

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Counsellors and Senators, holden on the fourth day of April A.D. 1808 being the first Monday of said, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and Senators and counsellors for the district of Bristol Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed
Namely —

For Governor { The Honourable James Sullivan Esq.^r
Had Twenty six Votes ————— 26 —
The Honourable Christopher Gore Esq.^r had One
Hundred & Twenty four Votes ————— 124 —

For Lieut. Governor { The Honourable Levi Lincoln Esq.^r
Had Twenty six Votes ————— 26 —
The Honourable David Cobb Esq.^r had One
Hundred and Twenty two Votes ————— 122

For Senators and Counsellors { Nathaniel Morton jun.^r Esq.^r had Twenty five Votes 25 —
David Perry jun.^r Esq.^r had Twenty five Votes — 25 —
Stephen Bullock Esq.^r had one hundred & fourteen Votes
Samuel Tobey Esq.^r had One hundred & fourteen Votes — 114 —
Recorded by me William White 2.^d Town Clerk —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives, holden at said Westport on the fourth day of April, A.D. 1808. The said Inhabitants gave in their Votes for a County Treasurer, and the same being sorted and counted in the Meeting, by the Moderator thereof and Town Clerk it appeared that there were for Samuel Crocker Esq.^r One hundred & four Votes ——— 104 —
And for Marcus Morton Esq.^r Ten Votes ————— 10 —

Recorded by me William White 2.^d Town Clerk —

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To Roger White Constable of the Town of Westport
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, Qualified by law to vote in town meetings (Namely) Such as pay to one single tax, besides the Poll or Polls, a sum equal to, two thirds of a single Poll tax, to meet at the town house in said town, on Monday the fourth Day of April next, at nine of the Clock in the fore noon, to act on the following Articles Namely —

- 1st To choose a moderator, Clerk, and all such other Officers, as towns by law are required to choose, in the month of March or April Annually
- 2^d To choose a Committee on Accounts and settle with the Treasurer, and such other Committees for such purposes as the town shall judge expedient.
- 3^d To agree in what manner either by Vindueing or other ways to get the poor supported the year Ensuing.
- 4th To Vote a sum of money to be raised by way of tax on said town, for the support of the poor, and other expenses of said town the year ensuing.
- 5th To agree on the method to get the high ways amended the year ensuing and to Vote a sum of money to be expended for that Purpose.
- 6th To receive returns of highways, Laid out or altered, by the select men, and to pass such Vote thereon as shall be thought expedient.
- 7th To Vote a sum of money to be applied, to the support of schools, and to adopt such other measures relating thereto as shall be thought Beneficial.
- 8th To know whether the town will give the select men any Directions as to the number of Inkeepers and Retailers, to be approved by them the Year Ensuing.
- 9th To examine the list of jurors to be presented by the select men for Regulating the Jury boxes agreeable to law.
- 10th To know whether the town will take any measures relating to any of the towns property in possession of or Occupied by others

And you are to make returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town, at or before said time of meeting Given under our hands and seals, this Twelfth day of ~~March~~ March in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight ~~Eight~~ hundred and Eight

Jonathan Tuckham } Select men
Roger White } of Westport

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Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants to meet at time and place and for the purposes before mentioned by posting up Notifications at the usual places

Westport April 1st A.D. 1808 — Roger White Constable
Recorded by me William White T. Town Clerk —

All a town meeting legally warned and held at the town in Westport on Monday the 4th day of April A.D. 1808 — at nine of the Clock in the fore noon for the purpose of choosing town officers, and for acting on the other articles contained in the foregoing Warrant. — — —

Abner Brownell Esq.^r was Chosen Moderator
William White T. chosen Town Clerk — and sworn before
Abner Brownell Esq.^r in town meeting agreeable to law —

Abner Brownell Esq.^r, Samuel Milk, & Roger White was chosen Select men, and Abner Brownell took the oath required by law to faithfully execute, the duties of said office Before Pelag Sison Esq.^r in town meeting and Roger White took the oath required by law before Abner Brownell Esq.^r in town meeting and Samuel Milk took the affirmation before Abner Brownell Esq.^r in town meeting —

William White T. was chosen Town Treasurer, and to receive and award one fourth per cent on the money that he shall receive into the Treasury — and was sworn before Abner Brownell Esq.^r in town meeting —

Voted to choose three Assessors, and Elijah Gifford Junior, Wesson Tripp, and William White T. was chosen and affirmed agreeable to law, that they would faithfully execute the duties of the office, Before Abner Brownell Esq.^r in town meeting —

Lemuel Milk George Lawton & William White 2^d -
 Were chosen a Committee on accounts, and to settle with
 the Treasurer. -
 Nathaniel Piercy chosen Pound keeper

Peter Macomber, Richard Gifford, Abner Potter, Isaac Pitney
 Gersham Wodel, Jonathan White, Selig Chase, Ebenezer Baker
 Jonathan Peckham, Stephen Cornell, Benj.^a Brownell
 John Davis, William Richards, John Dyer, George Lawton
 David Sanford, Benjamin Cory, Isaac Brownell,
 Jonathan Tripp, John Lawrence, Lemuel Milk, Bary.^a Dyer
 were Chosen Surveyors of Highways and were all duly Engaged
 (Except John Lawrence) according to law to the faithful -
 performance of the duties of the office Before Abner Brownell Esq.
 in Town Meeting - Ebenezer Allen Junior Chosen
 Surveyor & not engaged - At the adjournment May 7th 1808
 Lathan White was chosen a Surveyor of Highways -

Thomas Cornell, Bradford Richmond, Christopher Cornell,
 Benjamin Brownell, Benjamin Brownell 2^d, Benjamin Dyer,
 Jonathan Tripp, Edmond Tripp, George Allen, Wilbur Gifford
 Were chosen Fence Viewers and they were all duly Engaged
 (Except George Allen & Edmond Tripp) according to law to the
 faithful performance of the duties of the office Before
 Abner Brownell Esq. in Town Meeting -

Jeremiah Wilcox, Weyson Tripp, Wanton Macomber, Edward Wingje
 William Briggs Jun^r, Edward Manchester, Nathan Lion,
 Selig Wood, Philip Potter, Weyson Potter, Henry Howland Jun^r
 Were chosen Field Drivers, and Jeremiah Wilcox Selig Wood
 Philip Potter, Weyson Potter, Henry Howland Jun^r were engaged before
 Abner Brownell Esq. in Town meeting

1808 April 26th Personally appeared Nathan Lion and was duly
 Engaged to authorize him to officiate in his office Before me -
 Wm White Town Clerk -

Voted to adjourn this meeting To Saturday the 7th day of May
 next at 10 of the clock in the forenoon then to meet at this place
 and it is adjourned accordingly I
 Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

To Roger White Constable of the Town of Westport
 Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
 Massachusetts, to notify & warn the male inhabitants of Said
 Town, being twenty one years of age, qualified as the Constitution
 Directs to meet at the Town House in Said town on Saturday
 the Seventh day of May next at ten of the clock in the fore noon,
 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 Said May
 You are also required to notify the Said Inhabitants, that the
 annual meeting of Said Town for the Choice of Town Officers
 &c. &c. stands adjourned to Said time & place.
 Given under our hands & seals at Said Westport
 the Twentieth day of April A.D. 1808

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
 Lemuel Milk } Of
 Westport -

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified
 and warned the Inhabitants to meet at time and place and
 for the purpose before mentioned by posting up Notifications
 at the Usual places -
 Westport May 7th A.D. 1808 Roger White Constable

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, the free holders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified according to the Constitution, upon due Warning given, met together the Seventh Day of May Instant and ^{there} did elect, Silvester Brownell and Abner Brownell Esq^r to represent them in the General Court, to be convened and held for the Government's service at the state house in Boston, or such other place, as may hereafter be appointed, for the General Court to convene at, agreeable to the Constitution upon the last Wednesday of May. The Persons Voted for were
 Silvester Brownell and had Sixtytwo Votes — 62 —
 Abner Brownell Esq^r and had Fortyfour Votes — 44 —
 Thomas Tripp had five Votes — 5 —
 Pelay Cornell had one Vote — 1 —
 Being all the Votes given in at said Meeting, and Record and declaration thereof was made by the Selectmen agreeable to the Constitution
 Witness my hand and the Seal of the Town of Westport this 7th day of May 1808.
 William White Jr. Town Clerk

At a town Meeting legally Warned and held at the town house in Westport on Monday the 4th day of April A. D. 1808. and continued by adjournment to Saturday the 7th day of May following at adjournment —

Roger White was chosen Constable and Collector of Rates for the Town of Westport, for the year ensuing, and to have three per cent, upon the money he shall collect and pay in according as he shall be directed, he first to give bond with sufficient surety or Sureties for the faithful performance, to the Satisfaction of the Treasurer, or Select men, then to be sworn as the Law directs.

Abner Gifford being appointed by the Select men a Sealer of Weights and Measures for the town of Westport the year ensuing personally appeared and was sworn to the faithful Discharge of the trust reposed in him by the said appointment
 Before me William White Jr. Town Clerk

Jeremiah Wilcox, William Brownell, Wanton Macomber Edward King Jr. William Briggs Jr. Edward Manchester Nathan Lion, Pelay Wood, Philip Potter, Wipon Potter Henry Howland Jr., Were Chosen Field Drivers — and Jeremiah Wilcox Wm Brownell, Pelay Wood, Philip Potter, Wipon Potter, Henry Howland Jr. were Engaged — Before Abner Brownell Esq^r in Town Meeting —

Live Standish, George Brownell, Baryona Devol, Pelay Lison, Were Chosen Surveyors of Lumber — and Baryona Devol was Engaged — Before Abner Brownell Esq^r in Town Meeting

Baryona Devol, John Crowel, Daniel Tripp, George Brownell, and John Anthony, Were chosen Boarders & Measurers of Wood, And John Anthony and Baryona Devol, Were Engaged Before Abner Brownell Esq^r

Baryona Devol, George Brownell, Jethro Howland, Were Chosen Cullers of Hoops and Staves and Baryona Devol, and Jethro Howland were Engaged before Abner Brownell Esq^r

Preserved Shasman, and Pelay Wood, were chosen Sealers of Leather —

Guidon Davis was chosen Culler of Dry fish and Sworn Before Abner Brownell Esq^r in Town Meeting

Highram Soule and Abner Devol were Chosen Tything Men and Highram Soule was at the same time Engaged to Authorize him to Officiate in his P. office Before Abner Brownell Esq^r in Town Meeting —

Gideon Davis, Warton Macomber, Thomas Cornell, Nathan Lion, Ichabod Potter, Wagon Potter, Benjamin Cory, Jonathan Tripp, Daniel Brownell, Were Chosen Hog Reavers and Thomas Cornell, and Jonathan Tripp were affirmed accordingly Before Abner Brownell Esq. in Town Meeting.

Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford, Jeremiah Wilcox, Samuel Wilcox, & Jerry Gifford, were Chosen
Overseers of Fishery

Noted that the manner of Providing for the poor belonging to this Town be by Vendueing unless in Instances where the Select Men, shall think it best to provide otherways having regard to their comfortable Support and Maintainance.

Voted that the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars, be raised by way of Tax on the polls and Estates, of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, for the support of the poor, and schools, and other Expenses, of said Town the year ensuing, to be collected and paid in to the Town Treasury by the first day of April next, and the Assessors are hereby Directed to assess said sum of seven Hundred Dollars in the way and manner directed by law, and deliver a list or lists thereof to the Collector as soon as may be.

Voted that the sum of one Hundred and Twenty Dollars, be appropriated for the support of schools, to be proportioned to each school kept in the Town, in proportion to the Number of days schooling, the whole number of scholars shall receive in said school, the schools kept by Mistresses, to have one half the sum in proportion to the days schooling, as those Schools kept by school masters, and that each school District, the Masters and Mistresses, are Requested to Return the number of Days Schooling —

Schooling in their schools kept within the year. To the Select men on or before the first day of April next, and those that do not make such Returns by said time are not entitled to any of the said sum of One hundred and Twenty Dollars. Neither are they to be Excepted of by the Select men any time after the said first day of April and the Select men is hereby directed to divide the Money accordingly, to those that do make Returns by the said first day of April next —

Voted that for the amending and keeping in Repair the highways and Town ways in in the Town of Westport the year ensuing the sum of One Thousand Dollars, be assessed on the polls, and Rateable Estates, Real and personal of the Residents and non Residents of the town of Westport, as the Inhabitants are by law Assessed, in other taxes, and that the ~~same~~ ~~Assessors~~ 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 twentyfive cents be allowed by the surveyors of highways for a days work of a man or pair of oxen, and in proportion for the parts of days work — and that Twentyfive cents be allowed for the use of a cart or plow One day —

Voted that the above sum 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 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 & personal Estate, as near as he can, & shall Assign a time for the purpose of treading down or Removing the snow, in the same manner, as highways are Repaired in Towns, who neglect to Vote a Sum of money for the purpose of repairing the highways in said town

The Committee on accounts, made a report in writing, that they had attended the duties assigned them, and that they had allowed to the several, persons named in the list presented by them the several sums set against their respective names, amounting in the whole to the sum of Eight Hundred & forty nine Dollars. It was thereupon Voted to Except the Report of the Committee, and the Treasurer is hereby 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 —

They also Reported that agreeable to their Commission they had Made a Settlement with the Town Treasurer and found that he had Received for ^{the} Town within the year past the sum of \$209-00 and has paid as by his account 188-97 Leaving a balance in favour of the Town of \$20-03. And that they had made a settlement with him accordingly —

Voted ^{that} William White Jr. Treasurer of the Town of Westport be and hereby is Directed to Collect the Towns property in the hands of Others that he has security for

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the last Monday in August at two of the Clock in the after noon then to meet at this place and it was Adjourned accordingly

Recorded by me *William White Jr. Town Clerk*

At A Town Meeting legally warned and held at
the House of Levi Standish & Co. in Westport on Saturday
the 30th day of April 1808 For the purpose of drawing
Two Men to serve on the Petit Jury at the Supreme Judicial
Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Taunton by
adjournment within and for the County of Bristol On
the Second Tuesday of May next

Benjamin Cory and Nathaniel Potter were drawn
to serve Accordingly —

At the same time and place two men were drawn
to serve on the Petit Jury at the Court of Common Pleas,
to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol
On the Second Monday of June next —

Shadrach Percival & Adam Sawton were drawn to
serve as aforesaid —

William White Clerk of the Town of Westport

To Roger White Constable of the Town of Westport
Greeting —

① you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town meeting, to meet at the town house in said Town on Monday the twenty ninth day of August Instant at one of the Clock in the After-noon, for the purpose of Petitioning the President of the United States, to Suspend the Embargo, either wholly, or partially, according to the powers vested in him by the Congress of the United States, or if any Doubts should exist as to the Sufficiency of those powers, that he be Requested to call Congress together as soon as possible. —

Given under our hands and seals this nineteenth Day of August A.D. 1808

Abner Brownell } Selectmen of
Lemuel Milk } Westport

Bristol, ss. Westport August 29th 1808

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.

Roger White Constable —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss. At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Westport, duly qualified & legally warned in public town Meeting, assembled at the town house on Monday the 29th day of August A.D. 1808 for the purpose of Petitioning the —

the President of the United States to Suspend the Embargo either wholly or partially —

1. Abner Brownell Esq. was Chosen Moderator —
2. Voted that a Committee of Seven be Chosen to prepare a Respectful Petition to the President of the United States for that Purpose —
3. Voted that Abner Brownell Esq. Lemuel Milk, Roger White Capt. Barney Hicks, Capt Isaac Cory, Major Sylvester Brownell and Capt. Gilbert Tompkins be the Committee to prepare Such a Petition — who prepared such a petition which was read in said Meeting and Unanimously Voted to be accepted; & that the Selectmen be directed to Transmit the same to the President of the United States.

Recorded by William White Esq. Town Clerk —

At a town Meeting legally warned and held at the house of Levi Standish & Co. in Westport on Monday the third Day of October A.D. 1808 for the purpose of drawing one man to serve as Grand Juror at the supreme judicial Court within and for the County of Bristol to be holden at Taunton on the Second Tuesday of October Instant —

And Daniel Howard was drawn to serve accordingly

Also at the same time & place, and for the same Court was drawn Nathaniel Tripp son of Ebenezer to serve as Petit Juror

Recorded by me William White Esq. Town Clerk

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport
Greeting

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the Said town of Westport duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General court of said Commonwealth to assemble at the town House in said town on Monday the ~~Seventh~~^{7th} day of November next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for Bristol District.

Also to know the towns men in regard to Suing for the Widow Martha Allen's right of Dower, (or Devises given her) as she has been supported at this towns expence ever since last June

Given under our hands and Seals this Twelfth day of October A.D. 1808

Abner Brownell } Selectmen of
Samuel Milk } Westport —

Bristol, ss. Westport November 7th 1808

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 Purposes above mentioned.

Roger White Constable

At a town Meeting legally warned and held at the Town house in Westport, in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Monday the Seventh day of November A.D. 1808 at one of the Clock in the afternoon the Male Inhabitants of said town of Westport and District of Bristol, duly qualified to Vote for Representatives in the General court of said Commonwealth, did assemble at said town house in Westport, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for Bristol District. The following Persons were voted for —

The Honourable Laban Wharton Esq.^r had one Hundred & sixty Votes ————— 160
The Honourable Jonah Dean Esq.^r had Nine Votes ————— 9-
And Record and declaration was made thereof agreeable to Law —

Also at a meeting legally warned and held at the time and place before mentioned

Voted that Samuel Milk Roger White & George Lawton be chosen a committee to call for the right which Martha Allen Widow of Joseph Allen deceased is entitled to out of said deceased Estate by will or otherwise, as shall appear most legal & Equitable for the Interest of this town & all parties concerned.

And to omit prosecuting any or either of those who now claim by Deed or otherwise, that will come forward & pay what is now deficient & give obligation to pay annually in future so long as said Widow shall live, full one third of the Value of the Rents & profits of what they claim of said deceased's estate. Which said widow is legally & justly entitled to, as the Value of the rents & profits shall be appraised to be worth by said Committee

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk.

At a Meeting legally Warned and held at the house of William White 2^d in Westport on Saturday the 4th day of March A.D. 1809 For the purpose of drawing two men to serve as Jurors One on the Grand Jury and one on the Petit Jury and Ebenezer Allen Junior was drawn to serve as Grand Juror: at the court of common pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second ~~day~~ Monday of March next and at the court of common pleas on the second Monday of September next to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol -

Also David Sison to serve as Petit Juror at the court of common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the second Monday of March next
Recorded by William White 2^d Town Clerk

On the 13th day of March A.D. 1809 Roger White Personally appeared and took the Oath required by law to Qualify him, to Execute the duties of Constable and Collector for the town of Westport

Before me William White 2^d Town Clerk

And at the same time Entered into bonds with surety for the faithful ^{performance} of the Trust Deposited in him

To Roger White Constable of the Town of Westport
Greeting

① You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth
② of Massachusetts, to Summon & notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town Meetings, viz. Such as pay to or on Single tax besides the poll or polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a Single poll tax, to assemble at the town House on Monday the third day of April next, at ten of the clock in the fore noon, to act on the following articles. Viz.

1. To Choose all such Officers for the year ensuing as Towns by law are required or authorised to. —
2. To Choose a Committee to examine accounts brought against said Town, & also to settle with the town Treasurer.
3. To vote what Sum is necessary to raise by way of Tax for the Support of the poor & other expenses. Also what Sum shall be expended in amending & repairing of highway, & drift ways the year ensuing & also in regard to schools.
4. To know the towns mind, when votes are given in by ballot of requiring each voter to subscribe his name on the back of his vote, at any time when ten or more requests it
5. To Choose such other Committees or agents, and devise such measures as may appear most Expedient and necessary for the benefit of the town. —

And make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town at or before said day of Meeting. Given Under our hands & seals this fourteenth day of March A.D. 1809. —

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
Roger White } Westport —

Bristol & Westport April 3^d 1809 Pursuant to the within warrant, I have Summoned & notified the Inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time & place, and for the purposes within mentioned.
Roger White - Constable -

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Westport in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote in town meeting Did assemble at the Town house in Westport on Monday the third day of April A.D. 1809 - at ten of the Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of choosing Town Officers, and for acting on the other articles contained in the foregoing Warrant.

Abner Brownell Esq^r was Chosen Moderator
William White 2^d. Chosen Town Clerk and sworn before Abner Brownell Esq^r in Town meeting agreeable to Law -

Abner Brownell Esq^r Lemuel Milk & Roger White was Chosen Select men, and all made affirmation Required by law to faithfully execute the duties of said office
Before me William White 2^d. Town Clerk -

Elijah Gifford jun^r Wilson Tripp & Nathan Tripp was Chosen Assessors, and made affirmation agreeable to Law, that they would faithfully execute the duties of said office Before Abner Brownell Esq^r in town meeting -

William White 2^d. Was Chosen Town Treasurer and to Receive one and one fourth per cent on the money that he shall Receive into the Treasury, and took the Oath Required by law. Before Abner Brownell Esq^r in Town Meeting

John Mosher Lemuel Milk & Nathaniel Kirby Blacksmith was Chosen a Committee on accounts and to settle with the Treasurer

Nathaniel Kirby was Chosen Pound Keeper

Peter Macomber Richard Gifford Abner Potter Isaac Pettey
Gurham Wodel Jeremiah White Abner Willcox Ebenezer
Baker Samuel Slade Pardon Kirby Benjamin Brownell
John Davis Sylvester Brownell jun^r Zachary Dyer George
Lawton David Sanford Eliza Manchester Jonathan Tripp
John Fisher Jabez Howland Lemuel Milk Job Gifford
Warren Gifford son of Merriam Luther White were Chosen
Surveyors of Highways and all made affirmation except
Richard Gifford Abner Willcox Samuel Slade Benjamin Brownell
John Fisher & Warren Gifford and they were not Engaged
Before Abner Brownell Esq^r in town meeting -

Thomas Cornell Bradford Richmond Christopher Cornell
Benjamin Brownell Benjamin Brownell 2^d. Sylvester -
Brownell jun^r Jonathan Tripp Edmond Tripp & Wilbur Gifford
were Chosen Fence Viewers - and -

Bradford Richmond Sylvester Brownell jun^r & Jonathan Tripp
were duly Engaged according to Law, to the faithful Performance
of the duties of said office. Before Abner Brownell Esq^r.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Second Monday of
May next which will be the 8th day of said month at
one of the Clock in the after noon then to meet at this
Place and it is adjourned Accordingly
Recorded by me William White 2^d. Town Clerk

To Roger White Constable of the Town of Westport
Greeting~

© You are hereby Required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to 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 on Monday the third day of April next at Eleven of the clock in the fore noon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and ^{Counsellors} County Treasurer agreeable to the Constitution & Laws of Said Commonwealth, Given under Our hands and Seals, at Said Westport this thirteenth day of March A.D. 1809 —

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
Roger White } of Westport

Bristol, ss. Westport April. 3. 1809 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.

Roger White Constable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westport in the County of Bristol in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors and County Treasurer holden on the third day of April A.D. 1809 it being the first Monday of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant and of the Commonwealth, and Senators and Counsellors for the district of Bristol. Votes for the following Persons were given in sorted countre

and—

And Return and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, Namely -

for Governor { The Honourable Christopher Gore Esq^r
had one hundred & ninety nine Votes - 199
The Honourable Levi Lincoln Esq^r
had Twenty five Votes ——— 25

For Lieutenant Gov^t { The Honourable David Cobb Esq^r
had One Hundred and Ninety nine ^{Votes} - 199
The Honourable Joseph B. Varnum Esq^r
had Twenty five Votes ——— 25

For Senators
and Councillors { ~~Levi~~ Samuel Fales Esq^r had one hundred
and Ninety four Votes ——— 194
Edward Pope Esq^r had one hundred and
Ninety five Votes ——— 195
Nathaniel Morton Jun^r Esq^r had Twenty three Votes 23
David Perry Esq^r had Twenty three Votes ——— 23
Recorded by me William White Esq^r Town Clerk ———

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified by the Constitution, to Vote for Representatives holden at said Westport on the third day of April A.D. 1809 The said inhabitants give in their Votes for a County Treasurer, and the same being ~~sorted~~ sorted and counted in the meeting, by the Moderator and Town Clerk it appeared that there were for Samuel Crocker Esq^r One Hundred and Sixty three Votes ——— 163

Recorded by me William White Esq^r Clerk of the Town of

Westport.
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At a Meeting legally warned and held at the house of Levi Standish in Westport on Monday the first day of May A.D. 1809 for the purpose of drawing one man to serve as Juror, on the Pittis Jury at the Supreme Judicial Court of this Commonwealth to be holden by adjournment at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the second Tuesday of May Instant —
And Isaac Brownell was drawn to serve accordingly

To Roger White Constable of the town of Westport
Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male inhabitants of Said town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in Said town for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold estate within Said town of the annual income of ten Dollars or any estate to the value of two hundred Dollars, to meet at the town House on Monday the eighth day of May next at one of the Clock in the After noon, 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 Said May.

Given under our hands & Seals at Said Westport the twenty fifth day of April A.D. 1809.

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
Lemuel Mith } of Westport

Bristol, ss. Westport May 8. 1809 Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of Said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time & place & for the purpose above mentioned. Roger White
(Constable)

At a meeting legally warned & held at the Town House in Westport on Monday the eighth day of May A.D. 1809 for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent the inhabitants of Said town at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of Said May. The Persons voted for were Sylvester Brownell who had sixty votes — 60 —
Abner Brownell Esq. who had fifty seven votes. 57 —
And declaration was made thereof by the Selectmen
Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk —

At a meeting legally warned & held at the Town House in Westport on Monday the third day of April A.D. 1809 & continued by adjournment unto Monday the eighth day of May following. — Met according to adjournment.

Pardon Pirby John Fisher & Warren Gifford were chosen Surveyors of highways, for the year ensuing

Richard Gifford & Benjamin Brownell were duly engaged as Surveyors of highways.

June 28. 1809 John Fisher was duly engaged as a Surveyor of highways

Wilbur Gifford, Benjamin Brownell & Benjamin Brownell 2^d were chosen Fence Viewers & was duly engaged.

Jeremiah Willcox Edward Manchester, Benjamin Gory, Jonathan Tripp, Joshua Potter, Wapson Potter Nathan Lyon & John Gifford 2^d chosen Field Drivers

May 26. 1809 Nathan Lyon was duly engaged,

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Adam Gifford Chosen Constable & Collector of Taxes
for the year ensuing & to have 2 1/2 per Cent on the money
that he shall pay into the Treasurers.
August 11. 1809 he was duly engaged

Abner Gifford chosen Sealer of Weights & Measures
for the year ensuing & was duly engaged.

Levi Standish, George Brownell, John Anthony
Daniel Howland, Nicholas Davis & Pardon Allen
Chosen Surveyors of Lumber & cordons & measurers
of Wood.

May 23. 1809 Daniel Howland was duly engaged
before Peleg Sisson Esq.

May 26. 1809 Nicholas Davis was duly engaged

George Brownell & Loeth Howland Chosen
Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Peleg Wood & Preserved Shearman Chosen
Sealers of Leather

Loeth Howland Chosen, culler of Dry fish

Hiram Soble & Abner Devol Chosen Tythingmen

Roger White, Gideon Davis, Warton Macomber
Thomas Cornell Nathan Lyon Ichabod Potter 2^d
Wesley Potter, Jonathan Tripp & Daniel Brownell
Chosen Hog- Reeves.

Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford, Jeremiah Willcox
Samuel Willcox & Perry Gifford Chosen Overseers of the
Fishery

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Voted that the manner of Providing for the Poor belonging to this
Town be by Vendueing unless in Instances where the Selectmen
shall think it best to provide otherways having regard to their
Comfortable Support & maintenance.

Voted that the Sum of Eight hundred Dollars be raised by
way of Tax on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the town
for the Support of the poor & Schools & other Expenses of Said
town the year ensuing to be collected & 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 & deliver a list or lists thereof to the
Collector as soon as may be.

Voted that the Sum of one hundred & twenty Dollars be appro-
-priated for the Support of Schools, to be proportioned to each
School kept in the town in proportion to the number of days
Schooling, the whole number of Scholars shall receive in Said
School; The Schools kept by Mistresses to have one half the
Sum in proportion to the days Schooling, as those Schools
kept by School Masters. And that in each School District
the Masters & Mistresses are required to return the num-
-ber of days Schooling in their Schools kept within the year
to the Selectmen on or before the first monday of April next
& 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, & the
Selectmen is hereby directed to divide the money according
-ly.

Voted that for the amending & repairing the highways & Town-
-ways in the town of Westport the year ensuing the Sum of one
Thousand Dollars be assessed on the Polls & estate other Taxes are
assessed, & that the Assessors assess the Same as soon as may be
& deliver a list of the persons names & the Sum which they
are

are assessed, to each Surveyor for his limits according to law.
Voted that Seventy five cents be allowed by the Surveyors of highways for a days work of a man or pair of oxen & in proportion for the parts of days work.

And that twenty five cents be allowed for the use of a cart or plow one day.

Voted that the above Sum 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 or incumbered with Snow 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 & Personal estate as near as he can, & Shall assign a time for the purpose of treading Down or removing the Snow, in the same manner, as highways are repaired in towns who neglect to vote a Sum of money for the purpose of repairing the highways in Said town.

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 nine hundred Sixty two (Dollars & Sixty two cents) - \$962.62

It was thereupon Voted to accept the report of the Committee, & the Treasurer is directed to pay the Several Sums thus allowed by the Committee to the Several persons therein named, & to Charge the Same to the town.

The Committee also report that agreeable to their Commission they made a Settlement with the town Treasurer, & found that he had received for the town within the year past the Sum of ———— \$602.01

And has paid as by his account ———— 581.87

Leaving a balance in favor of the town of ———— \$ 20.14

And that they had made a Settlement with him accordingly.

The Committee appointed by the town of Westport on the Seventh day of November last past by request of Capt. Benjamin Wilcox to appraise the right of Dower of Martha Allen Widow in the homestead farm bought of George Allen by Said Wilcox, - from the time of his purchase or twenty fifth day of March A. D. 1808 to the time of Said Widow's Decease, they report in writing that Said Widow's right in Said land for Said term, that they appraised the Same at thirty Six (Dollars & Sixty Six cents).

Signed Samuel Mith

(Dated April 8. 1809

George Lawton

Roger White

It was thereupon voted to accept Said report

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty Sixth day of August next at two of the Clock After noon then to meet at this place.

Recorded by me William White & Town Clerk
D. B.

At a meeting legally warned & held at
in Westport on the twenty Seventh day of May A.D. 1809
for the purpose of drawing two men as Jurors on the Petit
Jury at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton
within & for the County of Bristol on the Second ^{Monday} of June
next. - George Lawton Jr. & Cook Howland was drawn
to Serve accordingly

At a meeting legally warned & held at the Town House
in Westport on Monday the third day of April A.D. 1809
& continued by adjournment unto Monday the eighth
day of May following, & from that time unto Saturday
the twenty Sixth day of August following.

Met according to adjournment.

Roger White Chosen Agent for the town unto the
Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to be holden at Taunton in the County
of Bristol on the Second Tuesday of October next.

And at the Courts of Common Pleas during the
year.

Recorded by William White Town Clerk

At a meeting legally warned & held at the Town -
House in Westport on Saturday the twenty Sixth day
of August, A.D. 1809 for the purpose of drawing
one man as a juror on the Petit Jury at the Court
of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within
& for the County of Bristol on the Second Monday
of September next.

Thomas Wodel was drawn to Serve accordingly

At a meeting legally warned & held at the Town House in Westport on Monday the Second day of October A.D. 1809 for the purpose of drawing one Man as a Grand Juror and two men as Petit Jurors at the Supreme Judicial Court of this Commonwealth to be holden at Taunton in the County of Bristol on the Second Tuesday of October Instant.

Abner Devol was drawn as a Grand Juror, & Abiel Davis & Josiah Brownell as Petit Jurors to Serve accordingly

At a meeting legally warned & held at the house of William White 2^d Esq. on Tuesday the fifth day of December A.D. 1809 for the purpose of drawing ~~two~~ Men as Petit Jurors at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within & for the County of Bristol on the Second Monday of December Instant.

Edward Wing & Samuel Willcox was drawn as Petit Jurors to Serve at Said Court accordingly

At a meeting legally warned & held at the house of William White 2^d Esq. on Saturday the third day of March A.D. 1810 for the purpose of drawing one man to Serve as a Grand Juror for the year ensuing & one man to Serve on the Petit Jury for the Court of Common Pleas on the Second Monday of March Inst.

And Justice Kirby was drawn as a Grand Juror & Matthew Russel as a Petit Juror to Serve accordingly

Recorded by William White 2^d Town Clerk

To Adam Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport.
 Greeting
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Summon & notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said town qualified by Law to vote in town meetings viz. Such as pay to one single tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single poll Tax to assemble at the Town House on Monday the Second day of April next, at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles viz.

1. To Choose all Such Officers for the year ensuing as Town by Law are required or authorised to do,
2. To Choose a Committee to examine accounts brought against Said Town, & also to settle with the town Treasurer.
3. To Vote what Sum is necessary to raise by way Tax for the Support of Poor & Schools, and other expences.
 Also what Sum shall be expended in amending and repairing highways & drift ways the year ensuing.
4. To receive returns of highways laid out or altered by the Selectmen, & to pass Such a vote for directing the Same to be done as may appear expedient.
5. To Choose Such other Committees or Agents, & devise Such measures as may appear most expedient and necessary for the Benefit of the town.
6. To know the towns mind in regard to making an open highway of what is now a Drift way from the Head of the River down South on the west Side of the River to the point. — And make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of Said town, at or before Said time of Meeting. — Given under our hands & Seals this 16th day of March A. D. 1810.

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
 Lemuel Milk }
 Roger White } of Westport.

Agreeable to the within Warrant I have Summoned & notified the Inhabitants of Said Town. Qualified as is herein expressed to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned

Adam Gifford Constable
 Bristol's Westport April 2^d 1810

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport Assembled at the Town House in said Westport on Monday the Second day of April A. D. 1810 at nine of the Clock in the forenoon for the purposes contained in the foregoing Warrant.

Abner Brownell Esq^r was Chosen Moderator.
 William White 2^d Esq^r Chosen Town Clerk & sworn before
 Abner Brownell Esq^r in Town meeting.

Abner Brownell Esq^r Christopher Cornell & Abner Gifford Merchant. Chosen Selectmen & duly engaged

William White 2^d Esq^r Abner Gifford Merchant & Ebenezer Allen Jr. Chosen Assessors & duly Engaged.

William White 2^d Esq^r Chosen Treasurer for the Town & to have one & one fourth per cent on the money that he shall receive into the Treasury, & was duly engaged.

John Mosher Lemuel Milk & Nathaniel Kirby Black^s was Chosen a Committee on accounts & to settle with the Town Treasurer.

Nathaniel Kirby Blacksmith Chosen Pound keeper.

Humphrey Macomber, Wesson Potter, Nathaniel Bowle, Emmanuel Devol, George Gifford, Stephen Cornell, Abner Willcox, Ebenezer Baker, Samuel Slade, John Wait, Benjamin Brownell, John Davis, Bradford Richardson

Richmond, George Lawton, Joshua Petty, Jonathan Tripp, Pardon Cornell, Roger White, Charles Baker, Job Gifford, Humphrey Willcox & Job Lawton, Chosen Surveyors of highways & duly engaged.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the fourteenth day of May next at one of the Clock in the After noon then to meet at this place.

Recorded by me William White R. Town Clerk
To Adam Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport
Greeting.

① You are hereby required, in the name of the Com-
② monwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the male Inha-
③ bitants of the said Town of Westport, of twenty one
years of age & 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 on Monday the
Second day of April next at eleven of the Clock in the
forenoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieu-
tenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors,

And a County Treasurer, Agreeable to the Consti-
tution and Laws of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Westport
this Sixteenth day of March A. D. 1810

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
Lemuel Milk } of
Roger White } Westport

Bristol, Westport April 2. 1810

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Summoned
and notified the Inhabitants of said Town, Qualified
as herein expressed, to assemble at the time & place
and for the purpose within mentioned.

Adam Gifford Constable
Recorded by me William White R. Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport
Assembled at the Town House in said Westport on the Second day
of April A.D. 1810 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
& declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed

viz

For Governor	} His Excellency Christopher Gore had two hundred & nine votes	} 209

For Lieut. Governor	} His Honor David Cobb had two hundred & nine votes	} 209

For Senators	} Hon. Edward Pope had two hundred & nine votes	} 209						
			} Hon. Samuel Fales had two hundred & nine votes	} 209				
					} Hon. Nathaniel Morton Jr. had forty two votes	} 42		
							} Hon. Joseph Tisdale had forty three votes	} 43

For County Treasurer	} Samuel Crocker Esq. - - -	} 120

Recorded by me William White R. Town Clerk

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To Adam Gifford Constable of Westport

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
 wealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male In-
 habitants of said Town, being twenty one years 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 ten Dollars or
 any estate to the value of two hundred Dollars,
 to meet at the Town House on Monday the fourteenth
 day of May next at one of the Clock in the After noon
 for the purpose of choosing one or more representa-
 tives, to represent them at the General Court appoint-
 ed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednes-
 day of said May. And make return of this Warrant
 with your doings thereon, at or before said time of
 meeting. Given under our hands and seals at said
 Westport the 30th day of April A.D. 1810

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
 Abner Gifford }
 Christopher Cornell } of
 Westport

Bristol ss. Westport May 14. 1810 Pursuant to the within
 Warrant. I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants
 of said Town, Qualified as therein expressed to meet
 at the time and place, and for the purpose within
 mentioned. Adam Gifford Constable.

Recorded by me. William White i. Town Clerk -
 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
 of Westport Assembled at the Town House in said
 Westport on the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1810
 for the purpose contained in the foregoing Warrant
 The following Persons were Chosen Representa-
 tives for said Town of Westport.

Abner Brownell Esq. who had sixty one votes. 61.
 Sylvester Brownell Esq. who had fifty eight votes. 58
 Abner Gifford Merch^t who had fifty five votes. 55
 And declaration thereof was made by the
 Selectmen. Recorded by me William White 2^d T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
 Town of Westport, assembled at the Town House in
 said Westport on Monday the Second day of April
 A.D. 1810, and continued by adjournment unto
 Monday the fourteenth day of May following.
 Met according to adjournment.

Abraham Cornell, Bradford Richmond
 Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell
 Benjamin Brownell 2^d, Sylvester Brownell Jr.
 Jonathan Tripp, Edmund Tripp & Wilbourn Gifford
 Chosen Fence Viewers

Thomas Allen Taylor, Edward Manchester
 Benjamin Cory, George C. Brownell, Joshua Potter
 Welson Potter, Nathan Lyon & John Gifford 2^d
 Chosen Field Drivers, Joshua Potter engaged
 May 16, 1810 Nathan Lyon engaged.

Adam Gifford Chosen Constable & to have
 three per Cent. on the money that he shall pay
 into the Treasurers.

Abner Gifford Chosen Sealer of Weights and
 Measures, & duly engaged

Levi Standish George Brownell John Anthony, Daniel
 Howland Abner Gifford & Pardon Allen, Chosen Surveyors
 of Lumber, Borders & Measures of Wood.
 Abner Gifford engaged

George Brownell & Loeth Howland Chosen Cullers of
 Hoops & Staves

Daniel Brownell & Preserved Shearman Chosen Sealers
 of Leather

Loeth Howland Chosen Culler of Dry fish
 Israel Brightman, David Bowle, Jonathan Davis &
 Brice Mosher, Chosen Tyingmen,

Pardon Gifford, Adam Gifford, Phillip Davis 2^d
 Stephen Cornell 2^d, Barnabas Potter, Jonathan Gifford
 George C. Brownell & Joshua Potter, Chosen Hog-
 Reeves. - Adam Gifford Stephen Cornell 2^d Jonathan
 Gifford & Joshua Potter was duly Engaged.

Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford, Pardon Cornell
 Samuel Willcox & Perry Gifford Chosen overseers of
 the Fishery

Voted that the manner of providing for the Poor belong
 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 main-
 tenance.

Voted that the Sum of eight 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, & Schools & other
 Expenses of said town the year ensuing to be collected
 & paid into the town Treasurer by the first day of April
 next. And the Assessors are directed to Assess said Sum

In the way and manner directed by Law, & 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 aforesaid Eight 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. And that in each School District the Masters & 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, & 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, & the Selectmen are hereby directed to divide the money accordingly.

Voted that for the amending and repairing the highways & town Ways in the town of Westport the year ensuing, the Sum of Eight hundred Dollars be Assessed on the Polls & Estate as other Taxes are Assessed, & that the Assessors Assess the Same as soon as may be, & deliver a list of the persons names, & the Sum which 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 a days work of a man or pair of oxen & in 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 the above Sum 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 or incumbered with Snow, the Surveyors of such ways shall assign to the Several persons in his limits their proportion of
(Days)

Days work & team if necessary, according to his Real & personal estate as near as he can, & shall assign a time for the purpose of treading down or removing the snow in the same manner as highways are repaired in towns who neglect to vote a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the highways in said town.

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 Eight hundred Eighty Eight & fifty one cents. \$888.51.

It was thereupon Voted to accept the report of the Committee, & the Treasurer is directed to pay the several sums thus allowed by the Committee to the several persons therein named, & Charge the same to the town.

The Committee also report that agreeable to their appointment they made a Settlement with the Town Treasurer & found that he had received for the town the year past, the sum of ----- \$1363.04

And has paid as by his accounts ----- 1379.57

Leaving a balance in favor of the Treasurer \$ 16.53

And that they had made a Settlement with him accordingly

Dated May 14. 1810

Signed

John Masher } Towns
Nathanael Thiry } Committee
Sennel Mith

Honor Brownell Esq. Chosen Agent for the town of Westport for the year ensuing.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Saturday the twenty fifth day of August next at two of the Clock in the After noon, then to meet at this place.

Recorded by me William White & Town Clerk.

At a meeting legally warned & held at the Town House in Westport on Monday the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1810. for the purpose of drawing one Man as a Juror on the Traverse Jury at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within & for the County of Bristol on the Second Monday of June next.

Isaac Macomber was drawn to serve accordingly. Recorded by me William White T. Clerk

At a meeting legally warned & held at the ~~Town~~ House of William White Esq. on the fourth day of October A.D. 1810 for the purpose of drawing one Man as a Grand Juror & one Man as a Traverse Juror at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton within & for the County of Bristol on the Second Tuesday of October Instant.

Wesley Tripp was drawn to serve as a Grand Juror & Edward Slade as a Traverse Juror at said Court.

Recorded by me William White T. Clerk

① To Adam Gifford Constable of Westport Greeting

② You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the said town of Westport duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday the fifth day of November next being the first Monday in said month at one of the Clock in the After noon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Com-

Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for Bristol District. - Given under our hands & Seals this eighteenth day of October Anno Domini 1810

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
Abner Gifford } of Westport

Bristol vs. Westport Nov. 2^d 1810 Pursuant to the above Warrant I duly notified the freeholders and Inhabitants of the said Town of Westport. Qualified to vote for representatives as above mentioned, to assemble at the time and place specified in the Warrant, & for the purpose thereof by me Adam Gifford Constable

Recorded by me William White T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport Assembled at the Town House in said Westport on the fifth day of November A.D. 1810. for the purpose contained in the foregoing Warrant.

Votes for the following persons were given in sorted counted & declaration thereof made.

Hon. Laban Wheaton Esq. had Seventy two Votes. 72

Hon. Nathaniel Morton Jr. Esq had eight Votes - 8

Recorded by me William White T. Clerk

At a meeting legally warned & held at the Town House in Westport on the first day of December A.D. 1810 for the purpose of drawing one Man as a Juror on the Traverse Jury at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within & for the County of Bristol on the Second Monday of December Instant.

Major Allen was drawn to serve accordingly

Recorded by me William White T. Clerk of the Town of.

Westport

To Adam Gifford Constable of the town of Westport

Greeting

- O You are hereby required in the name of the Com-
 O -monwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and
 notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
 town qualified by Law to vote in town meetings,
 viz, Such as pay to one Single Tax besides the Poll or
 Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a Single Poll Tax
 to Assemble at the Town House on Monday the first
 day of April next. at nine of the Clock in the fore-
 noon to act on the following Articles, viz,
1. To Choose all Such Officers for the year ensuing as
 Towns by Law are required or authorised to do.
 2. To Choose a committee to examine accounts brought
 against said Town. And also to settle with the Town Treasurer
 3. To Vote what Sum is necessary to raise by way of Tax for
 the Support of the Poor & Schools, & other expences.
 Also what Sum shall be expended in amending & repair-
 ing highways & drift-ways the year ensuing.
 4. To Choose Such other Committees or Agents, & devise such
 measures as may appear most expedient & necessary
 for the benefit of the Town.
 5. To know the minds of the town respecting the due Reg-
 -ulation of the Town Landings at the heads of Westport rivers
 and devise such measures as may appear most beneficial
 Respecting the Same. And make return of this Warrant
 with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town at or
 before said time of meeting

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Given under our hands & Seals this Sixteenth day of March
Anno Domini. 1811.

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
Christopher Cornell } of
Abner Gifford } Westport

Bristol Co. Westport March 25th 1811. Agreeable to the
within warrant I have Summoned and warned, the
freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the aforesaid town
of Westport Qualified as within mentioned, to meet at
the time and place, and for the purpose within
specified, by me - Adam Gifford } Constable

Recorded by me William White Town Clerk
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport Assembled at the town House in said Westport on
Monday the first day of April A.D. 1811 at nine of the clock
in the fore noon for the purposes contained in the fore-
going Warrant

Abner Brownell Esq. was chosen Moderator
William White 2^d Esq. Chosen Town Clerk and Sworn
Before Abner Brownell Esq. In Town meeting

Abner Brownell Esq. Christopher Cornell & Abner
Gifford Merchant, Chosen Selectmen & duly engaged

The above Selectmen Chosen Assessors & Humphrey
Howland & Capt. Barney Hicks Assistant Assessors and
was duly engaged.

William White 2^d Esq. Chosen Treasurer for the Town & to
have one and one fourth per Cent on the money that
he shall receive into the Treasury & was duly Engaged.

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John Noyes Lemuel Milk & Nathaniel Kirby Blacks
was chosen a Committee on accounts & to settle with
the Town Treasurer.

Nathaniel Kirby Blackⁿ chosen Pound keeper and
was duly Engaged

Humphrey Macomber, Wesson Potter, Nathaniel Soule,
Samuel Devol, George Gifford, Stephen Cornell 2nd

Jonathan Soule, Ephraim Macomber, Samuel Slade,
James Cornell, Nathaniel Kirby, Tillinghast Tripp,
John Dyer, George Lawton, Samuel Borden, Jonathan
Tripp, Samuel Willcox, Benjamin Cory, Lemuel
Milk, Job Gifford, Humphrey Willcox & Wing Howland

was Chosen Surveyors of highways & were all duly engaged
except Samuel Devol.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the thirtee-
-nth of May next at Ten of the Clock in the fore noon
then to meet at this place

Recorded by me William White Town Clerk

W. White

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To Adam Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport
Greeting

③ You are hereby required in the name of the Com-
③ monwealth of Massachusetts, to warn the male
③ 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 Ten Dollars or any estate to the value of
two Hundred, to meet at the Town House on Monday
the first Day of April next at Eleven of the Clock in
the fore noon, to give in their votes for a Governor
Lieutenant Governor and Senators & Counsellors.
And also for a Register of Deeds, & Treasurer, for the county
of Bristol. — Agreeable to the Constitution and Laws
of Said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at Said Westport
this Sixteenth day of March Anno Domini 1844. &

Abner Brownell } Selectmen
Christopher Cornell } of
Abner Gifford } Westport.

Bristol ss. Westport March 23rd. 1844.

Agreeable to the within warrant I have Summon-
ed and warned, the male Inhabitants of the
aforesaid Town of Westport who are Qualified as
within mentioned to meet at the time and place
& for the purpose within Specified.

by me — Adam Gifford } Constable.

Witnessed by me in William White Town Clerk

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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 the first day of April A.D. 1844. at eleven of the
Clock in the fore noon for the purposes contained in
the foregoing Warrant,

Votes for the following persons were given in Sorted, counts
& declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed
viz.

For Governor } His Excellency Christopher Gore
had Two hundred and Eleven votes } 211
The Honorable Elbridge Gerry }
had Sixty one votes } 61

For Lieut. Governor } His Honor William Phillips
had Two hundred & twelve votes } 212
His Honor William Gray }
had Sixty one votes } 61

For Senators. } Hon. Seth Washburn
had Two hundred & Twelve votes } 212
Hon. Sylvester Brownell }
had Two hundred & twelve votes } 212
Hon. Joseph Tisdale }
had Sixty one votes } 61
Hon. Thomas Harvard jun^r }
had Sixty votes } 60

For County Treasurer } Samuel Crocker Esq.
had one hundred & Sixty Seven votes } 167

For County Register } James Williams Esq.
had one hundred & Sixty five votes } 165

At a meeting legally warned, and held at the house of William White 2^d Esq. on the twenty Sixth day of April A.D. 1811. for the purpose of Drawing one man as a Grand Juror at the Supreme Judicial court to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol (by adjournment) on the first Tuesday of May next.

Wanton Case was drawn to serve as a Grand Juror at said court.

Recorded by me in William White 2^d Town Clerk
To Adam Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport
Greeting

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town being twenty one years of age, & resident in said town for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold estate within said town, of the annual income of ten Dollars, or any estate to the value of two Hundred dollars, to meet at the town House on Monday the thirteenth day of May next at eleven of the clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next.

And make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town at or before said time of Meeting.

Given under our hands & Seals at said Westport the twenty Sixth day of April A.D. 1811.

Abner Brownell } Electmen
Abner Gifford } of
Christopher Cornell } Westport

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Bristol to Westport May 3rd 1844

Pursuant to the within 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.

Adam Gifford } Constable

Recorded by me — William White 2^d Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport Assembled at the town House in said Westport on Monday the thirteenth day of May A.D. 1844 for the purpose contained in the foregoing warrant The following persons were Chosen Representatives for said Town of Westport

Honer Brownell Esq. who had one hundred & Seven votes
Sylvester Brownell Esq. who had one hundred & Eight votes
Honer Gifford Merch. who had one hundred & Eight votes
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 first Day of April A.D. 1844 and continued by adjournment unto Monday the thirteenth day of May following.

Met according to adjournment.

Abraham Cornell, Bradford Richmond, Christopher Cornell, Benjamin Brownell, Benjamin Brownell^{2d}, Sylvester Brownell Jun^r, Jonathan Tripp, Edmond Tripp, Wilburt Gifford, Chosen fence viewers and Abraham Cornell, Christopher Cornell Benjamin Brownell & Sylvester Brownell Jun^r were duly Engaged

Major Allen, Wilburt Gifford, Edward Manchester,
Benjamin Cory, George C. Brownell Joshua Potter,
Nelson Potter, ~~Nathan Lyon~~, Jonathan Soule, &
James Cornell Chosen Field Drivers. Major Allen
Jonathan Soule James Cornell were duly engaged.

John Milk Chosen Constable & to have three and
an half per cent. on the money that he shall pay
into the Treasury, & was engaged

Abner Gifford Chosen Sealer of Weights and
measures, & was duly Engaged

Levi Standish, George Brownell, John Anthony,
Daniel Howland, Abner Gifford, & Pardon Allen
was Chosen Surveyors of Lumber, Cords & Measures
of Wood and were Duly Engaged

George Brownell, & Loeth Howland Chosen Cutters
of hoops & Staves,

Daniel Brownell & Preserved Shearman Chosen
Sealers of Leather

Loeth Howland Chosen Culler of Dry Fish.

Benjamin Cory, Ebenezer W. Soule, Daniel Boomer,
& John Snell, Chosen Tjthingmen.

Pardon Gifford, Philip Davis 2nd, Major Allen,
Barnabas Potter, Jonathan Gifford George C.
Brownell, Joshua Potter, & Job Gifford, Chosen
Hog-Reeves Jonathan Gifford was duly Engaged

Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford, Pardon Cornell,
Samuel Willcox, & Perry Gifford, Chosen Overseers
of the Fishery.

Voted that the manner of providing for the poor that
belongs to this Town be by Venduing unless in Instances
where the selectmen shall think it best to provide
Otherwise having regard to their comfortable support
and Maintanance.

Voted that the Sum of Twelve hundred Dollars be raised
by way of Tax on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabi-
tants of the Town for the support of the Poor & 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 said Sum in the way and
manner directed by Law, and deliver a list of 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 propor-
tioned to each School kept in the Town, in proportion
to the number of days Schooling, the whole number
of Scholars shall receive in said School. The Schools
kept by Mistresses to have one half the Sum in
proportion to the Days Schooling, as those Schools kept
by School Masters. And that in each School District
the Masters and Mistresses are required to return

the number of days of 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 hereby directed to divide the money accordingly.

Voted that for the amending and repairing the Highways and Town ways in the town of Westport the year ensuing the sum of Eight hundred Dollars be Assessed on the Polls and Estates as other Taxes are Assessed & that the Assessors Assess the same as soon as may be, & 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 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 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 & 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 & Earn if necessary, according to his real & personal Estate as near as he can, & shall assign a time for the purpose of treading down or removing the Snow in the same manner as Highways are repaired in towns who neglect to Vote a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the Highways in said Town.

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

Capt. Barney Hicks Chosen Agent for said town of Westport to Collect of Capt. Benjamin Willcox, the sum Reported to be due from him on the Eight day of April A. D. 1809 by the Committee appointed by said town at said Willcox's request.

Honer Brownell Esq. Chosen Agent for the town the year ensuing in all cases relative to the concerns of said Town not already provided for by other Officers already Chosen.

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 one thousand two hundred & Eighty Seven Dollars & Seventeen cents. \$1287¹⁷

It was thereupon Voted to accept the report of the Committee & the Treasurer is Directed to pay the several sums thus allowed by the Committee, to the several persons therein named, & Charge the same to the Town.

The Committee also report that agreeable to their appointment they made a Settlement with the Town Treasurer & found that he had received for the Town the year Past the sum of ————— \$1657¹⁸

And has paid as by his Accounts ————— 1615⁹⁵

Leaving a ballance in favor of the Town of ————— 41²³

And that they had made a Settlement with him accordingly.

They further report that they find by the report of the Committee the last year there was a Ballance in favor of the town Between the sums that had been Assessed on the Town & the sums Allowed against the Town the sum of \$245¹⁸

And that the sums Assessed the last year was 804⁴³
1049 61

And the sums allowed for the expences the last year as by report Presented \$1287¹⁷
237⁵⁶

Leaving a Balance against the Town of \$ 237⁵⁶

Dated May 13th 1841
Signed.

John Mosher } Towns.
Nathaniel Kirby } Committee
Lemuel Milk }

Lemuel Milk, Humphrey Howland & Abner Gifford, was chosen a Committee to put the law in force Respecting the Regulation of the town Landing at the head of Westport River or to Receive complaints.

Voted that the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen be accepted of by the Town.

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Saturday the twenty fourth day of August next at two of the clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place.

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

At a meeting legally warned & held at the House of William White 2^d Esq. on the fourth day of June A.D. 1841. for the purpose of drawing one man as a juror on the Traverse Jury at the court of common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the second Monday of this Instant Daniel Boomer was drawn to serve accordingly.

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

At a meeting legally warned & held at the house of William White 2^d Esq. on the third Day of September A.D. 1841. for the purpose of drawing one man as juror at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the second Monday of this Instant.

Ebenezer V. Soule was drawn to serve accordingly.

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

At a meeting legally warned & held at the House of William White 2^d Esq. on the fifth day of October A.D. 1841. for the purpose of drawing one man as a Grand Juror & one man as a Traverse juror at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton within & for the County of Bristol on the second Tuesday of October Instant.

Capt. John Anthony was drawn to serve as a Grand Juror & Helder White as a Traverse juror at said Court.

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

At a meeting legally warned and held at the House of William White 2^d Esq. on the fourth day of December A.D. 1841 for the purpose of Drawing one man as a Traverse Juror. at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of December 1841. Within and for the County of Bristol.

Samuel Slade was drawn to serve accordingly.

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

At meeting legally warned and held at the House of William White 2^d Esq. on the third day of March 1842 for the Purpose of Drawing one man to serve on the Grand Jury at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of March Instant Also to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol on the first Monday of the said Court sitting in September

Also two men to serve as Traverse Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden on the second Monday of March Instant. at Taunton within and for the County of Bristol

Adam Gifford was drawn to serve as Grand Juror
Frederick Sherman and Edmund Mosher as Traverse Jurors

Recorded by me William White 2^d Town Clerk

1812. Commenced 287th of Massachusetts.
Bristol ss. To John Milk Constable 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 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 Town Officers, to serve the Town the year ensuing.
3. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer for the year ensuing.
4. To raise all such sum or sums of money as may be necessary
To defray the charges of the Town And for Schools, and repair
and amendment of Highways & Drift ways the year ensuing.
5. To choose a Committee to examine accounts brought against
Said Town. & to settle with the Town Treasurer.
6. To choose such other Committees or agents, & devise such
measures as may appear most expedient and necessary
for the benefit of the Town.

Whereof 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 Sixteenth of March
in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twelve.

Abner Brownell
Christopher Cornett
Abner Brown Gifford } Selectmen of
Westport.

Bristol ss. Westport April 4th A. D. 1812.

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 the time and place, and for the
purposes therein mentioned.

John Milk } Constable
Recorded by me William White r. Town Clerk

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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 Ten of the Clock in
the fore noon for the purposes Contained in the foregoing
Warrant.
Votes For the Following Persons were given in
Abner Brownell Esq. for Moderator, had Forty five
Votes and was Chosen

For County Treasurer } Samuel Crocker Esq.
had One Hundred and Eighty-
Seven Votes 187

Voted to adjourn this meeting untill three of the Clock
in the after noon. And it was accordingly adjourned.

Recorded by me William White r. Town Clerk

At three o'clock, the business of the day was taken up
agreeable to adjournment

Votes for the following persons were given in
For Town Clerk Abner B. Gifford had one Hundred &
fifty five votes 155
William White r. Esq. had one Hundred and
Eight votes 108

Selectmen Abner Brownell Esq. were chosen
Christopher Cornett. and duly engaged
Abner B. Gifford

Assessors. Ephraim Macomber were chosen and
Elijah Gifford Jr. E. Macomber & W. Tripp
Nelson Tripp were engaged
Recorded by A. B. Gifford. T. Clerk { turnover Two Leaves }

1812.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol ss. To John Milk 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 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 Councillors, agreeable to the
 Constitution of Said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at said Westport
 this Sixteenth day of March in the year of Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and Twelve.

Abner Brownell
 Christopher Cornell
 Abner Brewer Gifford } Selectmen
 of Westport

Bristol ss. Westport April 4th A.D. 1812.

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.

John Milk } Constable

Recorded by me William White 2^d Clerk
 Of the Town of
 Westport

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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^{er} cent. 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 Corders & 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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Fything 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 " " "

1812

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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
Greeting:—

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.

Abner Brownell, } Selectmen of
Abner 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

Abner 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
Abner Brownell Esq. had seventy three votes — 73.
Sylvester Brownell had seventy three votes — 73.
Abner 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 vending, unless in —
Instances where the selectmen shall think it best to
provide otherwise having regard to their —
comfortable support and maintainance —

Recorded by me Abner 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 except 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 \$933.40 and has paid by his accounts the sum of \$876.44 Leaving a balance in favour of the Town \$57.36 Which balance was by the said treasurer William White paid to Oliver B. Gifford the towns present treasurer which made an even balance 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 11 1812

Samuel Milks
John Mosher, } Towns Committee
Nathanil Kirby }

Recorded by me Oliver 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 Commonw-
ealth 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.

At a legal meeting ^{300.} 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 L. 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^{ble} — 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 Wanton Macomb 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
Macomb was drawn to serve accordingly
Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

1813. To John Milk Constable of the Town of Westport ³⁰⁴
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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 & 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 said County, & declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed (Viz).

Gov. { The Hon. Caleb Strong Esq. had Three Hundred & Twenty votes } - 320.
Gov. { The Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq. had Nineteen votes } - 19

Hon. Lt. Gov. { The Hon. Wm Phillips Esq. had Three Hundred & Twenty votes } - 320.
Gov. { The Hon. Wm King Esq. had Nineteen votes } - 19.

Judges

Hon. 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

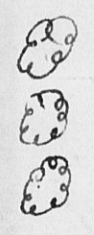
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Gideon Palmer, Danub Gifford, Pardon Cornell,
Sam. Wilcox, and Perry Gifford, were Chosen
Overseers of fishery — " — " —

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 } Towns Committee
Nathan Kirby }
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 Shorman 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 Shead 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 } Selectmen of
Bradford Richmond } 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 -
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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 -

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Greeting -

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, s^r 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 Howlands } Chosen
A. B. Gifford } Surveyors of Lumber
Stephen Howlands }
Micah Dean }

Pardon Gifford }
Dan^l Boomer }
Warren Dwyer }
Joshua Pitney }
Norton Macomber } all Chosen
Ephraim Maunier } 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, }
Isabod Potter, Nathaniel Kirby, Moses Carr, Jonathan }
Records, George Sawton David Sanford, }
Ezekiel Brownell, Nathaniel Kirby, } Continued
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1814. ³²⁵
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 -

1814. ³²⁶
Simeon Ellick, Humphrey Howland -
and George Lawton -
Chosen overseers of Landing at head of
River - East Branch

Gideon Palmer, Daniel Gifford,
Gordon Corns, 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 then upon 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)

1814.

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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

Cruting

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 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, Lathen 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 acc^t. 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, } Towns Committee
Sennub Milk, }
Nathaniel 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
whom 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 any
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.

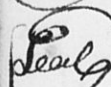
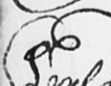
Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk in u —

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
five 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 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.

Honor. B. Gifford
Barnes 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 &
Counted, and Record and declaration thereof made as
by the Constitution is directed
(viz),

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

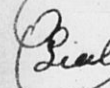
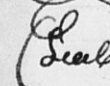
Samuel Dexter Esq. who had
Twenty Two votes - - - - 22.

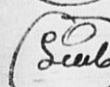
For Lieut Governor. Hon. William Phillips
who had Two hundred & Seven votes 207.

William King Esq. had Twenty Two votes - 22

Recorded by me Honor. 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 Honor. 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

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

Honor. B. Gifford } Selectmen
Barnes 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
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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