Ebenzer Baker, Jonathan Richman, Thos. Woodell, }
Isahod Potter, Nathaniel Kirby, Moses Carr, Jonathan }
Records. George Sawton David Sanford, }
Ezekiel Brownell, Nathaniel Kirby, } Continued
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George White, William Gifford
Adam Gifford, Job Gifford, Charles Allen
Peter Devol, Jonathan Brownell
Ephraim Macomber -
all chosen Surveyors
of Highways - and engaged -

Phillip Davis, Jereh Brownell, Jerathma
White, Wilbour Gifford, Edward Manchester
Benjamin Lory, George C. Brownell, Zebulon
Davis, Russell Gifford, Jonathan Lows,
Nathaniel Tripp, Daniel Boomer -
all chosen Field drivers -
and engaged -

Jethro Howland and Zeth Howland
Chosen Cullers of Hoops and Staves -

Daniel Brownell & Preserved Shearman
were Chosen Sealers of Leather

Jethro Howland and Zeth Howland
Chosen Cullers of Fish -

Sackers Gifford, John Gifford & Phillip Davis &
Wilbour Gifford, Tho^r. Allen Taylor, Gilbert -
Macomber, Tho^r. Richmond, David Devol,
Phillip Davis, Benja. Waddell, Manton -
Macomber - all chosen Hogreaves -
and were engaged -

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Simeon Ellick, Humphrey Howland -
and George Lawton -
Chosen overseers of Landing at head of
River - East Branch

Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford,
Gordon Cornell, Sam^l. Wilcox, and
Perry Gifford, all chosen overseers of
Fishing

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

Voted that the manner of providing for
the poor of this town, be by vending unless
in instances, when the Selectmen shall think
it best to provide otherwise - having regard
to their comfortable support and maintenance

Voted to raise one thousand dollars by way of
Tax, on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of
this town, for the support of the poor & schools
and other expenses, of s^d. Town the year ensuing
to be collected and paid in to the town treasury
by the first day of April next, & the apportion
directed to apportion sum, in the way and manner
directed by Law, and deliver a list, or Lists
thereof to the Collector as soon as may be

Voted that the sum of one Hundred & Twenty
dollars, of the sports' fund be appropriated for
the support of schools, and in the same
manner as was the last year - which is
Recorded at length - - -

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

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Voted that for repairing and amending of high ways, and Town ways, in the Town of Westport. the year ensuing the sum of Eight Hundred dollars be apportioned on the polls and Estates as other Taxes are apportioned and that the apportion apportion the same as soon as may be and deliver a list of the persons named and the sums they are apportioned to each surveyor for his Limits according to Law.

Voted that the same price for Labour, for carts, & plows, be allowed, to the several persons, in working on highways & Town ways be allowed by the Surveyors, this year as was last year and to be worked out at the same stipulated terms

Voted that the same measures be taken in treading down, and making the roads passable when blocked up with snow, this year as was last year.

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

The Hon^{ble}. Samuel Crocker Esq. Cash. on Handed and Seventy three votes for County Treasurer.

Voted to give Doct. Sh^r. Richmond Thirty Dollars to Doctor all the poor who now are, or may hereafter During the year, become Chargeable to this Town.

Voted that Abner B. Gifford should be agent for the Town. the year ensuing

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

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1814. The Committee on accounts made a report in writing, that they had attended the business assigned them, & 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, Twelve Hundred Eighty Eight dollars and Sixty Cents. -- \$1288.60

It was thenupon voted to accept the report of the Committee, and the treasurer is directed to pay the several sums thus allowed, by the Committee, to the several persons therein named and charge the same to the Town

The Committee also Report, that agreeable to their Appointment, they made a settlement with the Town Treasurer, and found that he had rec^d for the Town the year past, the sum of \$1121.03. And has paid as by his acct. -- the sum of 1221.75 Leaving a balance in favour of the Treasurer \$100.72 and that they made a settlement with him

Accordingly Signed John Moshen } Towns Committee
Simeon Melke }
Nathan Kerby }

Dated May 9. 1814

Voted to adjourn this meeting to last Saturday of August next.
Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

To George C. Brownell. Constable of the Town of Westport.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn, the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, duly Qualified to vote for Representatives, in the General Court of the Commonwealth, (viz) the male Inhabitant of the Town being Twenty One years of Age, and Resident in the Town for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold estate, within the Town of the Annual income of three (turn over)

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pounds, or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to assemble at the Town House, in S Town on Monday the 7th day of November, next, being the first Monday of S Month, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of S Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States, for Bristol district
Given under our hands and seals, this Twenty fourth day of October Anno Domini. 1814.

Abner B. Gifford Selectmen
Ephraim Mauson }
Westport.

Westport Nov. 7. 1814.

pursuant to the foregoing warrant. I have notified, and warned, the male Inhabitants of S Town, Qualified, as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes above mentioned

George C Brownells Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport, assembled at the Town House in S Town on Monday the Seventh day of November A.D. 1812 - for the purposes contained in the preceding warrant -
Votes for the following persons, were given in

Viz. For the Hon. Laban Wheaton Esq. who had
One Hundred and Twelve votes 112.

For Marcus Morton Esq. who had one vote 1.
Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

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1815. Le George C. Brownell. Constable of the Town of Westport

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East Seal (Seal)

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the male Inhabitants of the S^d Town of Westport of Twenty one years of age and upwards. Having a free hold estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual income, of three pounds, or any estate to the value of Sixty pounds, to meet at the Town House, in S^d Town, on Monday, the third day of April next, at 4 o'clock, in the forenoon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Gov^r and Senators and Councillors, agreeably, to the Constitution of S^d Commonwealth,

Given under our hands, and seals this at S^d Westport this Sixteenth day, of march. A.D. 1815.

Alfred B. Gifford Selectmen
Ephraim Maumblin } Westport,

Wristob S. S. Westport April 2. 1815. pursuant to the above warrant. I have notified the Inhabitants of S^d Town, Qualified as therein Expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned

George C. Brownell. } Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the S^d Town of Westport assembled at the Town House in S^d Town on Monday, the Third day of April A.D. 1812, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes Contained in the foregoing warrant, votes for the following persons were given in Sorted & Counted, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed —
(viz),

For Governor, his Excellency, Caleb Strong Esq. who had Two Hundred and Seventy Seven votes	277.
For Gov ^r . Samuel Dexter Esq. had Thirteen votes	13.
For Lieut Gov ^r . the Hon ^{ble} . William Phillips Esq. who had Two Hundred & Seventy Seven votes	277.
For Lieut Gov ^r . William Gray. Esq. had Thirteen votes	13.
For Senator. Samuel Crocker Esq. had Two Hundred and Seventy Seven votes	277.
James Ellis Esq. had Two Hundred and Seventy Seven votes	277.

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1815. To George C. Brownell. 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 S Town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in S Town for the space of one year, next preceding, having a free hold estate within S Town of the annual income of of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to meet at the Town House in S Town on Monday the fifteenth day of May next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May. --- Given under our hands and seals, at Westport this Twenty ninth day of April A.D. 1815. ---

Abner B. Gifford } Selectmen
Barner Hicks }
Christopher Cornell } Westport.

Bristol, S. S. Westport, May. 15. 1815. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant. I have notified the Inhabitants of S Town of Westport, to meet at time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned
George C. Brownell } Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified according to the Constitution, assembled at the Town House in S Town, on Monday the fifteenth day of May. A.D. 1815. at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant ---

Votes for the following persons, were given in, sorted & counted, and Record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed
(viz.)

Abner Brownell Esq.	Had Seventeen votes	17
Sylvester Brownell Esq.	Had Eleven votes	11
Abner B. Gifford Esq.	Had Seventeen votes	17
Piley Liffon Esq.	Had Two votes	2

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk ---

agreeable to adjournment from last April. the Inhabitants of Westport. Qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the Town House on this 15th day of May A.D. 1815 and proceeded to finish the unfinished business of the Annual meeting

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1815. George C. Brownell. Chosen constable & collector of Taxes for the year ensuing, and to have 2/4 p^{ts} Cent, for Collecting and was duly engaged. ---

Jethro Howland, Abner B. Gifford, Stephen Howland, and Micah Dean, were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber (engaged)

Pardon Gifford, Daniel Boomer, Warren Duxell, Joshua Pitney, Wanton Maucomber, Ephraim Maucomber were Chosen Tithing men (and were engaged)

George Gifford, Jonathan Davis, Abraham Cornell, Bradford Richmond, Christopher Cornell, Benja Brownell, John Dyer, Edmond Tripp, Wilbour Gifford were Chosen General viewers, (and were engaged) ---

Humphrey Maucomber, Isaac Kirby, Garner White, Benja Woodell, Maxon Mosher, Piley Chace, Ebenezer Baker, Jonathan Pukham, Henry Howland Jr., Tho. Woodell, James Cornell, Nathaniel Kirby, Moses Case, Jonathan Records, John Howland, David Sanford Ezekiel Brown, Nathaniel Kirby, George White, Wm Davis, Adam Gifford, Ephraim Thompson, Tho. Shearman, Isaac Brownell, Jonathan Brownell, Lathum Gifford, were Chosen Surveyors of Highways. and engaged ---

Phillip Davis, Jiroth Brownell, Jonathan White, Wilbour Gifford, Edward Manchester, Benjamin Cory, George C. Brownell, Tebedu Davis, Rufus Gifford, Jonathan Lewis, Nathaniel Tripp, Daniel Boomer, Piley Gifford Chosen Field drivers, and Piley Gifford & George C. Brownell. were duly engaged ---

Jethro Howland & Loeth Howland Criers of hoops and staves --- were Chosen ---

Daniel Brownell, & Preserved Shearman were Chosen Sealers of Leather ---

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1815. ³³⁵ Jethro Howland & Lottus Howland (bellers of fish-) were Chosen -

Lachus Gifford, John Gifford, Phillip Davis Jr, Wilbour Gifford, Tho. Allen Taylor, Gilbert Mauwomb, Tho. Richm David Davis, Phillip Davis, Benja. Woodell, Warton Mauwomb were Chosen Hog Revers, and were engaged.

Sennub Milk Humphrey Howland & George Lawton Chosen Overseers of Landing at head of River -

Henes Gifford, Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford, Pardon, ~~the~~ Kernell, Saml. Wilcox, Perry Gifford. were Chosen, Overseers of Fishery -

Voted that the manner of Providing for the Poor the ensuing year be by rendering relief in Instances where the Selectmen shall think it best to provide other ways, having regard to their comfortable support and maintenance -

Voted to Raise one thousand dollars, by way of Tax. on the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of this Town for the support of the poor and schools and other incidental charges. to be apportioned & collected, and paid into to the Towns treasurer, by the first day of April next, and the Apportion are directed to apportion sum according to Law, and deliver the bills to the Collector as soon as may be -

Voted that One Hundred and Twenty dollars of the aforesaid sum, be appropriated for the support of schools, and in the same manner as was last year, - - - - -

Voted to Allow Bradford, Richmond one of the Selectmen last year, One Hundred and forty dollars and one Cent. being the balance of his bill for providing for the Militia stationed at Westport harbor. over and above what the State allowed him

also voted to allow Henrick Gifford Twenty three dollars and fifty eight Cents -

also. voted to allow, Ephraim Mauwomb four dollars and fifty Cents,

also voted to allow. Christopher Kernell Three Dollars -
and the treasurer is directed to pay the several sums above specified and charge the same to the town -

Recorded by me Henrick Gifford Town Clerk

1815. ³³⁶ The Committee on accounts. made a report in writing that they had attended the business apportioned 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 Eight Hundred Ninety Seven dollars and Eighty eight Cents, \$897. 88

It was thereupon voted to accept the Report of the Committee and the treasurer is directed to pay the several sums thus allowed by the Committee to the several persons therein named. and charge the same to the Town -

The Committee also Report. that agreeable to their appointment they made a settlement with the Town Treasurer, and found that he had rec^d for the Town the year past. the sum of. \$1591. 22

and has P. as by his acct. the sum of. - 1409. 61.

Leaving a balance in favour of the Town. \$181: 61.

and that they made a settlement with him accordingly.
Signed. John Mosher.
Sennub Milk. } Towns Committee
Nathanial Kisley

Dated May 8th 1815. -

To George C. Brownell, Constable of the Town
of Westport. — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summons
and notify, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants
of said Town, qualified according to Law, to vote
in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town House
in said Town, on Wednesday the 6th day of Sept. next.
at two o'clock in the afternoon — to act on the following
Articles contained in a Warrant. (viz)

1. To take into Consideration a petition to the next
Circuit Court of Common Pleas, signed by a number of the
Inhabitants of said Town, to make and lay out and open
highway, from David Sissons in said Westport, to Moses
Mather in said Town, and from Stephen Cornell in
said Town to the south side of Elijah Giffords Farm,
where there is now a drift way, and to act upon
all matters relative to said petition, as will be most
beneficial to the Town —
2. To know the Towns mind in respect to remunerating
themselves if anyway presents for a certain sum
money the Town has had to pay for Perry Tripp —
Redmphy Allen, & Sylvia Tripp and take such
measures thereon as shall be thought necessary &
expedient

Given under our hands and Seals, this 16th day of
August, in the year of our Lords One thousand Eight
Hundred and fifteen —

Amos B. Gifford }
Barnea Hicks } Selectmen
Christopher Cornell }

Bristol S.S. Westport Aug^r 29, 1815. pursuant to the
within warrant, I, have notified the Inhabitants
of said Westport as within mentioned, to meet at
the time and place and for the purposes
therein specified

George C. Brownell } Constable

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport. Qualified according to the Constitution to vote
in Town affairs, and to act on the several articles
in the preceding warrant did assemble at the Town
House in S Town on the 6th day of September A.D. 1815
at Two o'clock in the afternoon — " —

Abner B. Gifford was Chosen Moderator of S meeting —
On the first article,

it was then and there unanimously voted that
Abner Brownell, Esq. Nathaniel Kirby, and Barnum
Hicks, be a committee in behalf of the Town of Westport
whose duty it shall be, to attend with the Committee
who shall be appointed by the Court of Sessions if any
there shall be, and then and there to act for the
benefit of S Town in regard to the Opening of a way

On the 2^d Article, it was voted that the selectmen be the
Agents in behalf of the Town to do, and take such measures
as to prosecuting or otherwise trying to obtain the several
sums of money that this Town has had to pay for Perry
Tripp, Humphrey Allen & Sylvia Tripp, as they in
their judgments think necessary & expedient — " —

At the same time the selectmen Ordered William
White Esq. to cause to be laid out in labour, on the
Highway between Tho^s Gidleys and Stephen Gifford
the sum of Ten Dollars —

Also Ordered, that Thirty Dollars, in labour be
laid out on the Broad & Chain road so called in
S Town —

Recorded. Sept. 20. A.D. 1815. By me

Abner B. Gifford. T. Clerk —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol, S.S. to George C. Brownell Constable of the
Town of Westport in S. County. — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to notify and warn, the Free-
holders and other Inhabitants, of S. Town of Westport.
Qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet and assemble
at the Town House in S. Town, on Monday the 27th day
of this month, at one o'clock in the afternoon, there to
act on the following articles contained in S. Warrant. viz—

That whereas the Circuit Court of Common Pleas
and Court of Sessions for the County of Bristol, at last September
term, granted an Order of notice, to S. Town of Westport, to
appear at S. Court, at December term next, to shew cause if
they have why the prayer of a petition, of sundry persons
for laying out an Open highway, where there is now a drift
way, on the East side of the East River, in S. Westport, should
not be granted, and to take the sense of the Town of the out of
subject, and to do and act upon all matters, respecting S.
petitioners, as shall be most expedient, and beneficial to the Town

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant
and your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen, on or before
the 8 day or given under our hand and seals, at Westport
this thirtieth day of November in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen —

Abner B. Gifford }
Barner Hicks } Selectmen

Bristol, S.S. Westport Nov. 27. 1815. Pursuant to the within
warrant, I have notified and warned, the Freeholders and
other Inhabitants, of S. Town of Westport. Qualified as—
within directed, to meet at the time and place
and for the purposes within specified —

By me George C. Brownell } Constable

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

At a legal Town meeting warned and held at the Town House
in said Town of Westport, on Monday the 27th day of November
Inst. at one o'clock in the afternoon. A.D. 1815. —

to act on the articles contained in the preceding warrant —
voted that whereas a number of persons, having petitioned
the Honourable Justices, of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas
and Court of Sessions for the County of Bristol at September
term last, for a Committee to lay out an Open Highway
on the East side of the East River in Westport, where there
is now a drift way,

And whereas the Attorney for said Petitioners, having
given Information, that said Court did order, that
the Town of Westport, should be notified, to appear and
shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said
petition should not be granted —

Therefore voted as the Opinion and request of this
Town, that the remonstrance which has been signed
by the selectmen and many other Inhabitants, of S.
Town, against the prayer of S. petition, being granted
should be exhibited to S. Court, at their next Session or
the remonstrance of the Town —

voted that Abner Brownell Esq. be chosen agent for said
Town to prefer said Remonstrance to said Court &
earnestly request said Court not to grant the
prayer of said petition. being already intolerably
burthened, with an increase of paupers, and other
heavy taxes, together with the losses beyond a
parallel occasioned by the late desolating wind
& tide.

And whereas said petitioners having neglected to have
said Town duly served with said order of notice
therefore voted that said Court be requested, to
direct the clerk, to postpone issuing the same
until they obtain a vote of said Town in their
favour, or until they will obtain from S. Court, a view-
ing committee, that will report in their favour. —

And whereas said road prayed for to be made an Open highway, will not lead directly from this Town to any other Town, nor from one public place to another and cannot accomodate but a small part of the Inhabitants even of this Town, and cannot be called with propriety, anything more than a particular or private way of the Town, if made an Open way, therefore Voted that said Court be requested to direct said petitioners, to regularly apply to the Selectmen, of this Town before any other proceedings be had thereon, it being inexpedient to trouble said Court in the first Instance with said petition.

Voted that the Town Clerk be directed to examine the records of all the drift ways, in this Town, and transmit to all the surveyors of highways, in whose districts those drift ways, are included as soon as may be a copy of the returns of & drift ways, so far as relates to the license given to erect gates, or gates and bars on & drift ways

Voted that said surveyors of drift ways, be directed, as soon as they receive those abstracts of returns, from the Town Clerk, to notify those occupiers of Land through which & drift ways, go, who have got, wall, fence or bars erected across the same, more than the license given by & Town.

Voted that those occupiers of Land, through which said drift ways, go, who do not erect gates &c. conformable to the license given them, by the first day of May next that & surveyors be directed, to cause whatever is erected across & drift ways, contrary to the license given, to be pulled down and carried off from being across & drift ways.

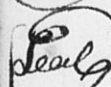
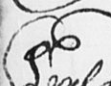
Recorded Sept 29. A.D. 1815 by me.

Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk in u —

at the opening of the foregoing meeting on the 27th of this Inst. Abner Brownell Esq. was chosen moderator of & meeting by written ballot. and 21 votes —
Recorded Sept. 29. A.D. 1815. by me

Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

1816. To George C. Brownell, Constable of the Town
of Westport. ³⁴⁵
Greeting

 You are hereby Required in the name of the Com-
monwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the male
 Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, of Twenty
free men of age, and upwards, having a free
 hold estate, within the Commonwealth of the Annual
Income of Three pounds, or any estate to the value of
Sixty pounds, to meet at the Town house in S Town
on Monday the first day of April next, at eleven
o'clock in the forenoon, to give in their votes for a
Governor, Lieut Governor, and Senators, and
Councillors, agreeably to the Constitution of S
Commonwealth
Given under our hands and Seals this 10th day of March, Anno Domini 1816.

Abner B. Gifford
Barner Hicks } Selectmen
Christopher Cornell } of
Westport.

Bristol S.S. Westport April 1st 1816.
pursuant to the above warrant, I have warned
the Inhabitants of S Town, qualified as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place & for the purposes there
in mentioned
George C. Brownell, Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid
Qualified according to the Constitution, assembled at the
Town house in S Town on Monday the first day of
April, being the first Monday of the month. A.D. 1816.
for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant.
Votes for the following persons were given in Satisfy &
Record and Declaration thereof made as
by the Constitution is directed
(viz),

For Governor. Gen. John Brooks, who had Two
Hundred & Seven votes. - - - - 207.

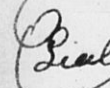
Samuel Dexter Esq. who had
Twenty Two votes - - - - 22.

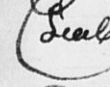
For Lieut Governor. Hon. William Phillips
who had Two hundred & Seven votes 207.

William King Esq. had Twenty Two votes - 22

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

1816. For Senators, Samuel Crocker Esq. had Two Hundred
and Seven votes - - - - 207.

 James Ellis Esq. had Two Hundred and
Seven votes. - - - - 207.

 Wm Wood, Esq. had Twenty Two votes - 22.
 Luther Sheldon Esq. had Twenty Two votes - 22.

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Bristol S.S. To George C. Brownell Constable of the Town of
Westport. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
You are Required, to warn the Freeholders and other
Inhabitants of the S Town of Westport, Qualified to vote
in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town house
in S Town on Monday the first day of April next, at
Ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act, on the
following articles (viz).

1. to Choose a moderator, of S meeting
2. to Choose all such Town Officers, as Towns by Law, are
Authorized to Choose Annually, and upon such Conditions
as the majority shall then & there agree upon
3. to determine what sum to raise by way of Tax, for the
support of the poor, and schools, and other incidental
charges
4. to determine what sum shall be expended in the repair
of highways, and in what manner it shall be approp-
riated
5. to devise the best method, for the support of the poor, and
also to take the sense of the Town, in regard to providing
a work house, wherein those who may become chargeable
may be supported
6. to give in their votes for a County treasurer and County
Register
7. to Choose such other Committees or agents, as will be thought
beneficial
8. to approve or disapprove, of any alteration or renewals
of highways, which have been made the year past, by the
Selectmen, and devise the best method of disposing of
wood and Timber, which are standing on certain highways
in this Town

Hence fail not, and make due Return of this warrant, &
your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before the 3
day, Date at Westport the 10th day of March, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight Hundred & Fifteen

Abner B. Gifford } Selectmen
Barner Hicks }
Christopher Cornell } Westport

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1816, Bristol. S.S. Westport April 1st 1816.
pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned &
notified the Inhabitants of S Town, Qualified as therein expressed
to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes therein
expressed.

George C. Brownell, Constable —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of S Town of Westport.
assembled at the Town House in S Town on Monday the first
day of April A.D. 1816. at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon for
the purposes contained in the foregoing warrant.

Anselm Bapitt Esq. was Chosen Moderator of S Meeting
had Eighty Two votes

Abner B. Gifford Chosen Town Clerk, collector, and treasurer
upon the following conditions (viz) (and was duly engaged)
to have no remuneration for his services, except what is
derived from the office of Town Clerk —
and had one Hundred and Thirteen votes 113.
Abner Brownell Esq. had Ninety Nine votes 99.
Pely Chace had Two votes 2.
Pely Sison Esq. had one vote 1.

Voted that the collector, after receiving the Tax bills from
the assessors, should notify the Inhabitants of Westport
thereof by posting up notifications, and all those who
pay their Taxes in to him within one Hundred and
Twenty days, after S Bills are sent to him shall receive
a discount on their Taxes of 3 p. Cent.

Voted that the treasurer shall pay all Town orders, that
may be presented to him for payment, immediately
after the expiration of the year & one Hundred and
Twenty days.

Pely Sison Esq. Adam Gifford, and Pardon Cornells,
were Chosen Selectmen, had Seventeen votes Each, 17.
and were duly engaged —

Isaac R. Gifford, Helder White & Nathaniel Tomp-
kins, were Chosen assessors of Taxes. and were
duly engaged.

John Mosher, Samuel Mills, Nathaniel Kirby were
Chosen a Committee on accounts. — " — "

Humphrey Mauornier, (2) Leander Davis, George Wood Jr.
Benjamin Twaddle, Philip Snipp, Pely Chace, Ebenezer
Blaker, Jonathan Puckham, Peter Davis, Levi Gifford,
Nathaniel Kirby, William Kirby, Jonathan Records,
Jm. Hurland, David Sandford, Ezekiel Brownell
Nathaniel Kirby, Gorey White, Jm. Brightman,

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1816, Adam Gifford, Ephraim Thompson, Ephraim Gifford
Isaac Brownell, Perry Harard, Lashus Gifford,
& James Cornells. Chosen Surveyors of highways.
and were engaged.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until Saturday the 11th
day of May. next. at one o'clock in the afternoon

Proved by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk —

To George C. Brownell Constable of the Town of
Westport

Seals
Seals
Seals
You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male
Inhabitants of S Town of Westport, being Twenty one
years of age, and Resident in S Town, for the purpose
of an legal next proceeding having a free hold estate
within the Town of the annual Income of three
pounds or any estate to the value of sixty pounds.
to meet at the Town House in Westport, on
Saturday the 11th day of May next, at two o'clock in
the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more
Representatives, to Represent, them at the General Court,
Appointed to be Convened and held at Boston, on the last
Wednesday day of May.

Given under our hands, and seals, at S Westport, the
twenty third day of April A.D. 1816.

Pely Sison } Selectmen
Pardon Cornells }
Adam Gifford } of Westport.

Bristol S.S. Westport May. 11. 1816.

pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and
warned the male Inhabitants, of S Town, Qualified as therein
expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the
purposes therein mentioned —

George C. Brownell } Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport
Qualified as before expressed, assembled at the Town House in
S Town on Saturday the 11th day of May. A.D. 1816. for the
purposes mentioned in the preceding warrant.

Votes for the following persons were given in reported & Counted
and Record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution
is directed (Viz). Turnover

1846. Gov Abner Brownell Esq. ³⁴⁹ had. Thirty votes. — 30.

Gov Sylvester Brownell Esq. had Thirty votes 30.

Gov Abner B. Gifford Esq. had. Twenty three votes — 23.

Gov. Isaac Cary Jr. — had Seven votes 7.

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk. — " —

A quorable to adjournment from last April annual meeting
the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly on this 11th day
of May. to act on the unfinished business of that meeting —
(Constable)

Adam Giffords. Chosen Constable of the Town of Westport
and to have Seven dollars and Seventy five Cents for his
Services as constable. the year ensuing — " —

(Surveyors of Lumber.)

Abner B. Gifford, Jethro Howland, Stephen Howland,
& Micah Dean. were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber —
and A. B. Gifford was engaged —

(Tyrthingmen)

Perry Wilcox, Jr. Gifford head of River, Nathaniel Kirby
(Oak River), Pardon Gifford, Daniel Boomer, Joshua
Petty, Warton Maunier, Ephraim Maunier —
were Chosen (Tyrthingmen).

(Sence Viewers).

George Gifford, Jonathan Davis, Isaac Brownell,
Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell, Edmond Snipp
Abraham Cornell, John Dyer, & Wilbour Gifford, were
Chosen Field drivers — & the three last mentioned were
engaged. . . .

(Cullers of Hoops and Staves)

Jethro Howland, and Loeth Howland, were Chosen
Cullers of Hoops and Staves. —

(Sealers of Leather)

Danl. Brownell and Preserved Shearman were
Chosen Sealers of Leather. —

(Field drivers)

Phillip Davis, Jenneth Brownell, Jerathmaut White
Wilbour Gifford, Edward Manchester, Benja Conroy,
Leander Deas, Russell Gifford Lott. Shearman, Nathan
Snipp, Peleg Gifford, Jr. Gifford T. Charles Little were
Chosen Field drivers —

1816.

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(Cullers of Fish).

Jethro Howland and Gideon Davis were chosen
Cullers of Fish. -----

(Hog reeves)

Lachus Gifford, John Gifford, Phillip Davis 2^d
Wilbour Gifford, Thomas Allen Taylor, ~~Gibbert~~
~~Mauombe~~, Isaias Hurly, Phillip Davis, Benja.
Woodell, Wanton Mauombe, & Christopher Cornell,
were chosen Hog reeves. — and Wilbour Gifford.
Wanton Mauombe & Christ. Cornell were engaged —

(Overseers of Landing at head of River)

Lemuel Milk, Humphrey Howland, & George
Lawton were chosen overseers of Landing at the
head of the River -----

Overseers of Fishery.

Capt. Moses Gifford, Gideon Palmer, Danl. Gifford
Pardon Cornell, Saml. Wilcox & Perry Gifford, were
chosen overseers of Fishery.

Voted that Thomas Richmonds shall be the Towns
Physician to doctor all the poor, this year --

Voted that Andrus Bapitt. be the Towns agent in
prosecutions the year ensuing —

Voted that Eight Hundred dollars. be assessed by
the assessors of Westport on the Polls and estates of
the Inhabitants of Westport in the same manner
as other Town taxes are assessed, for the repairs of
high ways and Town ways, in the Town of Westport
the year ensuing, and that the assessors assess the
same as soon as may be, and deliver lists thereof
to each Surveyor according to Law —

1816. Voted that Twenty five ³⁵¹cents be allowed by the Surveyors of highways, for a days work off a man or a pair of Oxen, and in proportion for parts of Days work, and that Twenty five cents be allowed for the use of a cart or plow on a day

Voted that the aforesaid sum be expended on highways and Town ways, on half by the first day of July. and the other half by the first day of September next

Voted that the same measures be taken and to be under the same Regulations, as to treading down and clearing out the roads when blocked up with snow, this year as was the last year

Voted, that for providing for the poor of this Town this year it shall be by rendering relief in instances where the Selectmen shall think best. to provide otherways having regard to their comfortable support and maintenance

Voted that Fifteen Hundred dollars be raised by way of Tax, on the polls, and Estate of the Inhabitants of the Town, for the support of the poor and schools and other expenses of this Town the year ensuing to be collected or received by the Towns treasurer by the first day of April next. --- and the aforesaid are directed to apportion a sum in the way and manner, directed by Law, and deliver a list or lists thereof to the collector as soon as may be

Voted that one Hundred and twenty dollars of the aforesaid sum be appropriated to the support of schools in the same manner as was voted the last year.

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

1816. Abner Brownell Esq. ³⁵²was chosen agent in behalf of the Town of Westport. to examine the Original Records of the Town of Little Compton, and to take such extracts from said Records as he thinks beneficial to the Town of Westport, and deposit the same with the books of this Town

Voted that Abner B. Gifford and Barna Hicks be a Committee in behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of such wood and timber standing on the highways of the Town as they think requisite, and make report of their doings thereof at some future meeting

The Committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended the business assigned them, and that they had allowed to the several persons, in the list presented by them the several sums, set against their respective names amounting to the sum of Fifteen Hundred Thirty one dollars and Sixty Six cents. --- \$1531-66

It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the Committee, and the treasurer is directed to pay the several sums, thus allowed by the Committee to the several persons therein named and charge the same to the Town

The Committee also Report that agreeable to their appointment they made a settlement with the Town treasurer and found that he had rec^d for the Town the year past. the sum of --- \$1034-47 1/2

and has paid as by his account the sum of - 986. 29.

Leaving a ballance in favour of the Town the sum 48. 18. of forty eight dollars and Eighteen cents. and made a settlement with him accordingly

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk,

John Ashen } Town Committee
Lemuel Ashen } accounts

1816. May. 11. ³⁵³ Voted in Town meeting to allow Abner Brown
Eighteen dollars & Sixty four cents. for his Services as
Agent for the Town the year past. ---

Voted to allow to William Early the present husband
of the Widow Richmond Twenty dollars and Ninety
Eight Cents. for so much money paid by him to
Silvestus Gifford, for flour contracted for by Bradford
Richmonds late of Westport deceased, and was said to
be furnished for the Guard stationed in Westport
during the late war ---

and the treasurer is directed to pay the aforesaid sums.
and charge the same to the Town ---

On Monday the first day of April A.D. 1816 ---
Samuel Crocker Esq. had Eighty Eight votes for
County Treasurer --- 88

and James Williams Esq. had Sixty one
votes for County Register --- } - 61-

Recorded by m. Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

To Adam Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport.
Greeting ---

Seals
You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify &
warn the Inhabitants of the S Town of Westport,
duly Qualified to vote for Representatives, in the General
Court of this Commonwealth, (viz), the males
Inhabitants of S Town being twenty one years of age
& resident in S Town for the space of one year
next preceeding, having a freehold estate, within
the S Town, of the Annual income of three pounds, or an
estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the
Town House in S Town, on Monday the fourth day of
November next. being the first Monday in S month. ---

1816. Nov.) : at one o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their
Votes for a Representative of the people of S Commonwealth
in the Congress of the United States. for the Bristol district
Given under our Hand and Seal, this Twenty first day
of October, A.D. 1816. ---

Peleg Sisson } Selectmen
Adam Gifford } of
Westport. ---

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport, assembled
at the Town House in S Town on Monday the fourth
day of November. A.D. 1816. For the purposes mentioned
in the preceeding warrant, votes for the following
persons, were given in sorted and counted, and
records and declaration thereof made as by Law is
directed --- (viz) ---

Samuel Crocker Esq. had Forty six votes --- 46-

Marcus Morton Esq. had four votes --- 4.

Recorded by m. Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk ---

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol. S. To Adam Gifford Constable of the Town
of Westport. --- Greeting ---

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
You are hereby Required, to warn the Freeholders, and
Other Inhabitants of the S Town of Westport, Qualified
to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the
Town House in S Town, on Saturday the 21. day of
December next. at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act
on the following articles (viz),

1. To Chose a moderator of S. Meeting ---

(known)

1816. Decr.) ²⁵⁵ D. to know the minds of the Town in regard to accepting a report of the Selectmen, of the Town as to districting the Town, into Eighteen School districts, when & where a Report will be made.

E. to act upon all other matters and things, respecting districting the Town, building School Houses, and providing for the support of schools, as shall be regularly brought before them —

H. to regulate the Jury box according to Law —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, and of your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen on or before the 8 days

Dated at Westport, the Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen. A.D. 1816. —

Pileysipson } Selectmen,
Adam Gifford } of Westport.

Proctor P. S. Westport, December, 21. 1816.
pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Westport, to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned —

Adam Gifford... Constable —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport, assembled at the Town House in said Town, for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing warrant, on the 21st day of December. A.D. 1816. —

Chosen
Pileysipson Moderator of said meeting —

a Report of the doings of the Selectmen was presented and accepted by the Town, and ordered to be Recorded as followeth. viz

whereas —

1816. Decr.) ³⁵⁶ Whereas, the school districts in the Town of Westport which were laid out in the year 1798, by a committee who were then appointed for that purpose, have been found insufficient, inasmuch as in many instances two districts, were connected together, & others were left not properly defined which renders it ineffectual

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Westport having considered the subject, do now proceed to frame, Eighteen School districts, in the Town of Westport and define the same in the following manner, viz

No. 1. to be all the Inhabitants, on the west side of the west branch of the River that belongs to this Town. —

No. 2. to be all the Inhabitants, on the east side of the East Branch, of the river that belongs to this Town — from the Sea shore up north to include, Wilbour Gifford & Daniel Gifford —

No. 3. to be all the Inhabitants, on the east side of the East Branch, of the River, that belongs to this Town from No. 2, to extend North, and include Shorman Shad, and David Loring —

No. 4. to be all the Inhabitants on the East side, of the East Branch from No. 3, Northerly and include the widow Elizabeth White —

No. 5. to be all the Inhabitants on the east side, of the East Branch of the River that belongs to this Town from No. 4, Northerly and include Benjamin South —

No. 6. to be all the Inhabitants on the horse neck, & to extend North one & a half miles from the Point from the east to the west Branch, of the River & including Christopher Cornell, Dan. Cornell, Gideon Cornell, Mipon South & George Brightman, on the north. —

No. 7. to be all the Inhabitants North of No. 6, to include Benjamin Loring, Henry Palmer, & Preserved Shorman on the North Jacob South & Benja. South on the East, & the River on the west —

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- No. 8. to extend from No. 6. northerly, & include Dan. Allen on the North Easterly, by the River, & westerly to district No. 7. all within S. Limits.
- No. 9. to extend northerly, from No. 7. in including on the west, all the inhabitants to Liverton line & to include Stephen Tripp, Jeruth Brown, Stephen Davis & the Jeremiah West House on the North, then from S. West House northerly Southwesterly, a strait line to the Town House, then southerly as the road goes, to Preserved Sharmans all within S. Limits.
- No. 10. to extend Northerly, from No. 8. by the River and include Justus Kirby, & Abraham Kirby, on the north & include John West & J. M. Mawmbs on the west.
- No. 11. to extend Northerly from No. 10. by the river and include Rufus Tripp and Benja. Tripp on the North and goes to the Road that leads from J. H. Howland to the Town House on the west.
- No. 12. Extends from No. 9. Northerly & includes Anthony Tripp, Mrs. White, & Daniel Devol on the north. Liverton line on the west, and the road that leads from John Howland, Southerly, to the Town House on the East.
- No. 13. to extend Northerly to No. 12. and includes Wm. Mawmbs & Henry Howland, on the north Liverton line on the west and Prim Howland on the East.
- No. 14. to include J. A. Gifford & the house where he now lives, and Stephen Potter on the north. Dartmouth line on the East, and goes to No. 5. including the House of Helen Gifford on the South, & also J. A. No. 11. on the South, & include John Howland & Peter Davis on the west.

No. 15. -

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No. 16. Extends Northerly from No. 14, & includes the John Capron House on the North, Oley Dennis on the East, & includes Edward Slead, Rufus Tripp, Warren Gifford & Luther Gifford on the west.

No. 17. to include all the inhabitants belonging to this town, Northerly of Job Borden, Stephen Gifford & the John Capron House.

No. 18. to extend Northerly from No. 14, and includes Eleazer Baker, & James Baker on the west - & James Rud & Lemuel Rud Jr. on the North & Dartmouth line on the east.

all which is Respectfully submitted for Consideration

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

1817. December 21. The following is a list of the names of those persons who were proposed by the Selectmen as jurors, and accepted by the Town and ordered to be placed in the Jury box - (viz)

Willbous Gifford - Stephen Cornell - Phillip Potter, Ephraim Gifford, - Mrs. White Esq. - Abner Devol, Jonathan Davis - Holder White - Pardon Kirby - Rufus Gifford, Charles Mawmbs, - Ephraim Mawmbs, Elijah Gifford Jr. John Lawrence, Winton Mawmbs, Perry Gifford, Robert Shorman, Edmond Tripp, - Samuel Slead, Ezekiel Brownell, Pardon Cornell, Isaac Cory Jr. Oley Spon, Abner B. Gifford, Jerathmael White, Nathaniel Brownell, (turnover)

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Frederick Brownell, James H. Handy, Adam
Gifford, Abraham Kirby, James Cornell -
Thomas Winslow, Piley Puckham, Jotha Brownell
Lathan White, Nathaniel Tompkins, John Macomber
Joshua Potter, Benja. Wing, & Mayb Allen -
Recorded by me Alex B. Gifford J. Clerk.

At a legal meeting held at the House of Alex B Gifford
in Westport March 19. AD. 1816. for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen William White Esq & Ephraim Gifford. were
drawn Travem Jurors. to serve at the Supreme J. C. to
be holden at Taunton on the last Tuesday of this month.
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford J. Clerk -

At a legal meeting held at the House of A. B. Gifford
March 2. AD. 1816. for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen - Piley Sison Esq was drawn Grand
Jurymen & Isaac Macomber & Pardon Kirby
Travem Jurors, to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas, at
Taunton on the 2 Monday of this month -
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford J. Clerk.

At a legal meeting held at the House of A. B. Gifford
June 5th 1816. for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
Jeremy Brownell & Ezekiel Brownell were
drawn Travem Jurors, to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas
to be holden at Taunton on the 2 Monday of
this month.
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford J. Clerk.

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At a legal meeting held at the house of A. B. Gifford
Aug. 27. AD. 1816. for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
Humphrey Maconby & Winton Macomber was
drawn for Travellers Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas
to be holden at Taunton on the 2. Monday of Sept.
next -

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk

at a legal meeting held at the house of A. B. Gifford.
Oct. 8. AD. 1816 for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
Isaac Lacey Jr. was drawn Grand Juror, - Charles
Baker & Isaac Brightman were drawn Travellers
Jurors to serve at the S. J. C. to be holden at
Taunton on the 3. Tuesday of this month -

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the house of A. B. Gifford
Feb. 28. AD. 1817. for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
Nathan C. Brownell, was drawn Grand Juror, -
Thomas Windard & Joshua Potter were drawn
travellers Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas to be
holden at Taunton on the 2. Monday of March
next -

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the house of A. B. Gifford
Aug. 28th AD. 1817. for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
James H. Handy & Major Allen were drawn
Travellers Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas to be holden
at Taunton on the 2. Monday of Sept. next.

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the house of A. B. G.
Sept. 27. 1817. for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
Adam Gifford was drawn Grand Juror - Jonathan
Davis & Ephraim Macomber were drawn Travers
Jurors - at the S. J. C. to be holden at Taunton on the
2^d Tuesday of October next.

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the house of A. B. Gifford
on the 29th of November A.D. 1817 for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen - James Cornell & Charles Macomber
were drawn Travers Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas
to be holden at Taunton on the 2^d Monday of December next.

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the house of A. B. Gifford
on the 23^d day of Feb. 1818. for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen Jethro Brownell was drawn Grand
Juror - Edmond Tripp & Robert Sherman
were drawn Travers Jurors at the C. C. C. Pleas to
be holden at Taunton on the 2^d Monday of March
next

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Clerk

At a legal Meeting held at the House of Frederick Brow-
-nell June 1st 1818 for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen Luther White & Phillip Potter were
drawn Travers Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas
to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of
this month

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Clerk

At a legal Meeting held at the House of Frederick
Brownell September 5. 1818 for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen - John Macomber & Samuel Slead
were drawn Travers Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas
to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of
this month.

Recorded by me F. Brownell Clerk

At a legal Meeting held at the House of Frederick Brow-
-nell October 3. 1818 for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen Wilbour Gifford was drawn Grand Juror
John Lawrence & Frederick Brownell were
drawn Travers Jurors to serve at the S. J. Court
to be holden at Taunton on the second Tuesday
of this month.

Recorded by me F. Brownell Clerk

At a legal Meeting held at the House of
Frederick Brownell December 4. 1818 for the purpose of
drawing Jurymen Stephen Cornell & Elijah Gifford were
drawn Travers Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas to be
held at Taunton on the second Monday of this month

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Clerk

To Adam Gifford Constable of the Town
 Westport ----- Greeting -----
 You are hereby required in the name of the
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn
 the male Inhabitants of the S. town of
 Westport, of Twentyone years of age and up-
 wards, having a freehold estate within
 the Commonwealth of the annual income
 of three pounds, ^{or any estate to the value of such pounds.} to meet at the Town house
 in S. town on Monday the Seventh day of
 April next at eleven o'clock in the fore-
 noon, to give in their votes for a Governor,
 Lents, Governor, and Senators, and Counsellors
 agreeably to the constitution of S. Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals
 at S. Westport this sixteenth day
 of March A.D. 1817.

Pardon Cornell
 Peleg Sison
 Adam Gifford

Bristol ss. Westport April 7th 1817.

pursuant to the within warrant I
 have notified and warned the freeholders
 and other inhabitants of the S. Town of
 Westport to meet at the time and
 place and for the purposes therein men-
 tioned by me.

Adam Gifford Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
 Westport afores. I qualified according to
 the Constitution, assembled at the Town house
 in Westport on Monday the seventh day of
 April, being the first Monday of ^{September} 1817
 for the purposes expressed in the foregoing
 warrant.

1817 Votes for the following persons were given
 in sorted and counted and recorded and
 declaration thereof made as by the constitution
 is directed ----- viz -----

For Governor His Ex. John Brooks who had
 Two hundred & sixteen votes ----- 216

For Lest Governor Hon. William Phillips
 who had Two hundred & sixteen ----- 216

For Gov. Henry Dearborn Esq. who had
 Twenty seven votes ----- 27

For Lest Governor William King who
 had Twenty seven votes ----- 27

Recorded by me Abner D. Gifford Town Clerk

For Senators James Ellis who had
 Two hundred and sixteen votes ----- } 216

James Howland who had
 Two hundred & sixteen ----- } ----- 216

William Wood who had Twenty
 seven ----- } 27

Solomon Pratt who had Twenty
 seven votes ----- } 27

Recorded by me Abner D. Gifford Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol S. S. To George Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of Westport. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Westport - Qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the first day of Seventh day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then & there to act on the following articles (to wit) -

1. to choose a Moderator of meeting
2. to choose all such Town Officers, as Towns by Law are Authorized to choose Annually
3. to choose a committee to receive and examine accounts brought against said Town and also to settle with the Towns Treasurer
4. to determine what sum to raise by way of Tax for the support of the Poor, and schools, and other incidental charges
5. to determine what sum shall be expended in the repairs of highways, and in what manner it shall be appropriated
6. to devise the best method for the support of the poor, and relieving others who are likely to become chargeable
7. to choose such other committees or agents as circumstances may render expedient
8. to give in their vote for a County Treasurer

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant & your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen on or before the 8 day of May at Westport this Sixteenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy.

Pardon Cornelle Selectman
Adam Gifford }
Pileg Sipson } Westport.

Bristol S. S. Westport. April 7th 1817
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Westport, of said Town, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes therein expressed. Adam Gifford Constable

at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid. Qualified according to Law, assembled at the Town House in said Town of Westport, on Monday the Seventh day of April. A.D. 1817. at o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes contained in the foregoing warrant,

votes for moderator - Pileg Sipson Esq. had 94 votes
Abner Brownell Esq. had 92
At B. Gifford had 1
whole number 187 -

necessary to make a choice - 94
Pileg Sipson had 94 votes and was chosen -

Town Clerk, first trial - no choice -
Abner B. Gifford had 92 votes.
Nathan C. Brownell - had 83 votes.
Nathl. Tompkins - had 27 votes.
whole number 202

Second Ballot -
Abner B. Gifford had 122 votes
Nathan C. Brownells - had 117 votes
whole number 239
necessary for a choice 120 -

Abner B. Gifford had 122 votes and was chosen and duly engaged in Town meeting -

Abner B. Gifford was chosen Treasurer and to have no compensation from the Town for his services as Treasurer or Clerk, for the year ensuing -

Pileg Sipson } Chosen selectmen
Daniel Wing }
Wilbour Gifford } for the year ensuing & engaged
Samuel Crocker had one hundred & four votes for County Treasurer - (two over) 104 votes

Assessors. Daniel Weir
George Gifford
& Nathan C. Brownell. were chosen & engaged.

Committee
on accounts } Barnard Hicks
Lemuel Ellicks &
Jonathan Pickham were chosen —

Poore Keeper — Nathaniel Kirby was chosen & engaged

Constable — Adam Gifford, & to have seven dollars
mistake this was and seventy five cent for his services for
for 1816. — — — — — doing all the business for the Town the year
ending as Constable — — — — —

Surveyors of Highways —

Christopher Cornell, Joshua Potter, Daniel Devol
John Woodell, Jerathmas White, David Sisson
Ebenzer Baker, Jonathan Pickham, Peter Davis,
Levi Gifford, Nathaniel Kirby, William Kirby,
Canaan G. Dyer, John Howland, Saml. Borden,
Oriskany Brownell, Nathaniel Kirby (Black Smith),
George White, Billingshorney, Adam Gifford,
Ophreim Thompson, Ephraim Gifford Benja Wing,
Edward Manchester, Alfred Brownell, Lachens
Gifford, Wanton & Co. —

Surveyors
of } Abner B. Gifford
Lumber } Jethro Howland
Stephen Howland
Michael Dean —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 12th day of May next,
at our next meeting in the afternoon. Recorded by m. Abner B. Gifford Clerk.

To Adam Gifford one of the Constables 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 at this time of one year
next preceding having a freehold estate
within said Town of the Annual Income of three
pounds or any estate to the value of fifty pounds,
to meet at the Town House in said Town, on the
twelfth day of May next at one o'clock in
the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one
or more Representatives, to Represent them
at the General Court, appointed to be convened
and held at Boston on the last Wednesday
of May —

Given under our hands and seals at
Westport the 28th day of April. A.D. 1817 —

Daniel Weir } Selectmen
Polly Sisson } Westport,

Pris tot. f. s. Westport May 12th 1817.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have
notified the Inhabitants of Westport as within
directed, to meet at the time & place & for the
purposes therein mentioned

Adam Gifford } Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport.
Qualified according to Law, to vote in the choice of —
Representatives, met at the Town House in said Town
on the Twelfth day of May A.D. 1817. (turnover) —

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to act on the foregoing warrant - it was then
and there voted - that the Town of Westport
send no Representative to the General
Court the present year -

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Clerk

May. 12th AD. 1817. agreeable to adjournment from
the first Monday of April the Inhabitants of
Westport. met accordingly -
the following officers were chosen. (viz) -

Trythingsmen -	Perry Wilcox
for	Elipah Gifford
1817. -	Ephraim Thompson
	Gershom Weddell -
	Joshua Pitney
	Gideon Davis -
	Lachens Gifford

Overseers of	{ Lemuel Milk
Landing at the	
head of the River	
	John Anthony
	John Heustand -

Reviewers -	George Gifford
	Jonathan Davis
	Abraham Cornell
	Elery Manchester
	Christopher Cornell
	Nathaniel Brownell
	Edmond Tripp -
	John Dyer - & Welbourn Gifford

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Clerk

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Builders of hoops
& Staves — } North Houtland
Jethro Houtland —

Sealers of
Leather } — Daniel Brownell
Preserved Sharmar

Field Drivers }
for 1817. } Philip Davis. i.
Stephen Cornell. i.
Wilbour Gifford
George Kerly
Benjamin Cory
Isaiah Kerly
Rupell Gifford
John Milk
Wm Brownell
Nicholas Gifford
Charles Little —
Ben Woodell —

Builders of
Fishes } Jethro Houtland
Gideon Davis

Hog reeves —

Ephraim Macomber — Philip Davis. i.
Wilbour Gifford, Tho. Allen Taylor, Lawton
Manchester, Philip Davis, John Woodell,
William Labins — Wanton Macomber,

Overseers of Fishery

Capt. Abner Gifford, Gideon Palmer, Dant Gifford
Henry Brightman, Saml. Wilcox, Perry Gifford
Recorded by me Abner B Gifford Clerk —

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Nathaniel Kirby, Barna Hicks,
William White Esq, Adam Gifford were
chosen Apendant Assessors. —

Nicholas Little was chosen Constable
for the year ensuing - and also a collector of
Taxes and to have two and three Quarters per
cent for all the money that he collects and pay
in to the several treasurers - and to do the
business as Constable for the Town without any
compensation from the Town - and was engaged
according to law before J. R. Gifford Justice of the Peace for Westport.

\$1000 for Repairs of Highways —

Voted to raise One thousand dollars, for the repair
of Highways & Town ways in the Town of Westport the
year ensuing, to be assessed on the polls and estates
as other Taxes are assessed, and that the assessor assess
the same, as soon as may be, and deliver a list of
the persons names, and the sums they are assessed
to each Surveyor for his limits according to Law.

Voted that Seventy five cents be allowed by the Surveyors
of highways for the day work of a man & pair of
Oxen, and in that proportion for parts of day works,
and that twenty five cents be allowed for
the use of a Cart or plow. — one day —

Voted that the above sum be expended on the
Highways & Town ways. one half by the first
day of July - and the other half by the first
day of September next —

Voted that when any highways or Town ways
within the Town of Westport are blocked up or —

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or incumbered with, the Surveyors of such ways
shall assign, to the several persons in his limits
their proportion of days work & team if necessary
according to his real and personal estate, as near
as he can, and shall assign a time for the purpose
of trading 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 that the sum of Two thousand dollars,
be raised by way of Tax on the polls and
estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport, for the supports of the poor, and
Schools, and other expences of the Town
the year ensuing, to be collected and paid
in to the Town Treasurer by the first day
of April next, and the assessors are hereby
directed to assess the sum, in the way and
manner directed by Law, and deliver a
list or lists thereof to the collector as
soon as may be.

Voted that the selectmen proportion to the
several school districts in the Town of
Westport, such part of the above sum of
Two thousand dollars as in their judgment
they shall deem expedient - having regard
to the amount of property & the number of
Inhabitants each district contains —

Recorded by me Abner Blifford Town Clerk.

Voted that Sylvester Gifford have liberty to shift the ~~way~~ highway that passes through his land, late the property of Meribah Brownell (widow) - of Westport in the County of Bristol Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as it will shorten the distance of S. Highway from the head of the River to the point, about Seventy Roads, and from other uses that can be made of S. Highway it will shorten the distance about Eighty rods, and that when the S. Highway, is contemplated to be made, will pass over much levelled ground than where the present one now is, and will much better accommodate the public than they now are on conditions that the S. Sylvester Gifford, shall pay all cost that shall arise in consequence of shifting the same, and give the land when it may be laid out, and to have the present one that is within the limits of said land that is to be exchanged, and also to make as good a road as the present one is at his expense, provided that the Court of General Sessions of the peace will appoint a committee and authorize them to lay out and exchange the same -

Voted that George M. Brownell, have liberty to shift the way passed for by him that passes through his land - between Pelysions, and the head of the River making a straight road, from the Gate by Pelysions Meadow - to the gate on highway that goes out of George M. Brownells land, by S. Humphreys Howlands land - in the S. Brownells making the new way as good as the old one now is - at his own expense

Recorded by me

Abner S. Gifford Clerk

The committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended the business 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 Sixteen Hundred, and Seventy five dollars and Ninety Seven cents -
\$1675. 97-

It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the committee and the treasurer is directed, to pay the several sums thus allowed, by the committee, to the several persons therein named, and charge the same to the Town - " " " "

The committee also report, that agreeable to their appointment they made a settlement with the Towns treasurer and found that he had received for the Town the year past the sum of \$1535. 30⁰⁰ and had paid out as by his accounts - \$1535. 30 making an even Balance

And they made a settlement with him accordingly - " " " "

Your committee further report that there was by the report of the committee the last year a balance against the Town, between the sums assessed on the Town the year past, and the accounts that had been allowed against the Town the amt. of - \$403. 00

And that there had been assessed on the Inhabitants the year past, the sum of - \$1457. 00,

and the sums allowed for the expenses of the Town the

The year past as by the reports this day presented
is ——— \$1632.43.

Leaving a balance against the Town
the sum of ——— \$578.43.

all which is respectfully submitted —

May 12, 1817.

Simuel Milk } Town
Jonathan Richman } Committee
Barnera Hicks }

Reviewed by me A. B. Gifford Town Clerk,

To Nicholas Little one of the Constables of the Town
of Westport

Seal You are hereby required in the name of the
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Summon
Seal and notify the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants
of said Town, Qualified by Law to vote in Town
affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town
of Westport on Monday the first day of September
next at one o'clock in the afternoon, viz. to take into
consideration and act on the following subjects, to wit
the expediency of altering and locating anew, the
second, third, fourth, & fifth School Districts in said Town
so as to constitute but three districts. —

2. to see if the Town will ascertain in some correct
manner the whole number of males under Twenty
one years, and females under Eighteen years, in
each district as they were last divided specifying
the number of males and females under Six
years, — and from Six to Sixteen. — the number
of rateable polls, and the amount of Rateable
property, and the distances from East to West —
and

and from north to south in each district —

3- To make such alterations in any of said districts with
to enlarge or diminish the territorial limits so as
to make a more equal distribution of property
and scholars, having regard to the local
situation of said Districts, and the roads and places
of residence therein

4- to devise the best method and cheapest to
accomplish the aforesaid objects —

5- to agree in what method the school districts
shall be provided with Teachers agreeable to
Law thereupon —

6. to know whether the Town will fulfil the
contracts made by their Selectmen with
school masters, for keeping free schools the
year past, or suffer a prosecution

Given under our hands and seals at Westport
August 16th 1817. —

Wilbur Gifford } Selectmen
Dank Wing }
Pely Simpson } Westport

Bristol S. S. Westport August 28th 1817 —

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified
the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants, Qualified
as within expressed, to meet at the time & place
and for the purposes within specified —

Nicholas Little } Constable —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
afore said. Qualified to vote in Town affairs opened at
the Town House in said Town on Monday the first day of
September

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September. A.D. 1817.

Alfred B. Gifford was chosen moderator
of 8 meeting

Vote - to dispense with the second, third and
fourth articles in the preceding warrant,
and on the fifth article it was

Vote that the selectmen apportion the Town
money equally through the districts in the Town
of Westport - in proportion to the number of
scholars in each district and the time that
schools are kept

Vote - that the Town fulfil the contracts
made by their selectmen

Recorded by me Alfred B. Gifford Town Clerk

To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of
Westport

Seal
Seal
Seal
You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summons
and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants
of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs
to assemble at the Town House in said Town
on Monday the Twenty Second day of September
Inst. at one o'clock in the afternoon -

To take into consideration and act on the following
subjects to wit -

The expediency of choosing three or five freeholders
Inhabitants of 8 Town a Committee, to have the
oversight of the schools District in 8 Town when
duty it shall be when the Inhabitants of any of
said District consider themselves aggrieved and

and petition for altering and locating a new
said District, to view and consider said aggrieved
districts, and when in their Opinion it shall
appear necessary to join two contiguous districts
into one, three into two, four into three &c.,
and contrary wise for said Committee to have
power so to do

Hereof fail not to make returns with your
doings thereon at or before 8 day -

Given under our hands & seals this 6th day
of September one thousand Eight Hundred &
Seventeen -

C. Dant. Wigg Selectmen
Pely Sisson of
Westport.

Persuant to the within warrant I have
summoned and notified the Inhabitants
of 8 Town qualified as therein Express to
assemble at the time and place & for the
purpose within mentioned
Nicholas Little Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
above 8 qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled
at The Town House in 8 Town on Monday the 22^d
day of September - A.D. 1817 - agreeable to
the foregoing warrant

Pely Sisson chosen moderator.

Vote - not to raise a committee agreeable to
warrant - and the meeting was dissolved

Recorded by me Alfred B. Gifford Town Clerk

To Nicholas Little one of the Constables of the Town
of Westport. Greeting

Seals You are hereby required in the name of the —
Seals Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon &
Seals. notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town legally Qualified by Law to vote in Town
affairs to assemble at the Town House in said Town
of Westport on Monday the Eighth day of December
next at one o'clock in the after noon, to take into
Consideration and act on the following articles — viz

1. to choose a moderator of said meeting
2. to choose know the Towns mind in regard to the
formation of a new County, comprising such
Towns as may find their wishes & convenience
leading them to desire the same & if it should be
thought proper to appoint a committee of
conference to meet with such as other Towns may
appoint and report the result of such conference
to some future meeting of this Town, and to act
upon any matter that may be legally brought
before them which may appear to be necessary
in affecting the aforesaid object —

Hereof fails not to make Return
of this warrant & your doing thereon on or before
rents the Selectmen on or before said day or term
of Given under our Hand & Seals this Twenty first
day of November in the year of our Lord one
thousand Eight hundred & Seventeen

Daniel Lewis }
Polly Simpson } Selectmen
Willow Gifford } of
Westport —

Bristol. S. S.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified
the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport Qualified as with
mentioned to meet at time & place & for the purposes
therein prescribed.

Nicholas Little Constable —

At a legal Town meeting holden at the Town house
in said Town of Westport, on Monday the 18th
day of December, A.D. 1818, to act on the articles
contained in the preceding warrant. —

Pely Sipson Esq. was chosen Moderator
of B meeting —

Adam Gifford chosen, clerk, pro tem. —

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill the first Monday
of April next at four o'clock P.M. —

Recorded by me, Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk
Abner B. Gifford Esq. Town Clerk of
Westport — this will inform you, that
the subscribers Assessors of said Town
of Westport have determined that the
property of Benjamin Gidley, Abraham
Gifford & Stephen Gifford all of Dartmouth
shall be taxed in School District N. 4 —
& you will make Records agreeable to
Law — — — — —

Westport Sept 4, 1817.

N. C. Brownell
Daniel Wing

Recorded by me

Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk.

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Westport
this will inform you, that the Assessors
have determined that the House lot
situated in the fourteenth school district —
belonging to William Hawland — turn over

Of Little Compton shall be Taxed in the
said School District of which you will
make record —

Westport Sept. 27. 1817 —
N. C. Brownell } Assessors
Daniel Wing }
George Gifford }

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

To the Town Clerks of Westport, the assessors
of said Town have determined that the
real Estate belonging to Jonathan Borden
Job Borden, John Croppmont, Edmund Davis
Phillips Davis Richard Durfee Pardon
Grays Heirs John Finkess Heirs, Sampson
Shearmon Jun Ruth Woodell Gershon
Woodell & David Woodell, all of
Tiverton & Henry Smith of Bristol in the
State of R. Island & Thomas Brandon Nathaniel
Durfees Heirs Charles Durfees Heirs, David
Healy — all of Troy in our County of Bristol
shall be Taxed in the seventeenth School —
District — of which you will make Record

Westport Oct. 4 - 1817
N. C. Brownell } Assessors
Daniel Wing }
George Gifford }

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

To Abner B. Gifford Esqr. sir — you will please
make record that the property belonging to
Joshua Howland of Dartmouth, situate in this
Town is Taxed in School District Number —
Sixteen and you are also —

informed that we have assessed on
the Polls & Estate of the inhabitants of
said District one Hundred and fifty one
dollars & forty four Cents & have allowed
Cents thereof to Nicholas Little Collector
with Direction to Collect the same &
pay to you as Treasurer on or before
the first day of March next for the
use of S. District —

Westport Jan'y 28. 1818
Daniel Wing } Assessors
N. C. Brownell }

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of Westport

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Westport of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth 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 the sixth day of April next at eleven of the clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. — Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant and of your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or before said day. — Dated at Westport aforesaid the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and eighteen A.D. 1010

Daniel Wing
Willbourn Gifford
Pelez Vison } Selectmen
of
Westport

Westport March 23. 1010

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid qualified according to the Constitution, assembled at the Town House in Westport on Monday the sixth day of April being the first Monday of a month.

For the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant
A.D. 1010

Notes for the following persons were given in sorted counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed viz.

For Governor His Ex^t John Brooks who had
one Hundred & Fifty seven votes } 157

Benjamin W. Brownshield who had
Twenty eight votes } 28

For Lieutenant Governor His Honor William Phillips
who had one Hundred & Fifty seven votes } 157

Thomas Kittbridge who had
Twenty eight votes } 28

For Senator - James Howland 2^d who had
one Hundred & Fifty seven votes } 157

John M. Williams who had
one Hundred & Fifty seven votes } 157

William Wood who had
Twenty eight votes } 28

Solomon Pratt who had
Twenty eight votes } 28

Recorded by me -

Federick Brownell T. Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol Jr. To Nicholas Little one of the Constables
of the Town of Westport within the said County

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to warn the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of the said Town of Westport
qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet and
assemble at the Town House in said Town
on Monday the sixth day of April next at
nine of the clock in the forenoon then and there to
act on the following articles viz:

- 1st To choose a Moderator of said meeting
- 2nd To choose all such Town Officers as Towns by
law are authorised to choose annually
- 3rd To choose a Committee to receive and examine
all accounts brought against said Town and also
to settle with the Towns Treasurer.
- 4th To know the minds of the Town in regard to
providing a suitable House for a work House
and fixing proper regulations and appointing an
overseer or master to carry them into effect.
- 5th To know the Towns mind on the expediency of
dividing the third School district and adding
and attaching the same to the second and
fourth District if it should appear to the Town
to be conducive to the essential interest of said
Districts

- 6th To determine what sum to raise by way of
Tax for the support of the poor, and schools, and
other incidental charges.
- 7th To determine what sum shall be expended in the
repair of highways and in what manner it shall
be appropriated.
- 8th To devise the best method for the support of paupers
- 9th To choose such other Committees or agents as circum-
stances may render expedient
- 10th To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant
and of your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or
before the said day - Given under our hands and seals
this twentieth day of March in the Year of Our Lord
One Thousand eight Hundred & Eighteen. A.D. 1818

Daniel Vining } Selectmen
Wilbur Gifford }
Peleg Sisson } of Westport

Westport March 23. 1818

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified and
summoned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein
expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the
purposes within mentioned Nicholas Little } Constable
Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid:
Qualified according to Law assembled at the Town House
in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April
A.D. 1818 at ten O'clock in the forenoon for the purposes
contained in the foregoing warrant.

Abner Brownell Esqr chosen Moderator votes 17

Votes for Town Clerk whole number — 207
necessary to make a choice — 104

Frederick Brownell had 110 & is chosen

Frederick Brownell was also chosen Treasurer for the year
ensuing and to have no compensation for his services from
the Town as Treasurer or Clerk for the year ensuing
and was engaged according to Law.

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford S. Clerk

Peleg Sisson } Chosen Selectmen
Daniel Wing }
Willbous Gifford } for the year ensuing & engaged

Daniel Wing } Chosen Assessors
Benjamin B. Sisson }
John Macomber } for the year ensuing & engaged

Barney Hicks } Chosen a committee
William White 2nd } on accounts.
Syphester Brownell }

Surveyors of Highways.

Christopher Cornell, Ichabod Potter, Elijah Blorson
Peter Davol, William White 2nd, Eber Baker,
Abner Willcox, Isaac Gifford, Peter Davis, Henry Snel,
William Kirby, John Dyer Jr, Peter Davol, John Howland
Samuel Borden, Lawton Case, Daniel Gifford, Wing Howland
Adam Gifford, Ezekiel Brownell, George Kirby, Christopher
Cornell 2nd, Edward Brownell, Ephraim Macomber
Abraham Kirby, John Cornell Jr, William Gifford,

Peleg Sisson } were chosen a committee to
Abner Brownell } calculate the probable expense of
Barney Hicks } supporting the poor in a work house &c

Noted That said committee be directed to ascertain the number
and names of those paupers who are now on expense and who are
likely to become so by idleness, dissoluteness or intemperance
who in their opinion ought to be sent to, and employed
in such an House, the number of apartments & what kind
of employment will be most beneficial - what regulations
will be proper & necessary to be adopted & when & where the
aforesaid shall be carried into operation and to report at
the adjournment of this meeting.

Noted That the meeting which was adjourned to this day
respecting the division of the County of Bristol or
forming a new County comprising such Towns as may
find their convenience and Interest leading thereto. be
discontinued & no further proceedings had thereon.

Noted That the committee on accounts be directed to receive from
Abner B. Gifford late Town Clerk for Westport The Towns Property
that was placed in his hands and deliver the same to Frederick
Brownell the present Clerk they producing the Receipt which
A. B. Gifford gave, & take a receipt for the same of the present
Clerk.

Samuel Crocker Esq. had Seventy two votes for
County Treasurer

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\$1000 for repairs of Highways -

Voted to raise One Thousand Dollars for repairs of
Highways & Town ways in the Town of Westport the
year ensuing to be assessed on the polls & Estates as other
Taxes are assessed and that the Assessors assess the same as
soon as may be and deliver a list of the persons names
and of the sums they are assessed to each Surveyor of
his limits according to law.

Voted That seventy five cents be allowed by the Surveyor
for a days work of a man or pair of oxen and in
that proportion for parts of days work - and that
twenty five cents be allowed for the use of a cart
or plow ————— one day —————

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the second
Monday in May next ~~at~~ One o'clock P.M.
& was adjourned accordingly

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 To Nicholas Little one of the Constables 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 this Town being
 Twenty one years of age and resident in this
 Town for the space of one year next proceeding
 having a freehold estate within this Town of the
 annual income of three pounds or any estate
 to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the
 Town House on Monday the Eleventh day
 of May next at one O'clock in the afternoon
 for the purpose of choosing one or more rep-
 -resentatives to represent them at the General
 Court, appointed to be convened and held at
 Boston on the last Wednesday of May.
 Given under our Hands and Seals at Westport
 on Saturday the twenty Fifth day of April
 A.D. 1818.

Peleg Sisson } Selectmen
 Daniel Wing } of
 Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have
 notified and warned the male Inhabitants of this
 Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at
 the time and place and for the purpose within
 mentioned. (Dated at Westport the 26th day of
 April A.D. 1818. Nicholas Little Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified as before expressed assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the 11th. day of May A.D. 1810 for the purposes mentioned in the preceding warrant and it was then and there voted that the Town of Westport send but one Representative
Votes for the following persons were given in sort. Counted & record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed.

For Sylvester Brownell 32 votes
For Abner B. Gifford Esq. 26 votes
58
necessary for a choice - 30 -

Sylvester Brownell had 32 votes and was chosen

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Clerk

May 11th. 1810 - Agreeable to adjournment from the first Monday in April the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly
The following Officers were chosen viz.

Pound Keeper } Nathaniel Thirby Jr

Constable } Nicholas Little was chosen and to
Collector of taxes } have $1 \frac{40}{100}$ pr cent for all the money he collects and pays in to the several Treasurers - and to do the business for the Town as Constable without any compensation from the Town

Sealer of } William Gifford (engaged)
Weights & Measures }

Surveyors } Abner B. Gifford Esq. (engaged)
Lumber } Stephen Howland
Mirah Dean
Frederick Brownell

Thingmen } Thomas Allen Taylor, Adam Gifford
Abner Gifford William Brownell
Jerethmuel White Paul Gifford
For } Weston Potter Peleg Gifford
1810 } Benjamin Soule George Gifford
Thomas Winslow David Sanford

Overseers of } Lemuel Milk
Landing Head of river } John Anthony
John Howland

Seven viewers. - George Gifford, Jonathan Davis
Abraham Cornell, Sylvester Brownell, Christopher Cornell, Nathan C. Brownell, Edmund Lipp
John Dyer, Wilbour Gifford.

Callers of } Jethro Howland
Hoops & Staves } George Brownell

Sealers of } Preserved Shearman
Leather } Daniel Brownell

Callers of } Jethro Howland
Fish } Gideon Davis

Field Drivers. — Phillip Davis 2^d —
 Stephen Cornell, Wilbur Gifford, George Thibby
 Benjamin Cory. Isaac Thibby, Russel Gifford
 John Miller, William Brownell, Nicholas Gifford
 Charles Little, Benjamin Wodale. —

Hog Reeves. — Ephraim Macomber,
 Phillip Davis 2^d, Wilbur Gifford, John
 Lawrence, Lawton Manchester, Phillip Davis
 John Wodale, Anselm Barrett Esq. Abner
 B. Gifford Esq.

Overseers of Fishery — Capt. Abner Gifford,
 Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford, Henry
 Brightman, Samuel Willot, Perry Gifford.

Noted that the sum of Two Thousand Dollars be raised
 by way of Tax on the polls and Estates of the Inhab-
 itants of the Town of Westport for the support of
 the poor, schools, and other incidental charges
 to be collected and paid into the Town Treasury
 by the first day of April next and the Assessors
 are hereby directed to apportion said sum in the
 way and manner directed by Law and deliver
 a list or lists to the Collector as soon as may
 be —

Voted That the Selectmen of the Town
 of Westport be Overseers of the Poor
 and that they procure a House for
 them and agree with a Master &c
 and that they provide for the poor (until
 they provide a House) in the way and
 manner they think most beneficial to the
 Town —

Voted, That Doct. Thomas Richmond have
 Thirty Dollars for Doctoring the paupers
 of the Town of Westport the Year ensuing
 to furnish medicine and attend when the
 Overseers think necessary.

The committee on accounts made a report in writing
 that they had attended the business 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 Fifteen Hundred Sixty one Dollars
 & seventy five cents — \$1561.75

It was thereupon Voted to accept the report of the
 Committee and the Treasurer is directed, to pay
 the several sums thus allowed by the Committee,
 to the several persons therein named, and charge
 the same to the Town — " — "

The Committee also report that agreeable to their appointment they made a settlement with the Towns Treasurer and found that he had received for the Town the year past the sum of \$1945.69 and had paid out as by his accounts \$1945.69 making an even balance

and they made a settlement with him accordingly. The Committee further report that there was by the report of the Committee the last year a balance against the Town between the sums assessed on the Town the year past, and the amounts that had been allowed against the Town.

the amount of — \$621.97 —

And that there had been assessed on the Inhabitants the year past, as by reports this day presented is — \$2071.57 —

Leaving a balance against the Town the sum of — \$112.15 —

I All which is respectfully submitted

May 11, 1818
 Barney Fisk } Towns
 Sylvester Brownell } Committee

Voted To adjourn this meeting to the last Monday in August next at 1 o'clock P.M.

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

To Nicholas Little one of the Constables of the Town of Westport

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Westport duly qualified to vote for representatives in

the General Court of said Commonwealth viz. the male Inhabitants of said Town being Twenty one Year of age, resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold estate within said Town of the annual income of Three pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the second day of November next being the first Monday of said month, at one o'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 - Given under our hands and Seals this Twenty first day of October A.D. 1818

Daniel Worrig } Selectmen of
 Peleg Sisson }
 Wilbourn Gifford } (Westport)

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport

Nov 10/10

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport, assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the second day of November A.D. 1810 For the purposes mentioned in the preceding warrant, Votes for the following persons, were given in voted and counted, and record and declaration thereof made as by law is directed. - viz.

For Francis Baylies Esq. Eighty seven votes of
Marius Morton Esq. Seven votes - 7

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

To Frederick Brownell Town Clerk of Westport,
This will inform you that the subscribers Assessors of said Town have determined the Property of
Stephen Brownell s^r Stephen Brownell Jun^r,
Betsey Chubb widow, Sylvester Gifford, of Little Compton
Stephen Brandell, Eber Brandell, Constant Hart,
Pelig Simmons, Ephraim Sanford, Reston
Sanford, Isaac Taber & Jeremiah Taber Heirs
of Liverton; shall be taxed in school District
No 7. and you will record the same agreeable
to Law.

Daniel Wing & Assessors
John Marston }
Westport October 1. 1810

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

328

At a legal Meeting held at the House of Frederick Brownell Feb 22. 1819 for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
Abner Devel was drawn Grand Jurymen
Isaac Marcomber & Benjamin Wing were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the l. b. l. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of March next.

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk
At a legal Meeting held at the House of Frederick Brownell May 29. 1819 for the purpose of drawing Jurymen - Pelig Sisson Esq. & Pelig W. Pukham were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at the l. b. l. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of June next.

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk
At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick Brownell August 10th 1819 for the purpose of drawing Jurymen - William White s^r & Ezekiel Brownell were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at the l. b. l. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of September next.

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

~~At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
Westport held at the House of Frederick Brownell
September 30th 1820.~~

To the Town Clerk of Westport this will
inform you that the Subscribers assessors of said
Town have determined that the Property of Humphrey
Anthony & Pardon Cook both of Dartmouth Raymond
Castino of Nantucket & Michael Wainer & Thomas
Wainer both of New York, shall be taxed in School
District N^o 8 which you will make a Record
of Agreeable to Law.

Westport Nov^r 5. 1821

William White 2nd
Adam Gifford

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

\$400

Warrant. To Nicolas Little 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 said Town of Westport, Qualified by the Constitution
to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and those
who are thereby qualified to vote for Senators and Counsellors
to meet at the Town House in said Town on second
day the fifth day of April next at Eleven of the
Clock in the forenoon, to give in their votes for a Governor
Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors
agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth
Thereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant
and of your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen or
before said day.

Dated at Westport aforesaid the thirteenth day of
March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and Nineteen A.D. 1819

Daniel Wing } Selectmen
Willbours Gifford } of Westport.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the
Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein ex-
pressed, to meet at the time and place and for the
purpose within mentioned Nicholas Little Constable
Westport March 20. 1819

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
aforesaid qualified according to the Constitution,
Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday
the fifth day of April being the first Monday in said
Month A.D. 1819
For the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant,

(tuned over)

Votes for the following persons were given in sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the constitution is directed viz;

For Governor His Excellency John Brooks	
Two Hundred and twenty six votes	226
For Lieutenant Governor His Hon; William Phillips	
Two Hundred and twenty six votes	226
Gov: For Benjamin W. Brownshield forty votes	40
For Lt. Gov Benjamin Austin forty votes	40
For Senators and Counsellors	
Hon; James Howland 2 nd Two Hundred and twenty six votes	226
Hon; John Mason William Two Hundred and twenty six votes	226
Herules Cushman forty votes	40
James L. Hodges forty votes	40

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Bristol ss. To Nicholas Little ⁴⁰² Constable of the Town of Westport within said County - Greeting

- You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of S. Town of Westport, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town on second day the fifth day of April next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles viz;
- 1st To choose a Moderator of said meeting.
 - 2 To choose all such Town Officers as Towns by Law are authorized to choose annually.
 - 3 To choose a Committee to receive and examine all accounts brought against said Town and also to settle with the Towns Treasurers.
 - 4 To know the towns mind in regard to a work House Establishment, and the support of paupers the year ensuing.
 - 5 To determine what sum to raise by way of tax for the support of the poor, and schools and other incidental charges.
 - 6 To determine what sum shall be expended, in the repairs of Highways and in what manner it shall be appropriated.
 - 7 To know what regulations the Town will make in regard to the Oyster fishery.
 - 8 To choose such other Committees or agents as Circumstances may render expedient.
 - 9 To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
 - 10 To know the Towns mind in regard to Erecting a Town Pound at the Head of the East branch of the river.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen on or before said day

Given under our hands and seal, this thirteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and Nineteen A.D. 1819

Daniel Wing } Selectmen
Willow Gifford } Westport -

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and Place and for the purpose within mentioned

Westport March 20. 1819 Nicholas Little Constable

Abner B. Gifford Esq. chosen Moderator, votes - 58

Votes for Town clerk whole number - 232

necessary to make a choice - 117

Fredrick Brownell had - 130 & was chosen

Fredrick Brownell was also chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing and to have no compensation for his services (from the Town) as Treasurer or clerk for the year ensuing. and was engaged -

Pelig Sisson } Selectmen
Daniel Wing } engaged
Nicholas Little }

Daniel Wing } Assessors (engaged)
Fredrick Brownell }
Jonathan Davis }

Barney Hinks } Committee on accounts
William White 2^d }
Sylvester Brownell }

Surveyors of Highways

Zebedee Davis, Elijah Blossom, Gardner White,
William White 2^d, Elzer Baker, ~~Abner Little~~,
Jonathan Davis, Peter Davis, Isaac Macomber,
William Hinkley, ~~John Dyer~~, ~~Peter Hinkley~~,
John Howland, David Sanford, ~~Richard Gifford~~,
Daniel Gifford, Lathan White, Adam Gifford,
Ezekiel Brownell, Nathan C. Brownell,
~~Barney Hinks~~, Christopher Cornell, Ephraim
Gifford, Ephraim Macomber, Schabed Hinkley,
Billings & Co. & Richard Gifford

\$1000. Voted to raise one Thousand Dollars for repair of Highways & Town ways in the Town of Westport the year ensuing to be apportioned on the polls & estates as other taxes are apportioned and that the Assessors apportion the same as soon as may be and deliver a list of the persons names and of the sums they are apportioned to each Surveyor of his limits according to Law. -

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Voted That seventy five cents be allowed by the
Surveyor for a day's work of a man or one
pair of oxen and in that proportion for parts
of days work, and that twenty five cents
be allowed for a cart or plow for one day

Voted That the 7th. article in the warrant
be dispensed with.

Voted To not have any Oysters taken from their
beds in the East river, above Hoixes Bridge
(so called) within four Years from this time -

Voted To not have any Town Pound at the head
of the East river - - -

Nathaniel Thibault 2nd chosen Pound Keeper
for the year ensuing.

William Gifford } Sealers of Weights & Measures

Samuel Crocker Esq. had fifty votes for
County Treasurer - 50

Voted To dispense with the fourth article in the warrant
until the second Monday in May next -

Voted To adjourn this meeting to the second
Monday in May next 1 O'clock Afternoon -

406
Voted That the sum raised to be expended in Repair of
Highways be expended on the Highways and Town
ways one Half by the first day of July & the other
half by the first day of September next -

Voted That when any Highways or Town ways within
the Town of Westport, are blocked up with snow or
impassable, with it, 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 & 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 which
might be voted a sum of money for the purpose
of repairing the Highways in such Town -

Recorded by me Frederick Bowers Town Clerk

To Nicholas Little one of the Constables 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 upwards,
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 three pounds or any Estate to the
value of sixty pounds to meet at the Town House on
Monday the tenth day of May next at one of the Clocks
in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more
representatives to represent them at the General Court
appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the
last Wednesday of May -

turn over

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Given under our hands and seals at said Westport
the twenty sixth day of April A.D. 1819

Nicholas Little } Selectmen
Daniel Wing } of
Pelag Simons } Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified
the male Inhabitants within mentioned to meet
at the time & place and for the purpose within
expressed. Nicholas Little (Constable)

May 10. 1819

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Westport, qualified as before expressed, assembled at
the Town House in said Town on Monday the
Tenth day of May, A.D. 1819 for the purposes mentioned
in the preceding warrant and it was then and there
voted that the Town of Westport send one Representative
& no more.

Votes. For the following person were given in sorted
and counted record & declaration thereof made as
by the Constitution is directed

Sylvester Brownell Esq. had six votes 6
& was chosen

Recorded by me

Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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May 10. 1819 I agreeable to adjournment from
the first Monday in April the Inhabitants of
Westport met accordingly.

The following Town Officers were chosen viz.

Constable & Collector of Taxes } Nicholas Little was chosen and to have
2 3/4 % of the amount for all the money he
collects and pays in to the several Treas-
urers - and to do the business for the Town
as he constable without any compensation
from the Town.

& took the Oaths required by law before Abner B. Gifford Justice of the Peace

Surveyors } Abner B. Gifford
Stephen Howland

Lumber } Micah Dean
Frederick Brownell
Jethro Howland

Jury } Tillinghast, Almy, William Brownell
Thomas W. Mayhew, Zachus Gifford
Cornelius White, Pelag Gifford
Wing Howland, George Gifford
Benjamin Soule, Stephen Howland, David Sanford
Ephraim Thompson

Overseers } Lemuel Mills
Landing } John Anthony
Head of River } John Howland

Fence Viewers - Abraham Cornell, Sylvester Brownell
Nathan B. Brownell, William Gifford, Adam Gifford,
- engaged -

George Gifford, Jonathan Davis, (Christopher Cornell
Edmund Tapp, John Dyer. (engaged))

1819

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Cullers of } Sethro Howland
 Hoops & Staves } Michl Dean
 John Howland 2^d

Dealers of } Preserved Shearman
 Leather } Daniel Brownell
 Culbert Boothe

Field } Phillip Davis 2^d
 Driven } Stephen Cornell
 Wilbour Gifford
 George Fisher
 Benjamin Long
 Ruel Gifford
 John Smith
 William Brownell
 Nicholas Gifford
 Charles Little
 Benjamin Waddle
 Thurston White

Cullers of } Sethro Howland
 Fish } Gideon Davis

Hog } Ephraim Macomber
 Revers } Phillip Davis 2^d
 Wilbour Gifford } engaged
 Lawton Manchester }
 Phillip Davis
 John Waddle
 Samuel Williot
 Thomas Winslow
 Nicholas Gifford
 Wm. Wood 2^d
 Stephen Howland

Overseers of Capt. Abner Gifford, Gideon Palmer,
 Fishing Daniel Gifford, Henry Brightman, Samuel
 Withox, Perry Gifford.

Voted, That the sum of Thirteen 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 other incidental charges
 To be collected and paid in, to the Town Treasurer
 by the first day of April next, and the Assessors are
 hereby directed to assess said sum in the way and
 manner directed by Law and deliver a list or lists
 thereof to the collector as soon as may be.

Voted, That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars
 be raised by way of Tax for the Support of
 Schools. and that it be proportioned in the same
 way and manner it was in the year 1813.

~~Voted To adjourn this meeting to the next
 Saturday in August next, at One O'clock P.M.,
 and to transact business accordingly.~~

Voted, That Surveyors of Highways have the liberty of drawing
 out of the Towns Treasury what was returned by them last year
 to the Assessors and that they have it expended on the same roads.

Recorded by me

Frederick J. Brewster, Town Clerk

1819

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The Committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended to the business 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 Eleven Hundred & four Dollars and Twenty three cents \$1104.23

It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the Committee and the Treasurer is directed to pay the several sums thus allowed by the Committee to the several persons therein named and to charge the same to the Town

The Committee also report that agreeable to their appointment they made a settlement with the Towns Treasurer and found that he had received for the Town the year past the sum of \$1801.55 and had paid out by his accounts 1655.45

making a balance in favour of the Town \$146.10 and made a settlement with him accordingly

The Committee further report that there was by the report of the Committee the last year a balance against the Town between the sums assessed on the Town the year past, and the accounts that had been allowed against the Town the amount of \$112.15 And that there had been assessed on the Inhabitants the year past as by report this day presented \$2074.04

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Leaving a Balance in favour of the Town
The sum of \$858.46

Which is respectfully Submitted

May 10, 1819

William White 2nd
Sylvester Brownell
Barney Hicks } Towns
Committee

Moved, To adjourn this meeting to the last Monday Saturday in August at one O'clock P. M., and it was adjourned accordingly

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

August 28, 1819 Agreeable to adjournment from May 10, 1819 the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly — Abner Brownell Esq. was chosen Moderator pro. tem;

Thomas T. Cornell was chosen surveyor of Highways instead of Gardner White who refused to accept

The following is a list of the names of those persons who were proposed by the Selectmen as Jurors and accepted by the Town and ordered to be placed in the Jury box — viz —

Weston Allen. Major Allen. Charles Allen. George Allen. Isaac Cory, Jr. John Potter. Nathan C. Brownell Russell Gifford Junr. Perry. Abner Gifford. Ephraim Gifford. (turn over)

Pardon Kirby, John Lawrence, Robert Lawrence,
Charles Maomber, Thomas W. Mayhew, Weston Potter,
Gideon Palmer, Henry Palmer, Humphrey Shuman,
Siddinghast Tripp, Phillip Tripp of Edmund, Daniel Wing,
Benjamin Wing, Jacob Allen, Jerich Brownell, George
L. Brownell, Stephen Cornell Jr. Wanton Case Jr., Stephen
Howland, George Kirby, John Milby, John Maomber,
Joshua Potter, Phillip Potter, Jonathan Soule Capt.,
Benjamin B. Sisson, Nathaniel Tripp Jr., Reuben West,
Thomas Winslow, George Wood, George White, Lathan
White, Wilson Wing, Ezekiel Brownell, Elijah Blossom,
Allen Davol, Jonathan Davis, Pardon Gifford, Levi
Gifford, Abner B. Gifford, Adam Gifford, Zachus
Gifford, Isaac Maomber, Peleg W. Pukham,
Ephraim Thompson, Ephraim Maomber, Rufus Tripp,
Nicholas Little, Lot Shearman, Robert Shearman,
John M. Gifford, Nicholas White, Frederik Brownell,
Peter Davis, Elijah Gifford, George M. Brownell,
Green Allen, Green Sisson, Easton Howland, Peleg
Gifford, Parker Gifford, Billings F. Long, Nathaniel
Kirby Jr., Joseph Davis, Nathan Wood, Shepherd Gifford,
John Gifford of Wm, Benjamin Tripp of Edmund,
Lawton H. Long.

Recorded by me Frederik Brownell Town Clerk

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
Westport held at the House of Frederik Brownell
Tuesday October 12, 1819 for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen - Nathan B. Brownell was drawn
Grand Juror - Nicholas Little and Abner B. Gifford
was drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Supreme
Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the
second Tuesday of October Inst.

Recorded by me Frederik Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
held at the House of Frederik Brownell Monday
November 29th 1819 for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen - Thomas W. Mayhew and George White
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Circuit
Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on
the second Monday of December next.

Recorded by me Frederik Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
held at the House of Frederik Brownell Monday
February 28, 1820 for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
Phillip Tripp Carpenter was chosen Grand Juror
Stephen Howland, and Peleg Gifford was drawn
Traverse Jurors to serve at the Circuit Court of Common
Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second
Monday of March next.

Recorded by me Frederik Brownell Town Clerk

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants
of Westport held at the House of Frederick
Brownell on Saturday the 13th day of May
A.D. 1820 for the purpose of drawing Jurors -
Daniel Wing was drawn Grand Juror - John Mills
& George Allers were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve
at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at
Taunton on the last Tuesday of May Instt:
by adjournment from October last.

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport,
held at the House of Frederick Brownell on Saturday
the Twentieth day of May A.D. 1820 for the purpose
of drawing Jurors Nicholas White and Nathan
Wood were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at
the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden
at Taunton on the second Monday of June next.

Recorded by me
Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
held at the House of Frederick Brownell on Saturday the
Second day of September A.D. 1820 for the purpose of
drawing Jurors George C. Brownell and William Wing
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Circuit
Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton
on the second Monday of September Instant.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

416
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol p. To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town
of Westport Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon and
Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
said Town qualified to vote in Town Affairs
To meet at the Town House in said Town on
seventh day the Eleventh of December next at one
O'clock in the afternoon. To act on the following
Articles viz;

1st To choose a Moderator
2nd To know the Towns mind in regard to choosing
an Agent to defend the Suit brought against
the Town for not providing School Masters agreeable
to Law.

3rd To act on all other prudential affairs as
the Town shall think expedient.

Given under our Hands and Seals this twenty
seventh day of November 1819

Daniel Wing Selectmen
Nicholas Little of
Westport

Pursuant to the within I have notified
the freeholders and other Inhabitants as
within directed Nicholas Little Constable
Westport December 11, 1819

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At a legal Town Meeting holden at the
Town House in said Town of Westport,
on Saturday the Eleventh day of December
AD. 1819 To act on the Articles contained
in the preceding warrant.

Abner Brownell Esq. was chosen
Moderator

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. was chosen
an Agent to defend the Suit brought
against the Town.

Voted That the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars
(which was voted at our last Annual Meeting
to be raised for the support of Schools) be
applied to the payment of the Fine —
if the Town should be fined for not
providing School Masters agreeable to Law
(if not) to be proportioned as was then voted

Recorded by me

Fredenik Brownell Town Clerk

418
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol Co. To Nicholas Little Constable of the
Town of Westport in S. County Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and
warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified
to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town
House in said Town on Saturday the Twentieth
day of December Instant at one of the
clocks in the afternoon to act on the following articles

1st To choose a Moderator

2nd To take into consideration the expediency of peti-
tioning the Legislature at their next session, that
New Bedford may be made a half shire Town
for said County of Bristol.

3rd To choose a committee or committees to carry
into effect the foregoing if necessary and
expedient.

4th To act on such other business as shall legally
come before the said Town.

Given under our hands and seals this Eleventh
day of December Eighteen Hundred & Nineteen

Pelez Sison } Selectmen
Daniel Wigg } of
Nicholas Little } Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned
and notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified
as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place
and for the purposes within mentioned

Westport December 11. 1819

Nicholas Little Constable
Town of Westport

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At a legal Town Meeting holden at the
Town House in said Town of Westport on
Saturday the twenty fifth day of December
A.D. 1819 To act on the articles contained
in the preceding warrant. —

Abner B. Gifford Esq. chosen Moderator

On the second article in the warrant it was
voted not to petition the Legislature at
their next Session for New Bedford to be a
half shire Town of said County of Bristol.

It was also voted That our Representative be
requested and directed to oppose any Petition
that may be presented to the next General Court
from any Town in this County praying for
the Division of said County or for making
New Bedford an half shire Town, unless Westport
can be exempted from paying any part of the
expense of building another Jail & Court House.

Recorded by me

Fredrick Brownell Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Birth p. To Nicholas Little Constable of the
Town of Westport — Greeting

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You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the
Male Inhabitants of the Town of Westport of
Twenty one years of age and upwards having a free-
hold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual
income of Three pounds or any estate to the value
of sixty pounds to meet at the Town House in
the Town on Monday the Third day of April next
at Eleven O'clock in the Forenoon to give in their
votes for a Governor Lieutenant Governor and
Senators & Counsellors agreeable to the Consti-
tution of the Commonwealth.

Given under our hands & Seals at said Westport
this fourteenth day of March AD. 1820

Nicholas Little } Selectmen
Daniel Wing } of
Peleg Sisson } Westport

Westport March 18. 1820. Pursuant to the within
warrent I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town
qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time
and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport

turn over

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid qualified according to the Constitution, assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of April being the first Monday in said month - For the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrants.

Votes for the following persons were given in sorted counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, viz:

For Governor His Excellency John Brooks who had	
One Hundred & sixty votes	160
William Gustis who had twenty eight	28
For Lieutenant Governor His Honor William Phillips who had One Hundred & sixty votes	160
Benjamin Austin who had twenty eight	28
For Senators James Howland 2 ^d who had	
One Hundred & fifty nine votes	159
John M. Williams who had One	
Hundred & fifty nine votes	159
Hercules Cushman who had Twenty eight	28
James L. Hodges who had Twenty eight	28

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

Bristol ss, To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of Westport Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote for Town Officers and other Town matters, to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz:

- 1st To choose a Moderator
- 2nd To choose all such Town Officers, as Towns by Law are authorized to choose annually
- 3rd To choose a committee to receive and examine all accounts brought against said Town, and also to settle with the Towns Treasurer.
- 4th To determine what sum to raise by way of Tax for the support of the poor and schools, and other incidental charges.
5. To determine what sum shall be expended in the repair of Highways, and in what manner it shall be appropriated.
- 6 - To devise the best method for the support of paupers
- 7 - To choose such other committees or Agents as circumstances may render Expedient
- 8 - To give in their votes for a County Treasurer

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen on or before said day.

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of March A.D. 1820
Daniel Wing } Selectmen
Nicholas Little }
Pelez Sisson } Westport

Westport March 18. 1820 Pursuant to the within
warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants
of said Town qualified as therein expressed to assemble
at the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned Nicholas Little Constable of Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid
qualified according to Law - Assembled at the Town House
in said Town on Monday the third day of April 1820
at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes contained
in the foregoing warrant.

Peleg Sisson Esq. Chosen Moderator
Frederick Brownell Chosen Town Clerk & Treasurer
and engaged according to law.

Peleg Sisson
Daniel Wing
Nicholas Little } were chosen Selectmen & engaged
before Abner Brownell Esq.

Daniel Wing
Frederick Brownell
Nicholas Little } were chosen assessors & engaged
before Peleg Sisson Esq.

Barney Hicks
William White
Sylvester Brownell } were chosen a committee on accounts

Weston Potter Chosen Pound Keeper
Abner B. Gifford
Frederick Brownell } Engaged
Stephen Howland
Elijah Dean
Jethro Howland } were chosen Surveyors of Lumber

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Tillinghast Almy Esq. Thomas W. Mayhew.
Cornelius White, Wing Howland, Benjamin
Sowle, Stephen Howland, Ephraim Thomson.
William Brownell, Zacheus Gifford, Peleg
Gifford, George Gifford & David Sanford
were chosen Tylthingmen for the Year ensuing;

Adam Gifford
John Anthony
Jonathan Peckham } Overseers of Landing
at the Head of River -

Fence Viewers - Abraham Cornell, Sylvester
Brownell, Nathan C. Brownell, Wilbour
Gifford, Edmund Tripp & John Dyer sworn
Isaac Howland, George Gifford, Jonathan
Davis, & Christopher Cornell, not sworn -

Surveyors of Highways - Edward Potter,
Elijah Blossom, Thomas J. Cornell, Stephen
Cornell Jr. Eber Baker, Nicholas White,
Jonathan Davis, Jeremiah Davol Jr, Isaac
Macomber, William Kirby, Samuel Dyer,
Sylvester Brownell, George M. Brownell,
David Sanford, Peleg Manchester, John
Lawrence, Luther White, Adam Gifford,
Ezekiel Brownell, Nathan C. Brownell,
John A. Gifford, Christopher Cornell, Pardon
Pearse, Ephraim Macomber, Ephraim Kirby
Billings Jr, Cory, Robert Shearman. -

Jethro Howland
 Micah Dean
 John Howland 2^d } Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Preserved Shearman
 Daniel Brownell } Sealers of Leather
 Culbert Booth

Stephen Cornell
 sworn - Willbous Gifford
 George Kirkby
 Benjamin Cory
 Russell Gifford
 John Milk
 sworn - Abner Lawton
 sworn - Nicholas Gifford
 sworn - Charles Little
 Benjamin Woodlee } Field Drivers

Jethro Howland
 Gideon Davis } Cullers of Fish

Thaddeus Reynolds
 sworn - Willbous Gifford
 Lawton Manchester
 Phillip Davis
 sworn - Elijah Blodorn
 Samuel Wilcox
 sworn - Job Gifford
 sworn - Nicholas Gifford
 William Wood 2^d
 sworn - Abner Lawton } Hog Reeves

Capt. Abner Gifford
 Gideon Palmer
 Daniel Gifford
 Henry Brightman
 Samuel Wilcox } Overseers of Fishing

Samuel Crocker Esq^r Had One Hundred
 Votes for County Treasurer. — 100 —

\$1000. Voted to raise One Thousand Dollars
 for repairs of Highways and Town ways in the
 Town of Westport the year ensuing to be assessed
 on the polls and estates as other taxes are assessed
 and that the assessors assess the same as soon
 as may be and deliver a list of the persons
 names and of the sums they are assessed to
 each Surveyor of his limits according to Law
 Voted that Seventy five cents be allowed by the
 Surveyor for a days work of a man or one yoke
 of Oxen & in that proportion for parts of days
 and that twenty five cents be allowed for
 a cart or plow for one day.

Voted that the aforesaid sum of \$1000. be expended
 on the Highways one half by the first day of
 July & the other half by the first day of September
 next.

Voted that Snow be removed or trodden
 down on the same conditions that
 was voted last year —

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Voted - To adjourn this Meeting to the second Monday in May next at 1 o'clock afternoon.

May 8th 1820 Agreeable to adjournment from the first Monday in April. The Inhabitants of Westport met Accordingly.

Nicholas Little was chosen Constable & collector of Taxes - and to have $1\frac{24}{100}$ per cent on all the money he collects and pays in to the several Treasurers and to do the business for the Town as Constable without any compensation from the Town -

\$800- Voted that Eight 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 charges - To be collected and paid in to the Town Treasurer by the first day of April next and the Assessors are hereby directed to assess said sum in the way and manner directed by Law and deliver a list or lists thereof to the collector as soon as may be.

\$200. Voted that Two Hundred Dollars be raised by way of Tax for the support of Schools and that it be appropriated for the use of Schools.

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Voted - That if the Town should be complained of for not having Schools agreeable to Law, within the Year and should be Fined that the fine be paid out of the sum voted to be raised for the support of School.

Voted - That the Selectmen meet and get the Poor of the Town supported in the same way they did last year by such persons as they think will take good care of them.

~~Voted - To Adjourn this Meeting to the last Saturday in August at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon.~~

The Committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended to the business 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 Thirteen Hundred Dollars & Eighty one cents.

\$1300.81⁴/₁₀₀

It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the Committee and the Treasurer is directed to pay the several sums thus allowed by the Committee to the several persons therein named and charge the same to the Town.

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The Committee also Report that agreeable
to their appointment they made a Settlement
with the Town Treasurer and found that he
had received for the Town the year past
the sum of \$1793.43
and had paid out by his accounts 1150.03
making a balance in favour of the Town \$643.40
and made a Settlement with him accordingly

The Committee further report 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 the year past,
and the accounts that had been allowed
against the Town the amount of \$858.46

And that there had been assessed on the Inhab-
itants the year past as by report this day presented
\$1577.40

Leaving a balance in favour of the Town
the sum of \$1135.05

All which is respectfully submitted

May 9. 1820

William White 2nd } Towns
Barney Hicks } Committee
Sylvester Brownell }

(Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the last
Saturday in August next at Two of the
Clock in the afternoon

Recorded by me Frederick Bromwell Town Clerk

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Pistol ss. To Nicholas Little Constable
of the Town of Westport — Greeting

L. A.

L. S.

L. S.

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
the male Inhabitants of S. Town being twentyone
years of age and resident in said Town for the
space of one year next preceding having a free
hold estate within S. Town of the annual income
of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty
pounds, to meet at the Town House in said
Town on second day the eighth day of May
next, at three of the clock in the afternoon, for
the purpose of choosing one or more representatives
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 this twenty
first day of April, One Thousand eight
Hundred and Twenty.

Daniel Wing }
Nicholas Little } Selectmen
Pelez Sisson } of
Westport

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uruant to the within warrant, I have
notified the Inhabitants of Westport qualified
as within mentioned to meet at the time and
place & for the purpose within mentioned

April 21: 1820 Nicholas Little Constable