

1846. For Abner Brownell Esq. ^{34 1/2} had. Thirty votes. — 30.

For Sylvester Brownell Esq. had. Thirty votes. — 30.

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

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

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

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

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

(Surveyors of Lumber.)

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

(Tyrthingmen)

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

(Sence Viewers).

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

(Cullers of Hoops and Staves)

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

(Sealers of Leather)

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

(Field drivers)

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

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(Cullers of Fish).

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

(Hog reeves)

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

(overseers of Landing at head of River)

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

Overseers of Fishery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk,

John Ashen } Town Committee
Lemuel Ashen } accounts

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

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

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

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

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

Recorded by m. Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

To Adam Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport.
Greeting

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

1816. Nov.) ³⁵⁴: at one o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their
Votes for a Representative of the people of S Commonwealth
in the Congress of the United States. for the Bristol district
Given under our Hand and Seal, this Twenty first day
of October, A.D. 1816. ---

Peleg Sisson } Selectmen
Adam Gifford } of
Westport.

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

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

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

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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

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

(known)

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

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

H. to regulate the Jury box according to Law —

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

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

Pileypison } Selectmen,
Adam Gifford } of Westport.

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

Adam Gifford... Constable —

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

Chosen
Pileypison Moderator of S. meeting —

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

whereas =

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No. 15. -

1816. Dec.) No. 15. Extends Northerly, from No. 13, & includes Job Borden, & Stephen Gifford on the North. John Petty on the East, & Liverton line on the west -

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

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

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

all which is Respectfully submitted for Consideration

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk

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

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

1816. Dec. 21. continued from the Side - list of Jurors

Frederick Brownell, James H. Handy, Adam
Gifford, Abraham Kirby, James Cornell -
Thomas Winslow, Pileto Pukham, Jotha Brownell
Lathan White, Nathaniel Tompkins, John Newcomb
Joshua Potter, Benja. Twigg, & Mayb Allen -
Recorded by me & Henry B. Gifford J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Abner B Gifford
in township March 19. AD. 1816. for the purpose of drawing
jurymen William White Esq. & Ephraim Gifford. were
drawn Freeborn Jurors. to serve at the Supreme J. C. to
be holden at Faurtaw on the last Tuesday of this month.
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford S. Clerk —

At a legal meeting held at the House of A. B. Gifford
March 2^d A.D. 1816. For the purpose of drawing
Jurymen - Pile Sisson Esq. was drawn Grand
Jurymen & Isaac Macomber & Pardon Keely
Inquest Jurors, to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas, at
Lawton on the 2^d Monday of this month -
Recorded by me A. B. Gifford J. Clerk.

At a legal meeting held at the house of A. B. Gifford
June 5th 1816. for the purpose of drawing Jurymen
Jeremy Brownell & Ezekiel Brownell were
drawn Travellers Jurors, to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas
to be holden at Taunton on the 2^d Monday of
this month.

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Clerk.

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

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk

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

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk

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

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk

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

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford T. Clerk

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

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Clerk

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

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Clerk

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

Recorded by me A. B. Gifford Clerk

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Clerk

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

Recorded by me F. Brownell Clerk

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

Recorded by me F. Brownell Clerk

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Clerk

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

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

Pardon Cornell
 Peleg Sison
 Adam Gifford

Bristol ss. Westport April 7th 1817.

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

Adam Gifford Constable

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

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

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

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

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

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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

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

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

Pardon Cornelle Selectman
Adam Gifford }
Pileg Sipson } Westport.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Poore Keeper — Nathaniel Kirby was chosen & engaged

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

Surveyors of Highways —

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

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

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

To Adam Gifford one of the Constables of the
Town of Westport. — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to
notify and warn the male Inhabitants of
said Town, being twenty one years of age, and
resident in S. Town for three years of one year
next preceding having a freehold estate
within S. Town of the Annual Income of three
pounds or any estate to the value of fifty pounds,
to meet at the Town House in S. Town, on the
twelfth day of May next at one o'clock in
the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one
or more Representatives, to Represent them
at the General Court, appointed to be convened
and held at Boston on the last Wednesday
of May —

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

Daniel Weir } Selectmen
Polly Sisson } Westport,

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

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

Adam Gifford } Constable

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

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

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Clerk

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

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

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

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

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Clerk

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

Sealers of
Leather } — Daniel Brownell
Preserved Sharmar

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

Builders of
Fish } Jethro Houtland
Gideon Davis

Hog reeves —

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

Overseers of Fishery

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

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

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

\$1000 for Repairs of Highways —

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

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

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

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

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or incumbered with, the Surveyors of such ways
shall assign, to the several persons in his limits
their proportion of days work & team if necessary
according to his real and personal estate, as near
as he can, and shall assign a time for the purpose
of trading down or removing the snow, in the
same manner as highways are repaired, in
Towns who neglect to vote a sum, of money for
the purpose of repairing the highways in said
Town — — — — —

Voted that the sum of Two thousand dollars,
be raised by way of Tax on the polls and
estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport, for the supports of the poor, and
Schools, and other expences of the Town
the year ensuing, to be collected and paid
in to the Town Treasurer by the first day
of April next, and the assessors are hereby
directed to assess the sum, in the way and
manner directed by Law, and deliver a
list or lists thereof to the collector as
soon as may be.

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

Recorded by me Abner Blifford Town Clerk.

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

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

Recorded by me

Abner S. Gifford Clerk

The committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended the business assigned them and that they had allowed to the several persons - named in the list presented by them, the several sums set against their respective names, amounting in the whole to the sum of Sixteen Hundred, and Seventy five dollars and Ninety Seven cents -
\$1675. 97-

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

The committee also report, that agreeable to their appointment they made a settlement with the Towns treasurer and found that he had received for the Town the year past the sum of \$1535. 30⁹ and had paid out as by his accounts - \$1535 - 30 making an even Balance

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

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

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

and the sums allowed for the expenses of the Town the

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

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

all which is respectfully submitted —

May 12, 1817.

Simuel Milk } Town
Jonathan Richman } Committee
Barnera Hicks }

Reviewed by me A. B. Gifford Town Clerk,

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

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

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

and from north to south in each district —

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

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

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

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

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

Wilbur Gifford } Selectmen
Dank Wing }
Pely Simpson } Westport.

Bristol S. S. Westport August 28th 1817 —

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

Nicholas Little } Constable —

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
aforesaid. qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled at
the Town house in said Town on Monday the first day of
September

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September. A.D. 1817.

Alfred B. Gifford was chosen moderator
of 8 meeting

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

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

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

Recorded by me Alfred B. Gifford Town Clerk

To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of
Westport

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Dant. Wigg Selectmen
Pely Sisson of
Westport.

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

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

Pely Sisson chosen moderator.

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

Recorded by me Alfred B. Gifford Town Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

Bristol. S. S.

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

Nicholas Little Constable —

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

Pely Sipson Esq. was chosen Moderator
of B meeting —

Adam Gifford chosen, clerk, pro tem. —

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

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

Westport Sept 4, 1817.

N. C. Brownell
Daniel Wing

Recorded by me

Abner B. Gifford T. Clerk.

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

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

Westport Sept. 27. 1817 —

N. C. Brownell } Assessors
Daniel Wing }
George Gifford }

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

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

Westport Oct. 4 - 1817

N. C. Brownell } Assessors
Daniel Wing }
George Gifford }

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

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

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

Westport Jan'y 28. 1818

Daniel Wing } Assessors
N. C. Brownell }

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of Westport

Greeting

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

Daniel Wing
Willbourn Gifford
Pelez Vison } Selectmen
of
Westport

Westport March 23. 1010

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

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport

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

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

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

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

Benjamin W. Brownshield who had
Twenty eight votes } 28

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

Thomas Kittredge who had
Twenty eight votes } 28

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

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

William Wood who had
Twenty eight votes } 28

Solomon Pratt who had
Twenty eight votes } 28

Recorded by me -

Fredrick Brownell T. Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Greeting

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

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

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

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

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

Westport March 23. 1818

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

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

Abner Brownell Esqr chosen Moderator votes 17

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

Frederick Brownell had 110 & is chosen

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

Recorded by me Abner B. Gifford S. Clerk

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

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

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

Surveyors of Highways.

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

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

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

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

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

Samuel Crocker Esq. had Seventy two votes for
County Treasurer

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\$1000 for repairs of Highways -

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

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

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

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

Peleg Sisson } Selectmen
 Daniel Wing } of
 Westport

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

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified as before expressed assembled at the Town House in S Town on Monday the 11th day of May A.D. 1810 for the purposes mentioned in the preceding warrant and it was then and there voted that the Town of Westport send but one Representative

Votes for the following persons were given in sort counted & record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed.

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

Sylvester Brownell had 32 votes and was chosen

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Clerk

May 11th. 1810 - Agreeable to adjournment from the first Monday in April the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly

The following Officers were chosen viz.

Pound Keeper } Nathaniel Thirby Jr

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

Sealer of } William Gifford (engaged)
 weights & measures }

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

Nothingmen } Thomas Allen Taylor, Adam Gifford
 for } Abner Gifford William Brownell
 1810 } Jeremiah White Paul Gifford
 } Weston Potter Peleg Gifford
 } Benjamin Soule George Gifford
 } Thomas Winslow David Sanford

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

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

Callers of } Jethro Howland
 hoops & staves } George Brownell

Sealers of } Preserved Shearman
 Leather } Daniel Brownell

Callers of } Jethro Howland
 fish } Gideon Davis

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

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

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

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

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

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

The committee on accounts made a report in writing
 that they had attended the business assigned them and
 that they had allowed to the several persons named
 in the list presented by them, the several sums set
 against their respective names amounting in the
 whole to the sum of Fifteen Hundred Sixty one Dollars
 & seventy five cents — \$1561.75

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

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

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

the amount of — \$621.97 —

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

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

I All which is respectfully submitted

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

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

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

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

Daniel Worrig } Selectmen of
Pelig Sisson }
Wilbous Gifford } (Westport)

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

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport

Nov 10/10

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

For Francis Baylies Esq. Eighty seven votes 87

Marius Morton Esq. Seven votes - 7

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

To Frederick Brownell Town Clerk of Westport,

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

Daniel Wing & Assessors
John Maromby }
Westport

Westport October 1. 1810

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

At a legal Meeting held at the House of Frederick Brownell May 29. 1819 for the purpose of drawing Jurymen - Peleg Simons Esq. & Peleg W. Puckham were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at the l. b. l. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of June next.

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

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

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

Westport Nov^r 5. 1821

William White 2nd
Adam Gifford

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

\$400

Warrant. To Nicolas Little Constable, of the Town
of Westport Greeting;

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

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

Daniel Wing } Selectmen
Willbours Gifford } of Westport.

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

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

(tuned over)

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

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

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

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

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

Daniel Wing } Selectmen
Willow Gifford } Westport -

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

Westport March 20. 1819 Nicholas Little Constable

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

Votes for Town clerk whole number - 232

necessary to make a choice - 117

Fredrick Brownell had - 130 & was chosen

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

Pelig Sisson }
Daniel Wing } Selectmen engaged
Nicholas Little }

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

Barney Hinks }
William White 2nd } Committee on accounts
Sylvester Brownell }

Surveyors of Highways

Zebedee Davis, Elijah Blosom, Gardner White, Nicholas White, William White 2nd, Elzer Baker, ~~Abner Little~~, Jonathan Davis, Peter Davis, Isaac Macomber, William H. Kirby, Sylvester Brownell, ~~John Dyer~~, John Howland, David Sanford, ~~Pelig Manchester~~, Daniel Gifford, Lathen White, Adam Gifford, Ezekiel Brownell, Nathan C. Brownell, ~~Barry Gifford~~, Christopher Cornell, Ephraim Gifford, Ephraim Macomber, Schabod Kirby, Billings & Co. & Richard Gifford

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

405
Voted That seventy five cents be allowed by the
Surveyor for a day's work of a man or one
pair of oxen and in that proportion for parts
of days work, and that twenty five cents
be allowed for a cart or plow for one day

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

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

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

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

William Gifford } Seal of Weights & Measures

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

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

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

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

Voted That when any Highways or Town ways within
the Town of Westport, are blocked up with snow or
impassable, with it, the Surveyors of such ways
shall assign to the several persons in his limits their
proportion of days work and team if necessary
according to his real & personal Estate as near as he
can, and shall assign a time for the purpose of
treading down or removing the snow, in the same
manner as Highways are repaired in Towns which
might be voted a sum of money for the purpose
of repairing the Highways in such Town -

Recorded by me Frederick Bowers Town Clerk

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

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the male Inhabitants of
said Town being twenty one Years of age and upwards,
and resident in said Town for the space of one year next
preceeding. Having a Freehold Estate within said Town of
the annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the
value of sixty pounds to meet at the Town House on
Monday the tenth day of May next at one of the Clocks
in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more
representatives to represent them at the General Court
appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the
last Wednesday of May -

turn over

1819

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

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

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

May 10. 1819

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

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

Sylvester Brownell Esq. had six votes 6
& was chosen

Recorded by me

Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

The following Town Officers were chosen viz.

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

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

Surveyors } Abner B. Gifford
Stephen Howland

Lumber } Micah Dean
Frederick Brownell
Jethro Howland

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

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

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

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

1819

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

Sealers of } Preserved Shearman
Leather } Daniel Brownell
Culbert Boothe

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

Cullers of } Sethro Howland
Fish } Gideon Davis

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

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

Voted, That the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars
 be raised by way of Tax on the polls and Estates of
 the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, for the
 Support of the poor and other incidental charges
 To be collected and paid in, to the Town Treasurer
 by the first day of April next, and the Assessors are
 hereby directed to assess said sum in the way and
 manner directed by Law and deliver a list or lists
 thereof to the collector as soon as may be.

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

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

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

Recorded by me

Frederick J. Brewster, Town Clerk

1819

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The Committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended to the business assigned them and that they had allowed to the several persons named in the list presented by them, the several sums set against their respective names amounting in the whole to the sum of Eleven Hundred & four Dollars and Twenty three cents \$1104.23

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

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

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

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

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

Which is respectfully Submitted

May 10. 1819

William White 2nd
Sylvester Brownell
Barney Hicks

Towns

Committee

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

Recorded by me Frederik Brownell Town Clerk

414
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
Westport held at the House of Frederik Brownell
Tuesday October 12, 1819 for the purpose of drawing
Jurymen - Nathan B. Brownell was drawn
Grand Juror - Nicholas Little and Abner B. Gifford
was drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Supreme
Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the
second Tuesday of October Inst.

Recorded by me Frederik Brownell Town Clerk

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

Recorded by me Frederik Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
held at the House of Frederik Brownell Monday
February 28, 1820 for the purpose of drawing Jurymen

Phillip Tripp Carpenter was honor Grand Juror

Stephen Howland, and Peleg Gifford was drawn
Traverse Jurors to serve at the Circuit Court of Common
Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second
Monday of March next.

Recorded by me Frederik Brownell Town Clerk

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

Recorded by me
Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

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

- 1st To choose a Moderator
- 2nd To know the Towns mind in regard to choosing
an Agent to defend the Suit brought against
the Town for not providing School Masters agreeable
to Law.
- 3rd To act on all other prudential affairs as
the Town shall think expedient.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty
seventh day of November 1819

Daniel Wing } Selectmen
Nicholas Little } of
Westport

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

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

Abner Brownell Esq. was chosen
Moderator

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

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

Recorded by me

Fredrick Brownell Town Clerk

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

1st To choose a Moderator

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

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

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

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

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

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

Westport December 11. 1819

Nicholas Little Constable
Town of Westport

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

Abner B. Gifford Esq. chosen Moderator

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

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

Recorded by me

Fredrick Brownell Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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

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

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

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

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport
turn over

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

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

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell J. Clute

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preserved Shearman
 Daniel Brownell
 Culbert Booth } Sealers of Leather

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

Jethro Howland
 Gideon Davis } Cullers of Fish

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\$800- Voted that Eight Hundred Dollars be raised by way of Tax on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport for the support of the Poor and other incidental charges - To be collected and paid in to the Town Treasurer by the first day of April next and the Assessors are hereby directed to assess said sum in the way and manner directed by Law and deliver a list or lists thereof to the collector as soon as may be.

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

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(Voted - That if the Town should be complained of for not having schools agreeable to Law, within the year and should be fined that the fine be paid out of the sum voted to be raised for the support of school.

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

~~(Voted - To adjourn this Meeting to the last Saturday in August at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.~~

The Committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended to the business assigned them and that they had allowed to the several persons named in the list presented by them, the several sums set against their respective names amounting in the whole to the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars & Eighty one cents.
\$1300.81⁴

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

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

The Committee further report that there
was by the report of the Committee the last Year
a balance in favour of the Town between the
sums assessed on the Town the year past,
and the accounts that had been allowed
against the Town the amount of \$858.46

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

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

All which is respectfully submitted

May 9. 1820

	William White 2 nd Towns	} Committee
	Barney Hicks	
	Sylvester Brownell	

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

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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

L. A.

L. S.

L. S.

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
the male Inhabitants of S. Town being twentyone
years of age and resident in said Town for the
space of one year next preceding having a free
hold estate within S. Town of the annual income
of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty
pounds, to meet at the Town House in said
Town on second day the eighth day of May
next, at three of the clock in the afternoon, for
the purpose of choosing one or more representatives
to represent them at the General Court, appointed
to be convened and held at Boston on the
last Wednesday of May next.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty
first day of April, One Thousand eight
Hundred and Twenty.

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

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

April 21: 1820 Nicholas Little Constable

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
the Town of Westport qualified as before
expressed assembled at the Town House
in said Town on Monday the eighth
day of May A.D. 1820 for the purposes
mentioned in the preceding warrant

And it was then and thereupon voted
That the Town of Westport send no
Representative

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Bristol Co. To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town
of Westport Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you
are required to summon and notify the male Inhabitants
of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet
at the Town House in said Town of Westport on second
day the eighth day of May next at four of the clock
in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz;

- 1st To choose a Moderator of the meeting
- 2nd To know the Towns mind in regard to the doings of
the Selectmen, in respect to resurveying and altering
Highways and Town ways in said Town the year past
and also discontinuing any Highways in said Town
- 3rd To know the Towns mind in regard to instructing
our Representative in respect to the petition that
was sent to General Court about dividing the County
Given under our hands and seals this twenty first day
of April in the Year of our Lord Daniel King Selectmen
one thousand eight hundred & twenty Nicholas Little
Westport

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Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified
the Inhabitants of Westport qualified as within mentioned
to meet at the time and place and for the purpose
within mentioned Nicholas Little Constable
April 21. 1820

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Westport qualified as before expressed
assembled at the Town House in said Town
on Monday the eighth day of May A.D. 1820
for the purposes mentioned in the preceding war-
rant.

Peleg Sison Esq. was chosen Moderator.

Voted to accept the return of an open Highway laid
out by the Selectmen and presented to this
meeting - From the Head of the East river
southerly to the road that crosses Acaxet
Bridge on the west side of said river -
and that the same be recorded.

Voted that George Brownell make the road
where it now is through his land as good
as the old path ever was.

Recorded by me

Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town
of Westport — Greeting —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Senators or Representatives in the General Courts to meet at the Town House in said Town on the third Monday of August next at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes on the following question viz: Is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Given under our hands & seals this twenty ninth day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and Twenty —

(Daniel Wing) Selectmen
(Pile Sipon) of Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants as within expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Nicholas Little Constable
Westport August 11, 1820

At a legal Town Meeting held at the Town House in Westport on Monday the Twenty first day of August A.D. 1820. — For the

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Purpose mentioned in the preceding warrant
Votes on the question mentioned in the warrant were given in, sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof was made as was directed by law.

For the Measure there were Two votes — 2
Against the Measure Twenty votes — 20
Recorded by me Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick Brownell September 30th. A.D. 1820 for the purpose of drawing jurors — Frederick Brownell was drawn grand juror — Isaac Long and Jonathan Soule were drawn traverse jurors. To serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the third Tuesday in October next.

Recorded by me
Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of Westport
— Greeting —

L.S.
L.S.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court, to assemble at the Town House in said Westport on Monday the Sixteenth day of October next, being the third Monday in said Month at one of the clock in the afternoon, to elect one or more delegates to meet Delegates from other Towns, in convention at the State House in Boston on the third Wednesday of November next to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of making any (and if any) what alterations or amendments in the present Constitution of Government of the Commonwealth may be deemed advisable

Given under our hands and seals at said Westport the twenty Ninth day of September Eighteen Hundred and Twenty.

Daniel Wing } Selectmen
Nicholas Little } Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

October 21 1820 Nicholas Little (Constable)

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport qualified agreeable to Law Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the Sixteenth day of October at one of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose mentioned in the preceding warrant.

Sittinghart Army, Abner B. Gifford and Nathan C. Brownell Esquires, were chosen Delegates for the purposes mentioned in the warrant.

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held at the House of Frederick Brownell November 27th A.D. 1820 for the purpose of drawing jurors — Lot Shearman and Benjamin B. Simon were drawn Traverser Jurors to serve at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of December next

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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At a legal meeting held at the House of
Frederick Brownell February A.D. 1821 for the
purpose of drawing Jurymen - Levi Gifford
was drawn Grand Juror - Shepherd Gifford and
Nathaniel Tripp were drawn traverse Jurors to
serve at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to
be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in
March next. Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of
Frederick Brownell April 13th A.D. 1821 for the
purpose of drawing Jurymen - Reuben Wait
was drawn Grand Juror - Jereh Brownell
and Warton Canby were drawn traverse Jurors
to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to
be holden at Taunton on the
of April Inst.

Recorded by
Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick
Brownell June 2nd A.D. 1821 for the purpose of drawing
Jurors - Pardon Kirby and Russell Gifford 2nd
were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at the Circuit Court
of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second
Monday in this Month

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol Co. To Nicholas Little Constable
of Westport in said County of Bristol
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the
male Inhabitants of the said Town of
Westport, qualified to vote for Representatives
to the General Court, to assemble at the
Town House in said Town on Monday the
sixth day of November next, being the
first Monday in said Month, at one of
the clock in the afternoon - To give in their
votes for two Electors at large and one Elector
for Bristol District, for Electors of President
and Vice President of the United States -
Given under our hands and seals this twenty
third day of October in the Year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and
Twenty.

Daniel Wing (Selectman
of Westport)
Pelag Sisson

Pursuant to the within warrant I have
notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants as
as within directed to meet at the time and place
and for the purposes within mentioned
Nov. 6. 1821
Nicholas Little Constable

1820 Nov

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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the sixth day of November AD. 1820 At one of the clock in the afternoon for the purposes contained in the foregoing warrant the following persons were voted for — viz.

For Electors at Large

Hon: William Phillips had One Hundred and seventeen votes — 117

William Gray had One Hundred and Thirty votes — 130

Levi Lincoln had thirteen votes — 13

For Bristol District

Alden Spooner Esq. had One Hundred and seventeen votes — 117

William Wood Esq. had thirteen votes — 13

Recorded by me

Frederick B. Brownell J. Clerk

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol Co. To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of Westport — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the male Inhabitants of said Town of Westport, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, to Assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the sixth day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at Two 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 the Bristol District.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty third day of October in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and twenty

Daniel Wing & Selectmen
Perez Sisson } of Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place as within mentioned

Nov^r 6. 1820

Nicholas Little J Constable

1820 Nov. 6
At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants
of the Town of Westport Assembled at
the Town House in said Town on Monday
the sixth day of November A.D. 1820 at two o'clock
in the afternoon for the purposes contained in the
foregoing warrant The following persons were
Voted for — viz: —

Francis Baylies Esq. had one
Hundred and Twenty Six votes ————— 126

Marcus Morton Esq. had fourteen votes — 14

which were sorted, counted, record and declaration
thereof made agreeable to Law —

Recorded by me Frederick Beownell T. Clerk
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol ss. To Nicholas Little Constable of The Town of Westport.

Greeting —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts To warn the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Westport of Twenty one years of age and upwards having a Freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of Three pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds. To meet at the Town House on Monday the second day of April next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth —

Given under our hands and seals at Westport this fourteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred & Twenty one.

Daniel Wing
Pleg Sisson
Nicholas Little } Deputies
of Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport as within directed to meet at the time and place as within mentioned.

Nicholas Little Constable

March 19. 1821

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid qualified according to the Constitution, assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the second day of April being the
turn over

First Monday in said month, For the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant.

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

For Governor His Excellency John Brooks who had one Hundred & Fifty eight 158

William Custer who had Twenty three 23

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

His Honor Levi Lincoln who had Twenty four 24

William Baylies Esq. who had one 1

For Senators Hon: John Mason Williams who had one Hundred & Fifty seven 157

Hon: Oliver Starkweather who had one Hundred & Fifty seven 157

Hercules Bushman who had twenty three 23

James F. Hodges Esq. who had twenty three 23

Recorded by me Frederick Bownell T. Clerk

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



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

- 1 To choose a Moderator of said Meeting
- 2 To choose all such Town Officers as Towns by Law are authorised to choose annually
- 3 To choose a committee to receive and examine all 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 the poor, and schools, and other incidental charges
- 5 To determine what sum shall be expended in the repair of Highways and in what manner it shall be appropriated
- 6 To devise the best method for the support of paupers
- 7 To choose such other committees or agents as circumstances may render expedient
- 8 To give in their votes for a County Register
- 9 To give in their votes for a County Treasurer
- 10 To know the minds of the Inhabitants of said Town in regard to directing the Inhabitants of School District No 8 to purchase or erect

A school House in said District for the accomodation of said Inhabitants — Also to act upon all other matters in regard to School Districts in said Town as may be thought proper to act upon. —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, and your doings thereon unto the selectmen or or before said day — Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & twenty one

Nicholas Little, Selectmen
 Peleg Sisson } of Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport as within directed to meet at the time and place as within mentioned
 March 19. 1821 Nicholas Little Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid Qualified according to Law — Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the second day of April at Nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes contained in the foregoing warrant.

Peleg Sisson Esq. Chosen Moderator
 Frederick Brownell Chosen Town Clerk
 and Town Treasurer (and sworn)

Daniel Wing
 Adam Gifford } Chosen Selectmen
 N. C. Brownell } and sworn

William White 2nd
 N. C. Brownell } Chosen Assessors
 Adam Gifford } and sworn,

Barney Hicks
 William White 2nd } Chosen Committee
 Sylvester Brownell } on accounts —

William Case, Chosen Pound keeper

Abner B. Gifford
 J. Brownell
 Stephen Howland
 John Anthony
 Micah Dean
 Jethro Howland
 (Perry Willot — sworn) } Surveyors of Lumber

Tillinghast Almy William Brownell
 Thomas W. Magnew Zacharias Gifford
 Cornelius White — Peleg Gifford
 Wing Howland — George Gifford
 Benjamin Soule David Sanford
 Stephen Howland Francis Tripp
 Ephraim Thompson — Chosen Sythingmen

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

Fence Viewers — Abraham Cornell, Sylvester Brownell.
Nathan L. Brownell, Wilbour Gifford, Adam Gifford
George Gifford, Jonathan Davis, Christopher Cornell
Edmund Tripp, John Dyer Junr. —

Surveyors of Highways —

Gilbert Maunster — sworn —	Holder White —
Elijah Blossom — "	Adam Gifford sworn
Peter Devol — "	Job Tripp — "
Abraham Cornell — "	George Kirby — "
Ebenezer Baker — "	William Soule
Richard Lawton	John Potter — "
Peleg Gifford — sworn	Phillip Tripp (Blk)
Jeremiah Devol's — "	Ephraim Maunster
Isaac Maunster — "	Abraham Kirby — "
William Kirby — "	Lawton H. Cory — "
John Dyer Jr	Abner Wilcox (of Silvanus)
Sylvester Brownell — "	
George L. Brownell — "	
David Sanford — "	
Abraham Manchester	
Samuel Wilcox	

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Jethro Howland
Micah Dean
John Howland Jr
Jonathan Tripp } Cullers of
Hoops for Staves

Henry Palmer
Daniel Brownell
Culbert Booth } Sealers of Leather

Field Drivers — Stephen Cornell, Wilbour
Gifford, George Kirby, Benjamin Cory, Russell
Gifford, John Wilk, Abner Lawton, Pardon
Gifford, Charles Little, Elijah Blossom —

Jethro Howland
Gideon Davis } Cullers of Fish

Hog Reeves — Ephraim Maunster, Wilbour
Gifford, Jonathan Taber, Phillip Davis,
Elijah Blossom, Samuel Wilcox, Pardon
Gifford, Charles Baker, Jonathan Gifford,
Walter Maunster, Barney Hicks, Anselm
Bassett Esq. —

Overseers of
Fishery, { Capt. Abner Gifford
Gideon Palmer
Daniel Gifford
Henry Brightman
Samuel Wilcox

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For County Register Alfred Williams Esq.
Had One Hundred & seventy nine votes — 179

For County Treasurer, Samuel Crocker Esq.
Had

\$1000. Voted that the sum of One Thousand Dollars
be raised for Repairing Highways & Town ways
in the Town of Westport the year ensuing to be assessed
on the polls and Estates as other taxes are assessed and
that the Assessors, assess the same as soon as may be
and deliver a list of the persons names and of the sums
they are assessed to each surveyor of his limits according
to Law. That Seventy five cents be allowed by the
surveyors for a days work of a man or one yoke Oxen
and in that proportion for parts of days and that Twenty
five cents be allowed for a cart or plow one day.

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

Voted That when any Highways or Town ways shall
be blocked up or incumbered with snow, the surveyor
of such ways shall cause it to be removed or trodden
down in the same way and manner as Highways
are to be repaired when Towns neglect to vote a
sum of money for that purpose.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday
in May next at one o'clock P. M. then to
meet at this place

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Bristol Ex. To Nicholas Little Constable of the
Town of Westport Greeting

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At a legal meeting of The Inhabitants of
(Westport aforesaid), qualified according to Law
Assembled at The Town House in said Town on
Monday the Ninth day of April at One O'clock
in the afternoon for the purposes mentioned in
the foregoing warrant. —

The Notes on the proposed Amendments, were as follows viz.

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Recorded by me Frederick J. Brownell T. Clerk

May 14, 1821 Agreeable to adjournment from
the first Monday in April The Inhab-
itants of Westport met accordingly. —

The following is the votes that were taken —

Voted That the Selectmen be directed to hire a
Physician for the paupers by the year —

\$800 Voted to raise Eight Hundred Dollars
by way of tax on the polls and Estates of the
Inhabitants of the Town of Westport for the sup-
port of the Poor and other Incidental charges
To be assessed collected and paid in to the
Town Treasurer by the first day of April next,
and the Assessors are hereby directed to assess said
sum in the way and manner directed by law
and deliver a list or lists thereof to the Collector
as soon as may be.

\$200. Voted that two Hundred Dollars be
raised by way of tax for the support
of schools —

Further Voted that if the Town should be com-
plained of within the year for not having
schools agreeable to Law, that the expense
if there should be any, made against the Town
be paid out of the Two Hundred Dollars. —

Voted — that the collector wait another year with
Gilbert, Abraham, Jonathan, & Joseph Gifford
for their taxes — —

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The Committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended to the business assigned them and that they had allowed to the several persons named in the list presented by them the severall sums sett against their respective names amounting in the whole to the sum of One Thousand eighty seven Dollars and seven cents

\$1087.07

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 Treasurer and found that he had received for the Town the year past the sum of \$1470.31 and had paid out by his accounts 1370.52 making a balance in favour of the Town \$ 99.79 and made a settlement with him accordingly.

The Committee further report, that there was by the report of the Committee the last Year a balance in favour of the Town between the sums assessed on the Town the year past, and the accounts that had been allowed against the Town the Amount of

\$1135.05

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And that there had been assessed on the Inhabitants the Year past as by report this day presented the Amount of \$1041.51

leaving a balance in favour of the Town the sum of \$1089.49

Which is respectfully submitted

May 14. 1821

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

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next Friday the 10th Inst. at one O'clock P.M. then to meet again at this place.

To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of Westport, G.P.O.S.S.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one years of age and residents 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 and assemble at the Town House, on the fourteenth 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 next.

turn over

You are also alike required, to Notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same place and at the same time to act on the following article viz:

To know the opinion of the Town relative to the building of a school House in school District No 8 - or paying for the one already built for said District, by contract previously made by a committee for said District as proposed in the meeting of S-District legally held on the 30th day of December last - and for granting a sum of money necessary for defraying all the expenses for the procuring said School House, and a lot of land sufficient for the same, and other incidental expenses And that the said sum be assessed, collected and paid in according to Law by the twentieth day of August next, by said District, to be applied to the purposes aforesaid - And of this warrant with your doings thereon you are to make return to the Selectmen of said Town on or before said time of meeting - Given under our hands & seals this twenty sixth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty one

Daniel King, Selectmen
N. L. Brownell, of Westport

I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

April 30. 1821

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport, qualified agreeable to law - Assembled at the Town House in said on Monday the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1821 for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant - and it was then and there Voted that this Town send one Representative, and no more -

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

Peleg Sisson Esq. who had four votes — 4

Wm. Brownell Esq. who had thirty four votes — 34
and was chosen

The Inhabitants then took up the business relative to school District No 8 -

N. L. Brownell Esq. chosen Moderator

Voted That One Hundred and Seventy Dollars be raised by way of tax on the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of School District No 8 and that it be assessed agreeable to Law for the purposes of paying for the school House already built by contract of their committee and for the payment of the land that said House stands on and for other incidental charges and that the aforesaid sum of \$170. - shall be assessed, collected & paid into the Town Treasures - on or before the Twentieth day of August next, - and to be by him paid to Weston Allen one of their former committee for the purpose of defraying the expenses of S. House
Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

May 18. 1821 Agreeable to adjournment from
the fourteenth of this Inst: the Inhabitants
of Westport met accordingly

Nicholas Little was chosen Constable and
Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing on
condition of procuring sufficient bonds before
he receives the Tax bills and doing all the Towns
business as Constable gratis, and to have
one $\frac{1}{2}$ % per cent on all the money he shall
collect for the taxes of 1821 and produce receipts
from the several Treasurers of paying in
the same, and to have no allowance for taking
bad or uncurrent money.

(He was sworn before Peleg Sisson Esq.)

Voted that the Selectmen be required to survey
and lay out the land left for a highway at
the Hearshous, or to sell it at Public Vendue, as
they shall think most for the Interest of the Town
Also - that they be alike required to examine the
Tax bills & see how much of the money collected,
that the collector has receipts for.

Voted That Daniel being be chosen agent for the
Towns for the year ensuing to see that all
Contracts that have been made with the Town
be fulfilled, to make a list of all bonds given
to the Town and what other property of any

kind there is and in whose hands it is,
and report the same to the next town meeting
Also to defend all suits and complaints that
may be brought against the Town.

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the last
Saturday in August at one o'clock P.M.

Recorded by me
Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick
Brownell August twenty eighth AD. 1821 for the
purpose of Drawing Jurors - Jonathan Davis and
Ephraim Thompson were drawn to serve
to serve at the C.C.C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton
on the second Monday of September next.

Recorded by me F. Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick
Brownell November 22^d AD. 1821 for the purpose of drawing
Jurors - John Macomber and Humphrey Blouin
were drawn to serve at the C.C.C. Pleas
to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of
December next

Recorded by me F. Brownell Town Clerk

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To Nicholas Little, one of the Constables of the
Town of Westport in the County of Bristol *Greeting*

You are hereby required in the name of the common-
wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn
the male Inhabitants of said Town of Westport
Qualified to vote in Town Affairs to assemble
at the Town House in said Town on Thursday
the Twenty second day of November Inst. at two
O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following
articles viz:

- 1st To choose a Moderator, to regulate said Meeting
- 2nd To see if the Town will pay the expenses of
a suit heretofore commenced by Jonathan
Borden against Adam Gifford, for the recovery
of land, sold for the nonpayment of taxes -
without the additional expense of another suit.

Given under our hands and seals this
sixth day of November Eighteen Hundred
and Twenty one.

Adam Gifford } Selectmen
Daniel Wing }
N. C. Brownell } Westport

I have notified the Freeholders and other inhabitants
of the Town of Westport as within expressed to meet
at the time and place within mentioned

Westport Nov 22. 1821

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport

¹⁴⁵⁷
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
aforesaid - Qualified according to Law
Assembled at the Town House in said Town
on Thursday the twenty second day of November
A.D. 1821 - at two O'clock in the afternoon
for the purpose contained in the foregoing
warrant. -

Abner B. Gifford Esq. was chosen Moderator

On the second article in the warrant it
was voted, - That the Town pay Adam
Gifford the sum of Two Hundred and sixty
Five Dollars, being the amount of expenses
mentioned in the warrant.

(Voted that this meeting be adjourned without day)

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick
Brownell March 2nd 1822 for the purpose of drawing
Jurors - Weston Potter was drawn Grand Juror -
Pardon Gifford and Ephraim Maronber were drawn
Traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas
to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday
of March Instant.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Bristol ss. To Nicholas Little constable of the Town
of Westport, greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
warn the male Inhabitants of said Town,
qualified by law, to vote for Town Officers and
other Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the
Town House, on the first day of April next at
nine O'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following
articles - (viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
- 2nd To choose all such Town Officers as Towns by Law are
authorised to choose annually
- 3rd To choose a committee to receive and examine all
accounts brought against said Town, and also to
settle with the Treasurer
- 4th To determine what sum to raise by way of tax for
the support of the poor, Schools, and other incidental
charges
- 5th To determine what sum shall be expended in the
repairs of Highways, and in what manner it shall
be appropriated
- 6th To devise the best method for the support of paupers
- 7th To choose such other committees or agents, as cir-
cumstances may render expedient
- 8th To give in their votes for a County Treasurer
- 9th To determine what is necessary to be done respecting
a citation from the Judge of Probate of this County
to the Selectmen in regard to Peleg Sisson Esqr
Accounts of Guardianship
- 10th To know the Towns mind in regard to Petitioning
the General Court respecting the Fisheries in said Town
and also respecting Schools for teaching the Latin and
Greek Languages, and such other matters as may
be thought necessary

11th To know the Towns mind in regard to taxing
persons who are supposed to possess property and have
not been usually taxed by the Assessors

And of this warrant with your doings thereon you
are to make return to the Selectmen of said Town
on or before said meeting.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Westport
aforesaid this Ninth day of March A.D. 1822

Daniel Wing
N. C. Brownell
Adam Gifford } Selectmen
of
Westport

Bristol ss. Pursuant to the within warrant I have
notified the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport by
posting up a notice at P. R. Maumbers Store on the 16th ult.
and one at the Town House on the 18th ult. and one
at J. Brownell's Store on the same day, to assemble
at the time and place and for the purposes within men-
tioned

Westport April 1, 1822

Nicholas Little Constable of
Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid
qualified according to Law, assembled at the Town
House in said Town on Monday the First day of
April at Nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purposes
contained in the foregoing warrant.

Thomas Richmond was chosen Moderator
Frederick Brownell chosen Town Clerk
and Town Treasurer - and sworn

Daniel Wing
Frederick Brownell
Isaac Howland } chosen Selectmen
of sworn

Barney Hicks.
Abner Brownell
Isaac Howland } chosen a committee
on accounts -

William Case } chosen Poundkeeper

Surveyors of Highways -

Isaiah Kirby - excused / & Edmund Mather chosen in his stead & sworn

Stephen Borden - sworn

Daniel Davol - excused / & Emmanuel Davol in his stead

Joseph Brightman

John A. Gifford

Richard Lawton

Pelez Gifford excused / & Pelez Dennis chosen

Jeremiah Davol 1st sworn

Isaac Mather chosen excused / & Phineas Perry chosen

Silas Kirby -

Thomas Records

Sylvester Brownell sworn

George C. Brownell sworn

David Sanford sworn

Abraham Manchester

Humphrey Storum sworn

Luthon White - sworn

Adam Gifford sworn

William Brownell

George Kirby sworn

Nicholas Gifford sworn

John Potter - sworn

George Allen

Samuel Allen sworn

Phadiah Lawton excused / & Jacob Allen chosen

William T. Davis

Abner Wilcox excused / & Richard Gifford chosen & sworn

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\$ 1000. Voted That the Sum of One Thousand Dollars be raised for Repairing Highways and Town ways in the Town of Westport the year ensuing to be assessed on the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants as other taxes are assessed. and that the Assessors assess the same as soon as may be and deliver a list of the persons names and of the sums they are assessed to each surveyor of his limits according to Law. — That seventy five cents be allowed by the surveyors for a days work of a man or one Yoke of Oxen and in that proportion for parts of days. — That Twenty five cents be allowed for a Cart or plow one day — And that the aforesaid sum be expended on the Highways one half by the first day of July & the other by the first day of September next. —

That when any Highway or Town way shall be blocked up or Incumbered with snow the surveyor of such way shall cause it to be removed or trodden down in the same way and manner as Highways are to be repaired when Towns neglect to vote a sum of money for that purpose.

Samuel Crocker Esq. had forty two votes for
County Treasurer 42

on the Ninth Article in the warrant — Voted that Abner Brownell be an agent for the Town to attend to the petition from the Judge of Probate respecting Peleg Sissons accounts of Guardianship &c.

Voted, That the Selectmen prepare a petition to Send to the General Court respecting the Fisheries in this Town