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Voted That the Selectmen prepare a petition  
to send to the General Court praying to have  
the Law repealed respecting Schools for teaching  
the Latin & Greek languages.

Voted That the Eleventh article be dispensed  
with.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the  
second Monday in May next, at one O'clock  
afternoon then to meet at this place. #

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 Inhabitants of said Town of Westport  
qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor  
Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors -  
to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday  
the first day of April next at Eleven O'clock in  
the forenoon, to give in their votes for Governor, <sup>Lieutenant Governor</sup> Senators  
and Counsellors agreeably to the Constitution of  
said Commonwealth.

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

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

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Bristol ss. Westport April 1. 1822

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the  
Inhabitants of said Town of Westport by posting up a  
Notice at T. R. Macomber's Store on the 16th ultimo.  
and one at the Town House & one at the store of  
Frederick Brownell on the 18th ult., to assemble  
at the time & place and for the purpose within men-  
tioned  
Nicholas Little } Constable of Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport  
aforesaid qualified agreeable to the Constitution,  
Assembled at the Town House in said Town on  
Monday the first day of April, for the purposes  
expressed in the foregoing warrants.

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

For Governor His Ex<sup>ty</sup> John Brooks who had  
one Hundred & two. 102

William Eustis who had  
Twenty nine 29

For Lt. Governor His Hon: William Phillips  
who had one Hundred & one 101

His Hon: Levi Lincoln who  
had Thirty one 31

For Senators Hon: Oliver Starkweather who had  
Ninety 90

Thomas Rotch who had eighty nine 89

Jethro Daggett who had ninety one 91

James L. Hodges who had twenty nine 29

Nathaniel Wheeler who had twenty nine 29

Stephen Merrick who had twenty nine 29

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk



<sup>414</sup>  
At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick  
Brownell April 10. 1822 for the purpose of drawing  
Jurors Adam Gifford was drawn Grand Juror  
Nicholas Little & Allen Devoe were drawn Traverse  
Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to  
be holden at Taunton on the last Tuesday in April  
next.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick  
Brownell May 30. 1822 for the purpose of drawing  
Jurors Jacob Allen and John Gifford son of William  
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of  
Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second  
Monday of June next.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick  
Brownell August 25<sup>th</sup> 1822 for the purpose of  
drawing Jurors - Phillip Potter and Easton Howland  
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of  
Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the  
second Monday of September next.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick  
Brownell Sept. 27. 1822 for the purpose of drawing  
Jurors - Ephraim Gifford was drawn Grand Juror  
Thomas Winslow & Henry Palmer Traverse Jurors  
to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be  
holden at Taunton on the third Tuesday of October  
next.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

<sup>415</sup>  
May 13. 1822 Agreeable to adjournment from the  
the first Monday in April the Inhabitants of  
Westport met accordingly

Abner Brownell Esq. was chosen Moderator pro. tem.

Abner B. Gifford  
Frederick Brownell  
Stephen Howland  
Perry R. Maunster  
John Anthony  
David M. Brownell  
Miriah Dean  
Jethro Howland  
Perry Wilcox

were chosen

Surveyors of Lands

Tillinghast Almy  
Thomas W. Mayhew  
Cornelius White  
Wing Howland  
Benjamin Soule  
Stephen Howland  
Ephraim Tompion  
William Brownell  
Zachus Gifford  
Pelez Gifford  
George Gifford  
David Sanford  
Francis Tripp

were chosen

Tythingmen

Adam Gifford  
John Anthony  
Jonathan Peckham

Surveyors of Landings  
at Head of River -



Town  
Viewers

Abraham Cornell  
 Sylvester Brownell — sworn  
 Nathan C. Brownell  
 Wilbour Gifford — sworn  
 Adam Gifford — sworn  
 George Gifford  
 Jonathan Davis  
 Christopher Cornell  
 Edmund Tripp  
 John Dyer Jr

Gutters of  
Hoops of staves

Jethro Howland  
 Miah Dean  
 John Howland 2nd  
 Jonathan Tripp

Field  
Drivers

Stephen Cornell  
 Wilbour Gifford  
 George Kirby  
 Benjamin Cory  
 Russell Gifford  
 John Smith  
 Abner Lawton  
 Pardon Gifford  
 Charles Little  
 Elijah Blossom

## Gutters of Fish

Jethro Howland  
 Gideon Davis

Overseers of  
Fishing

Gideon Davis — sworn  
 Pardon Allen — sworn  
 Perry Brightman — sworn  
 Daniel Wing — sworn  
 Perry Hazard

## Hog Reeves

Ephraim Maconber  
 Wilbour Gifford  
 Jonathan Talbot  
 Phillip Davis  
 Elijah Blossom  
 Samuel Willcox  
 David M. Brownell  
 Pardon Gifford  
 Charles Baker  
 Jonathan Gifford  
 Warton Maconber  
 Barry Hicks  
 Gideon Davis  
 Abner Willcox  
 Duffee Tripp

Nicholas Little was chosen constable & collector of Taxes for the year ensuing on condition of procuring sufficient Bonds before he receives the Tax Bills & doing all the Towns Business as constable gratis & to have Two per cent on all the money he shall collect for the Taxes of 1822 & produce receipts from the several Treasurers of paying in the same & to have no allowance for taking bad or uncurrent money (Sworn before Anselm Dapitt Just. Peace.)

\$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 complained of within the year for not having schools agreeable to Law that the expence if there should be any made against the Town be paid out of the Two Hundred Dollars -



\$1300,- Voted to Raise Thirteen Hundred Dollars by way of Tax on the polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport for the support of the Poor & other Incidental charges To be assessed collected & paid in to the Town Treasurer by the First day of April next and the Assessors are hereby directed to Assess said sum in the way and manner provided by law & deliver a list or lists thereof to the collector as soon as may be -

Voted That the Selectmen allow Nathaniel Sherman for keeping Joseph Manchester what they think reasonable & charge the same to the Town.

The Committee on accounts made a report in writing that they had attended to the business assigned them & that they had allowed to the several persons named in the list presented by them the several sums set against their respective names amounting in the whole to the sum of Thirteen Hundred Ninety three Dollars seventy five cents \$1393.75

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 & charge the same to the Town

The Committee also report that agreeable to their appointment they made a settlement with the Treasurer & found that he had received for the Town the year past \$1549.65 & had paid out by his account 1494.85 making a balance in favour of the Town the sum of \$54.70

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 & the accounts allowed the Amount of \$1009.49

And that there had been assessed on the Inhabitants the year past as by report this day presented \$1051.02 -

All which is respectfully submitted

May 13. 1822

Abner Brownell  
Barney Hicks  
Isaac Howland } Committee

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to next Friday the 17th Inst: at One O'clock P.M. then to meet at this place

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk  
May 17. 1822 Agreeable to Adjournment from the 13th of this Inst: the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly

Frederick Brownell  
Daniel Wing  
Isaac Howland } were chosen Assessors & sworn before F. Brownell

The Selectmen presented a petition respecting Latin & Greek Schools which was read & accepted by the Town & voted, that it should be preferred to the next General Court.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the last Saturday in August at One O'clock P.M. then to meet at this place

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk



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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 Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by the Constitution to vote for representatives to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next, 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 and seals this nineteenth day of April A. D. 1822.

Federick Brownell }  
Daniel Wing } Selectmen  
Isaac Howland } of  
Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote for representatives to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Nicholas Little Constable  
Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport qualified agreeable to Law assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May A. D. 1822 for the purpose expressed in the foregoing warrant - And it was then & there voted that this Town send no Representatives.

Recorded by Federick Brownell Town Clerk



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August 31<sup>st</sup> 1822 Agreeable to adjournment  
from the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May last. The Inhabitants of  
Westport met accordingly  
Josias Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator pro: tem:  
Daniel Wing was chosen clerk pro: tem:

Emmanuel Darrow was chosen surveyor of Highways  
Voted that the tax to be worked out by the  
fifteenth day of September next.

Recorded by Daniel Wing Town Clerk pro: tem.

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

You are hereby required in the name of the Comm-  
-monwealth 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 the Town House  
in said Town on Monday the twenty eight Instant  
at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following  
articles (Viz) —

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator of sd. meeting —
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> To receive information from their agent of the  
Settlement of the Estate of Philip Sisson (deceased),  
by Pileg Sisson's administration accounts thereon  
and also of said Pileg Sisson's Guardianships accounts  
against Robert and Elizabeth Sisson exhibited to  
the Judge of Probate for allowance and what was  
allowed thereon —
  - 3 — To give such instructions and directions to their  
agent as may appear necessary and proper about  
further contesting said Guardians accounts —
  - 4 — To know the Opinion of the Town in regard to  
petitioning the Judge of Probate to remove the said  
Pileg Sisson from being Guardian any longer —
- Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant  
and of your doings thereon unto the Selectmen on or  
before said day — —

Turn over



Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day  
of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred & twenty two -

Frederick Brownell } Selectmen  
Isaac Hawland } of  
Daniel Wing } Westport

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

Westport Oct. 24th. 1822 - Nicholas Little } Constable  
Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
of Westport holden at the Town House in sd. Town  
on Monday the 28th day of October. D. 1822 -

1<sup>st</sup> Abner Brownell Esq. was chosen Moderator of  
said meeting -

2<sup>nd</sup> Abner Brownell was chosen Clerk pro. tem.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday  
November 4th. D. 1822 - at one of the Clock in  
the afternoon -

November 4th. D. 1822 - Agreeable to adjournment  
from the 28th day of October last - the Inhabitants  
of Westport met accordingly -

Daniel Wing was Chosen Clerk - Pro tem

Voted that the report of Abner Brownell as Agent  
for the Town of Westport in contesting the accounts  
of Peleg Sisson as Administrator on Philip Sissons  
estate, and as Administrator Guardian to  
Robert Sisson & Elisabeth Sisson be accepted and  
that the Town Clerk be required to file the same  
together with a copy of James Gifford and his wife  
Rhoda's bond to Peleg Sisson, and a copy Peleg  
Sissons Obligations to James Gifford & his wife Rhoda

and The copies of Peleg Sissons Administration and  
Guardianship accounts, and that the same be kept with  
the Records of the Town.

Voted - That we approve of the Proceedings of Abner  
Brownell as Agent for the Town in contesting the  
accounts of Peleg Sissons Administration on Philip  
Sissons Estate and his Guardianship accounts against  
Robert Sisson and Elisabeth Sisson, - and  
request said Brownell to oppose any petition that  
said Peleg Sisson may present to any Court for  
Licence to sell any land belonging to said Robert  
and Elisabeth. persons now *compos mentis*, until there  
is a legal division of the Estate in which said Robert  
and Elisabeth is Interested.

Voted - That Abner Brownell and the Selectmen  
of this Town be a Committee in behalf of the Town  
to petition the Judge of Probate to remove Peleg Sisson  
from being Guardian to Robert Sisson & Elisabeth  
Sisson any longer for we consider his conduct has  
rendered him very unsuitable for that place, and  
we request them to use all legal and proper means  
to obtain his removal as soon as may be -

Voted that the Selectmen be appointed as a Committee  
to negotiate a settlement with Peleg Sisson if they  
can make such a one as they think proper. -

Recorded by - Daniel Wing. Clerk pro. tem.



To Nicholas Little Constable of the Town of Westport

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Greeting -  
You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and  
warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport  
qualified to vote for Representatives in the  
General Court of said Commonwealth, to assemble  
at the Town House in said Town on Monday the  
fourth day of November next, being the first  
Monday in said month, at one o'clock in the  
afternoon - to give in their votes for a Represent-  
-ative of the people of said Commonwealth in  
the Congress of the United States for Bristol District.  
Given under our hands and seals this fifteenth  
day of October D. 1822 -

Fredrick Brownell  
Isaac Hawland } Selectmen  
of  
Westport

Daniel Wing was chosen Clerk pro. tem.  
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified  
and warned the male Inhabitants of sd Town of  
Westport qualified as therein expressed to meet at the  
time and place for the purposes within mentioned  
Oct. 24th. 1822 -

Nicholas Little Constable  
of  
Westport

Daniel Wing was chosen Clerk pro. tem.  
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
of Westport, assembled at the Town House in sd  
Town, on Monday the fourth day of November  
D. 1822. at one o'clock in the afternoon - for  
the purposes contained in the foregoing warrant  
The following Persons were voted for - viz, -

Francis Baylis Esqr had Sixty three votes  
Hercules Cushman Esqr had Four votes -  
which were sorted counted, read and declaration  
thereof made agreeable to Law -

Recorded by me Daniel Wing Clerk pro. tem.

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederik  
Brownell November 23. 1822 for the purpose of drawing  
Jurors George W. Brownell and Benjamin Tripp  
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of  
Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second  
Monday of December next.

Recorded by Frederik Brownell J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of  
Frederik Brownell March 1. 1823 for the purpose  
of drawing Jurors. Elijah Blossom was drawn  
Grand Juror - Barker Gifford & Rufus Tripp  
were drawn Traverse Jurors. to serve at the  
Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton  
on the second Monday of this Instant.

Recorded by Frederik Brownell J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the Store of Frederik  
Brownell April 8th. 1823 for the purpose of drawing  
Jurors. Nathan C. Brownell was drawn Grand Juror  
John Potter & Shepherd Gifford were drawn Traverse  
Jurors - to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court  
to be holden at Taunton on Tuesday the 22<sup>d</sup> of  
this Instant;

Recorded by Frederik Brownell J. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held  
at the Store of Frederik Brownell May 22. 1823  
for the purpose of drawing Jurors. John A. Gifford and  
Harcus Gifford were drawn traverse Jurors to serve  
at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at  
Taunton on the second Monday of June next.

Recorded by F. Brownell J. Clerk



At a legal meeting <sup>4th</sup> held at the Store of Frederick Brownell August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1823 for the purpose of drawing Jurors - Abner B. Lifford and Green Lison were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of September next

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the Store of Frederick Brownell November 28<sup>th</sup> 1823 for the purpose of drawing Jurors - Weston Allen and Joseph Davis were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday December next

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the Store of Frederick Brownell March 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1824 for the purpose of drawing Jurors - Isaac Corey Jr. was drawn Grand Juror - George W. Davis and Daniel Brownell 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 J. Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the Store of Frederick Brownell April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1824 for the purpose of drawing Jurors - Emmanuel Devol was drawn Grand Juror - Henry Willcox & Nathaniel Tupper were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the third Tuesday of April Instant.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

1823

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

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You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Town of Westport qualified by the Constitution for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors. To meet at the Town House on Monday the seventh day of April next at Eleven o'clock the forenoon, to give in their votes for Governor and Governor, Senator and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Westport aforesaid the Tenth day of March A.D. 1823

Frederick Brownell } Sele  
Daniel Wing }  
Isaac Howland } Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid qualified agreeable to the Constitution - Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the seventh day of April - 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 Gov<sup>r</sup>. Hon: Harrison Gray Otis who had  
One Hundred Seventy five votes — 175

Hon: William Custer who had  
Forty four votes — 44

Hon: Daniel Noble who had  
One Hundred seventy four votes — 174

Hon: Levi Lincoln who had  
Forty five votes — 45

Oliver Starkweather One Hundred seventy four 174

Thomas Rotch One Hundred sixty eight — 168

Joseph E. Reed One Hundred seventy two — 172

James L. Hodges Forty three — 43

Stephen Merrihue forty three — 43

John Mason forty three — 43

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the house of Frederick Brownell May 29. 1824 for the purpose of drawing Jurors, Jonathan Apple and Jeremiah Devoe 2<sup>d</sup> were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of June next.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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 Notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote for Town Officers and in other Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Town on the seventh day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz

- 1 To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting
  - 2 To choose all such Town Officers as Towns by Law are authorized to choose annually
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To choose a Committee to receive and examine all accounts brought against said Town and also to settle with Treasurer
  - 4 To determine what sum to raise by way of tax for the support of Schools. Poor, and other incidental charges.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> To determine what sum to raise by way of tax shall be expended in the repairs of Highways, and in what manner it shall be appropriated
  - 6<sup>th</sup> To devise the best method for the support of paupers
  - 7 To choose such other Committees or Agents as circumstances may render expedient.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> To give in their votes for a County Treasurer
  - 9<sup>th</sup> To know the Towns mind in regard to repairing the public landing at the Head of the East river and removing all incumbrances that shall be considered nuisances. — Given under our hands & seals at Westport aforesaid the tenth day of March A. D. 1823.
- Of this warrant and your doings you are to make returns on or before said day.

Frederick Brownell (Selectman)  
Isaac Howland  
Daniel Wing Westport  
— turn over



Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warn'd the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting at Notifications at the Town House at F. Brownell's Store, at Isaac Cory's Store, & at Peckham & Howlands on this day

Westport March 20. 1823 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 seventh day of April at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes contained in the foregoing Warrant -

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator

Frederick Brownell Town Clerk  
& Town Treasurer - sworn before the Moderator -

Isaac Howland } Chosen Selectmen  
Daniel Wing }  
Frederick Brownell } & Sworn -

Barney Hicks } Committee on accounts  
William White Esq }  
Thomas Richmond }

### Surveyors of Highways

Edmund Mosher chosen & sworn -  
Stephen Borden - " - sworn  
Gardner White -  
Stephen Cornell Esq - " - sworn  
Exam'd John A Gifford & Chas Ebenezer Baker - sworn -  
Pelez Chase - " - sworn  
Exam'd Peleg Dennis - & Chas Levi Gifford  
Jeremiah Davol Esq



Pardon Gifford —————  
 Joseph Davis ————— sworn  
 Exmnd Thomas Records & John Jonathan Records — sworn  
 Sylvester Brownell ————— sworn  
 George C. Brownell ————— sworn  
 David Sanford ————— sworn  
 Abraham Manchester ————— sworn  
 George Gifford ————— sworn  
 Warton lease Jr ————— "  
 Adam Gifford ————— sworn  
 Ezekiel Brownell ————— sworn  
 Nathan Wood ————— sworn  
 Nicholas Gifford ————— sworn  
 John Potter ————— sworn  
 Major Allen —————  
 Samuel Allen ————— sworn  
 Obadiah Lawton —————  
 John Brightman ————— sworn  
 Weston Potter ————— sworn

\$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 Estate 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 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. That twenty five cents  
 be allowed for a cart or plow oneday — And that the  
 aforesaid sum be expended one half by the first day  
 of July & the other by the first day of September  
 next. That snow be trodden down or removed  
 in the same manner as was voted last year



1823

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Samuel Crocker Esq. had one Hundred  
and seven votes for County Treasurer } 107

Voted That a Committee be chosen to ascertain the  
situation and boundaries of the landing at the  
Head of the East River - and report to the adj-  
ournment of this meeting what measures in their  
opinion is necessary for the Town to adopt -  
relative thereto - William White D<sup>r</sup>. Nathan  
C. Brownell and Ebenezer Baker were chosen  
the Committee for that purpose -

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to take  
particular care of the landing. & see that there is no  
more buildings put on - that there is none of the  
Soil dug up and carried away and that it is not  
obstructed unnecessarily.

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to Monday the twelfth  
day of May next one O'clock afternoon - then  
to meet again at this place - & it was  
adjourned accordingly.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting held at the House of Frederick  
Brownell on the third day of September A.D. 1824  
for the purpose of drawing Jurors Levi Gifford  
and Preston Potter were drawn Tavern Jurors to  
serve at the C. of C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton  
on the second Monday in September Instant

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

May 12. 1823 Agreed to adjournment from  
the first Monday in April the Inhabitants of  
Westport met accordingly - the following votes  
were taken.

Isaac Howland  
Daniel Wing } were chosen Assessors  
Frederick Brownell } & sworn before A. Brownell

Nathan C. Brownell chosen Pound keeper -

Abner B. Gifford, Frederick Brownell,  
Stephen Howland, Perry A. Macomber,  
John Anthony, David M. Brownell,  
Micah Dean, Jethro Howland,  
& Perry Willot - chosen Surveyors of  
Lumber & measurers of wood

Tillinghast Along. Micah Dean.  
Cornelius White, Wing Howland, Benjamin Soule,  
John Gifford, Thomas Winslow, Ephraim Thompson.  
William Brownell, Zachus Gifford, Peleg Gifford,  
George Gifford & David Sanford, Francis Tripp, &  
Gilbert Macomber - chosen Tillingmen

Abraham Corneel, Sylvester Brownell, Nathan  
C. Brownell, Willough Gifford, Adam Gifford,  
George Gifford, Jonathan Davis, John Potter,  
Edmund Tripp, Jonathan Records, chosen  
Tene Viewers

Jethro Howland, Micah Dean, John Howland D<sup>r</sup>  
& Jonathan Tripp chosen Cutters of Hoops & Staves -

Jethro Howland & Gideon Davis  
Cutters of Fish -



Stephen Cornell 2<sup>nd</sup> Willbourn Gifford.  
 George Kirby, Russell Gifford, John Milk  
 Abner Lawton, Pardon Gifford, Charles Little,  
 Elijah Blossom, Nathaniel Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup> Silas Petty,  
 Charles Manchester, Jish Brownell, Simon Crow,  
 William G. Soules, Chosen Field Drivers —

Ephraim Macomber, Willbourn Gifford,  
 Jonathan Taber, Phillip Davis, Elijah Blossom,  
 Samuel Williot, David M. Brownell, Pardon Gifford,  
 Charles Baker, Jonathan Gifford, Warton Macomber,  
 Barney Hicks Gideon Davis, Abner Williot,  
 Durfee Tripp, & Arnold Wood —

Chosen Hoag-reeves.

Gideon Davis, Pardon Allen, Perry Brightman,  
 Daniel Wing, Perry Hazard.

Chosen Overseers of Fishery —

23 Voted to accept the report of the Committee which  
 was chosen at the annual meeting, to ascertain the  
 situation and boundaries of the landing at the  
 head of the river, & that the same be recorded  
 on the Towns book.

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

Also voted that if the Town should be complained  
 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. —

\$1500. Voted that the sum of Fifteen 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 & other incidental  
 charges to be assessed collected & paid in to  
 the Town Treasurer on or before the first day  
 of April next and the Assessors are hereby  
 directed to assess said sum in the way and  
 manner provided by law, and deliver a list  
 or lists thereof to the collector as soon as may  
 be. —

The Committee on accounts made a report in writing  
 that they had attended the business assigned them &  
 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 Eighteen Hundred Sixty four  
 Dollars & Ninety four cents. — \$1864.94

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

The Committee also reports that agreeable to their  
 appointment they made a settlement with the  
 Treasurer and found that he had received for the  
 Town the year past the sum of — \$1741.52  
 And had paid out by his account — 1708.99

Making a balance in favour of the Town \$32.53

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 and the amounts that had been allowed the amount of \$146.76

And that there had been assessed on the Inhabitants the year past as by report this day presented \$1553.91 leaving a balance against the Town the sum of \$154.27

All which is respectfully submitted

William White 2<sup>d</sup>  
Barney Hicks  
Thomas Richmond } Committee

May 12, 1823

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to next Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 O'clock P. M., then to meet again at this place.

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 Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives; To meet at the Town House in said Town ~~in said Town~~ on Monday the twentieth day of May next at 2 O'clock P. M. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be held & convened at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next. - And of this warrant with your doings thereon you are to make returns to the Selectmen on or before said time of Meeting - Given under our hands and seals this twenty third day of April A.D. 1823 -

Fredrick Brownell  
Daniel Wing  
Isaac Howland } Selectmen  
of  
Westport

Bristol ss. Westport May 12, 1823

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport, by posting up one notice at the Town House on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April last & one at J. Brownell's Store and one at Peckham & Howland's Store on the same day to assemble at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned

Nicholas Little - Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held at the Town House on Monday the twentieth day of May A.D. 1823 agreeable to the foregoing warrant,

The Inhabitants were called upon to know whether they would send any representative, and there was no person that voted -

Recorded by Fredrick Brownell J. Clerk



Bristol So. 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 Inhabitants of said Town of Westport Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs. To meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To know the Towns mind in regard to taking sand from the Horse neck point (so called) and to take such measures as may be thought proper and expedient.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To know the Towns mind in regard to setting off Pardon Petty, Benjamin Petty, and Stephen Petty, from the School Districts they now belong to, and annexing them to some other Districts.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings to the Town Clerk on or before said time of meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty fifth day of April A.D. 1823

Fredrick Brownell, Selectman  
Isaac Howland, } Westport

Bristol So. Westport May 12. 1823

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport, by posting up one notice at the Town House on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April last and one at Fredrick Brownell's Store & one at Oakham & Howland's on the same day, to assemble at the time and place & for the purpose within mentioned.

Nicholas Little Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified agreeable to Law, held at the Town House in said town on Monday the twelfth day of May A.D. 1823. For the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant.

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator

Voted That the Selectmen prepare a petition and send it to the General Court requesting a Law to be made to prohibit the taking sand from the Horse neck point, in large quantities.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Saturday next the 17<sup>th</sup> day of this Inst: at 2 o'clock P.M. then to meet again at this place.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk  
May 17, 1823 Agreeable to adjournment from the twelfth day of this Inst: the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly.

Wm. Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator Geo. Tins.

Nicholas Little Chosen Constable, & Collector of taxes for the year ensuing, on conditions of procuring sufficient Bonds before he receives the tax bills and doing, all the Towns Business as Constable gratis. To have 1<sup>00</sup> pr cent on all the money he shall collect for the Taxes of 1823 and produce receipts from the several Treasurers of paying in the same and to have no allowance for taking bad or uncurrent money — sworn before the Moderator

Voted. that this meeting be adjourned to the next Saturday in August next one o'clock P.M. then to meet again at this place.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk



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May. 17. Two O'clock P.M. agreeable to adjournment  
from the twelfth day of this Instant. The Inhabitants  
of Westport met accordingly —

Abner Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator pro. tem.

Voted That: Pardon Petley, Benjamin Petley, and  
Stephen Petley, with their property be set  
off from School District N-13 and  
annexed to School district N-12, Twelve

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

{L.S.}

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{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  
by Law to vote in Town affairs — To meet at  
the Town House in said Town on Saturday  
the twenty ninth day of November Inst. at one  
O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following  
articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To know the towns mind in regard to an indictment  
found by the Grand Jury against this Town for not  
keeping the Public Highway in repair that leads  
from the Widow Ruth Rodell House Eastward  
to Dartmouth line. — and also to choose an agent  
to attend to said Indictment, if thought necessary  
and expedient. — Hereof fail not and make  
return of this warrant and of your doings —



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At The Town clerk on or before said time of meeting  
Given under our Hands and Seals this Eleventh day  
of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
eight Hundred and twenty three.

Frederick Brownell }  
Daniel Wing } Selectmen  
Isaac Howland } of  
Westport

Pursuant to the within I have notified and warned  
the Inhabitants of Westport within mentioned to meet at  
the Town House in said Town as within mentioned  
and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up  
notifications at the following places in said Town of  
Westport viz: at the Store of Peckham & Howland at  
the Store of Frederick Brownell, at the Town House  
& at Peckabush Point

Nicholas Little } Constable  
Westport

Westport Nov<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1823.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid  
qualified according to Law. Assembled at the Town  
House in said Town on Saturday the twenty ninth  
day of November A.D. 1823 at one o'clock in the  
afternoon for the purposes expressed in the foregoing  
warrant.

Daniel Wing Chosen Moderator.

Nathan C. Brownell Chosen Agent in behalf of the  
Town to appear at the next Court of Common Pleas to  
be holden at Taunton on the Second Monday of December  
next to answer to an Indictment found by the Grand  
Jury against the Inhabitants of this Town for not  
keeping the Highway in repair that leads from Ruth  
Wodells House Eastward to Dartmouth line,



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, George Allen, Green Allen, Job Allen, Jacob Allen, Joseph Brightman, Isaac M. Brownell, Nathan b. Brownell, Jereh Brownell, Daniel Brownell, George M. Brownell, David M. Brownell, George b. Brownell, Ezekiel Brownell, Elijah Blosson, Restorne Borden, Jabez Barker, Pardon Case, John Case, Isaac Cory Jr., Restorne Case, Warton Case Jr., John Cornell Jr., John Dyer Jr., Anthony Davis, George W. Davis, Joseph Davis, William S. Davis, Emmanuel Devol, Peter Devol, Jonathan Davis, Allen Devol, Jeremiah Devol 2<sup>nd</sup>, Russell Gifford, Jonathan Gifford, John Gifford of E. Zachus Gifford, Levi Gifford, John A. Gifford, Adam Gifford, Abner B. Gifford, Peleg Gifford, John W. Gifford, John B. Gifford, Easton Howland, Wing Howland, John W. Howland, Silas Kirby, Noah Kirby, Pardon Kirby, George Kirby, Isaiah Kirby, Obadiah Luster, Nicholas Little, John Lawrence, John Macomber, John Milk, Simon Macomber, Charles Macomber, Thomas W. Mayhew, Henry Palmer, Christopher Palmer, Restorne Potter, Weston Potter, John Potter, Jonathan Potter, Peleg W. Peckham, Joshua Potter, Phillips Potter, Jonathan Russell, Jonathan Records, Pardon Sherman, Elaid Sherman, Humphrey Sloan, Samuel Elaid, David Sisson, Jonathan Soule, Capt. Peleg Sisson Capt.

Edmund Tripp Jr., Ezekiel Tripp, Nathaniel Tripp Capt., Benjamin Tripp Jr., Rufus Tripp, Abner Willot of Silvanus, Luthon Wing, Daniel Wing, Henry Willot, Reuben Wait, George Wood, Luthon White, Wilson Wing, Nathan Wood, Thomas Winslow, Nicholas White.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

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 notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Saturday the tenth day of January next at One O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1 - To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
- 2 - To know the Towns mind in regard to dividing School district N<sup>o</sup> 6 and making of the same two districts for the better accommodations of its Inhabitants.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings to the Town Clerk on or before said time of meeting. - Given under our hands and seals this twenty second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and twenty three.

(Daniel Wing, 2, Selectmen  
Frederick Brownell) Westport



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January 1. 1824 Pursuant to the within warrant  
I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants  
of said Town of Westport, qualified as therein  
expressed, to assemble at the time and place  
and for the purposes within mentioned, by  
posting up one notice at the Town House, one  
at F. Brownell Store one at Isaac Corys Store  
one at Peckham & Howlands Store, on the twenty  
third day of December last.

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  
Saturday the tenth day of January A.D. 1824  
for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant

Frederick Brownell Chosen Moderator

A motion was made for the meeting to be adjourned  
to the first Monday in April next.  
on taking a vote, the Majority voted against it

Voted that District N-6 be divided into two  
School districts and that the wall that stands  
in the line between Joseph Tripp's land and  
land that formerly belonged to Christopher Gifford  
be the line between the two Districts & that  
it be a straight line with that wall westward  
to the Shore, or West River and Eastward to the  
Shore or East river.

The South District is N-6 and the North N-19 -

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. 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 notify and  
warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport  
Qualified by the Constitution to vote for  
Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and  
Counsellors - To meet at the Town House  
on Monday the fifth day of April next at  
Eleven O'clock in the forenoon, to give in  
their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor  
Senators and Counsellors agreeably to the  
Constitution of said Commonwealth.  
Given under our hands and seals this  
twelfth day of March A.D. 1824

Frederick Brownell  
Daniel Wing  
Isaac Howland } Selectmen  
of Westport

Westport March 22, 1824 Pursuant to the with-  
in warrant I have notified the Inhabitants  
of said Town of Westport, by posting up one  
notice at the Town House one at the Store of  
Peckham & Howland & one at the Store of  
Frederick Brownell on this day.

Nicholas Little Constable of Westport



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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid qualified agreeable to the Constitution. Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fifth day of April for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed viz —

For Gov<sup>r</sup>: Hon: Samuel Lathrop who had  
Two Hundred & sixty three votes — 263

Hon: William Eustis who had  
Fifty nine votes — 59

For Lieut. Gov<sup>r</sup>: Hon: Richard Sullivan who had  
Two Hundred & sixty four votes — 264  
Hon: Marcus Morton who had  
Fifty eight — 58

Senators { Hon: Sylvester Brownell who had  
Two Hundred & sixty two votes — 262  
Hon: Thomas Aitch who had  
Two Hundred & sixty three — 263  
Hon: Oliver Starweather who had  
Two Hundred & sixty three — 263  
Hon: James L. Hodges fifty nine — 59  
Hon: James Mason fifty nine — 59  
Hon: Solomon Pratt fifty nine — 59

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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Bristol J. 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 Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote for Town Officers and in other Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fifth day of April next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz —

1. To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
2. To choose all such Town Officers as Towns by Law are authorised to choose annually, and upon such conditions as the Majority shall there & then agree upon.
3. To choose a Committee to receive and examine all accounts brought against said Town, and also to settle with the Treasurer.
4. To determine what sum to raise by way of tax for the support of schools, Poor, 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 paupers, and also to take the sense of the Town in regard to providing a House wherein they may be supported together.
7. To choose such other Committees or agents in circumstances may render expedient.



To give in their votes for a County Treasurer  
 given under our hands and seals this Twelfth  
 day of March D. 1824.

Federick Brownell }  
 Daniel Wing } Selectmen  
 Isaac Howland } of  
 Westport

Westport March 22, 1824 Pursuant to this warrant I  
 have notified the Inhabitants of said Town of  
 Westport by posting up one notice at the Town  
 House one at the Store of Federick Brownell  
 and one at the Store of Pelham & Howland  
 Nicholas Little } Constable of Westport

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

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator

Federick Brownell Town Clerk & Treasurer  
 & sworn before the Moderator

Daniel Wing }  
 Federick Brownell } Chosen Selectmen & sworn  
 Jonathan Davis } Also Assessors & sworn

Barney Hicks }  
 William White 2nd } Chosen Committee on affs  
 Abraham Thibault }

Finch Brownell — sworn  
 Joshua Potter — sworn  
 Gershom Woodell — sworn  
 George Wood — sworn  
 Stephen Cornell 2nd — sworn  
 Ebenezer Baker — sworn  
 Richard Lauston  
 Samuel Woodell — sworn  
 Jeremiah Devol 1st — sworn  
 Isaac Manaster — sworn

Green Allen —  
 Lanaan G. Dyer — sworn  
 Sylvester Brownell — sworn  
 George L. Brownell — sworn  
 David Sanford — sworn  
 Edward Manchester sworn  
 Noah Thibault — sworn  
 George White — sworn  
 Adam Gifford — sworn  
 Ezeiel Brownell — sworn  
 Nathan C. Brownell —  
 John Anthony — sworn  
 John Potter — sworn  
 Philip Tripp —  
 Major Allen — sworn  
 Samuel Allen — sworn  
 John Manaster —  
 William Gifford sworn  
 Richard Gifford sworn

Pound Keeper }  
 Isaiah Thibault }

Surveyors of Land }  
 Abner B. Gifford }  
 Federick Brownell }  
 Stephen Howland }  
 John Anthony }  
 David M. Brownell }  
 Micah Dean }  
 Jethro Howland }  
 Perry Willcox }

Highways }  
 Tillingham }  
 Tillingham }  
 Micah Dean }  
 Cornelius White }  
 Wing Howland }  
 Benjamin Soule }  
 John Gifford }  
 Thomas Winslow }  
 Ephraim Thompson }  
 William Brownell }  
 Joshua Gifford }  
 Peleg Gifford }  
 George Gifford }  
 David Sanford }  
 Francis Tripp }  
 Gilbert Macomber }



\$1000. Voted That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be  
 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 for a man or one yoke 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 sums be ~~expended~~ expended one half by the  
 first day of July & the other half by the first day of  
 September next. Voted That Snow be trodden down  
 or removed in the same manner as was voted last  
 Year

Adam Gifford }  
 John Anthony }  
 Jonathan Peckham }  
 Town Overseers of Landings  
 at the Head of East river

Tree Viewers. Abraham Cornell, Peleg Manchester,  
 Nathan C. Brownell, Willbur Gifford, Adam Gifford,  
 George Gifford, Jonathan Davis, John Potter,  
 Edmund Tripp, Jonathan Records.

Collectors of Hoops & Staves, Jethro Howland,  
 Micah Dean, John Howland Jr, Stephen Howland.  
 Collectors of Fish. — Jethro Howland, Gideon Davis.



Charles Foster had One Hundred & thirty  
three votes, for County Treasurer — 133  
Allen Presby had Fifty — — — 50  
Amos Tacey had Forty. — — — 40

Isaac Howland, Abner Brownell, & Abraham  
Heirby, were chosen a committee, to look for  
a Farm suitable, to support the paupers or  
voted, that said committee purchase a Farm for  
the Town if they can find one: which they together  
with the Selectmen shall think will be to the  
Interest of the Town to purchase, for that purpose  
voted, to adjourn this meeting to the second  
Monday in May next then to meet again at  
this place at one O'clock P. M.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

May 10. 1824 - Agreeable to adjournment from the  
first Monday in April the Inhabitants of  
Westport met accordingly

The following Town Officers were chosen

Stephen Cornell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wilbur Gifford, George Heirby,  
Russell Gifford, John Miller, Abner Lawton, Pardon  
Gifford, Charles Little, Elijah Blossom, Nathaniel  
Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>, Silas Pelley, Abraham Davis, Simeon Brew  
William G. Soule, were chosen Field drivers.



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Ephraim Macomber, John Anthony,  
Willow Gifford, Pardon Gifford,  
Wing Howland, Charles Baker,  
Phillip Davis, Jonathan Gifford,  
Elijah Blossom, Winton Macomber,  
Samuel Wilcox, Barney Hicks, Gideon Davis,  
Abner Wilcox, William Tripp, Arnold Wood,  
— were chosen Hog-Reeves —

Gideon Davis, Pardon Allen, Perry Brightman,  
David Wing, Perry Hazard, were chosen Overseers  
of the Fishery.

Charles Shepard, Gifford 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 99 cents  
on a Hundred Dollars for all the money he  
shall collect for the Taxes of 1824 and produce  
receipts from the several Treasurers of paying  
in the same, & to have no allowance for bad  
or uncurrent money. Sworn before the Moderator

The Committee on accounts made a report in writing  
that they had attended the business assigned them and  
they had allowed to the several persons named in  
the list presented by them the several sums set  
against their names. Amounting in the whole to  
the sum of Eighteen Hundred eighty two Dollars.

and fourteen cents

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\$1882.14

It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the  
Committee excluding the allowance to Pardon  
Gorrell and Tillinghast Almy, and the Treasurer  
is directed to <sup>pay</sup> the other sums 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 \$1525.58  
& had paid out by his account — 1517.77

Making a balance in favour of the Town 7.81

And made a settlement with him accord-  
ingly.

The Committee further report that there was by  
the report of the Committee the last year a  
balance against the Town between the sums as-  
sessed on the Town the year past, and the amounts  
that had been allowed against the Town the sum  
of \$164.27

And that there had been assessed on the Inhabitants  
the year past as by report this day presented \$1761.68

Leaving a balance against the Town the  
sum of — \$284.73

All which is respectfully submitted

May 1. 1824

William White 2<sup>d</sup>  
Abraham Kirby } Committee



Voted, That Peleg Sisson Esq. be paid Seventy  
\$72.19 two Dollars Nineteen cents. out of the  
Town Treasury; & the Treasurer is hereby  
ordered to pay it & charge it to the Town.

\$200. Voted, that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars  
be raised by way of Tax for the support of schools.

Also voted, that if the Town should be complained  
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 aforesaid Two Hundred Dollars.

\$2900. Voted, that the sum of Twenty Nine Hundred  
Dollars. be raised by way of tax on the polls &  
Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport  
for the support of the poor, for extinguishing the  
debts against the Town. and other incidental  
charges to be assessed & collected & paid in to  
the Town Treasurer One half by the first  
day of December next & the other half by the  
first day of April next; and the assessors are  
hereby directed to assess said in the way and  
manner provided by Law. and deliver a list  
or lists thereof to the Collector as soon as may  
be.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the last  
Saturday in August next at One O'clock P.M.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk.

<sup>505</sup>  
To Frederick Brownell Town Clerk of Westport this  
will inform you that the subscribers Assessors of said Town  
have determined that the property of Jeremiah Brownell  
& Elihu Gidley both of Westmouth shall be taxed in  
School district No 5 and you will record the same  
agreeable to Law. Daniel Wing,  
Frederick Brownell } Assessors

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 Inhabitants of said Town of Westport  
Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives  
to meet at the Town House in said Town on  
Monday the tenth day of May next at two  
O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing  
one or more representatives to represent them  
at the General Court appointed to be convened  
and held at Boston on the last Wednesday  
of May next. And of this warrant and of your  
doings thereon you are to make return to the  
subscribers on or before said time of meeting.  
Given under our hands and seals this twenty third  
day of April A.D. 1824.

Daniel Wing,  
Frederick Brownell } Selectmen  
Jonathan Davis } of Westport

Westport May 3. 1824 By virtue of the within  
warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Westport  
to meet at the time and place and for the purpose  
within mentioned by posting up one Notice at the Town  
House one at the Store of Perkins & Howland



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and one at the Store of Frederick Brownell fourteen  
days before the time of Meeting

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 Town on Monday the Sixth day  
of May A.D. 1824 for the purpose expressed in the  
foregoing warrant — And it was there & then  
voted that this Town send no Representative

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Bristol ss To Charles S. Gifford Constable of the Town  
of Westport. Greeting

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, to Notify and warn the Inhab-  
itants of said Town of Westport qualified by Law  
to vote in Town affairs — To meet at the Town House  
in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of  
August 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 know the Towns mind in regard to an action  
commenced against the Town by Peleg Chase for  
work done on the Highway and also to choose  
an agent for that, and for other purposes if thought  
necessary and expedient — Hereof fail not and  
make return of this warrant and your doings  
thereon on or before said time of Meeting

Given under our hands and seals this third

507  
day of August in the Year of our Lord one  
Thousand eight Hundred and twenty four

Daniel Wing  
Frederick Brownell  
Selectmen  
of  
Westport

Westport August 9, 1824 Pursuant to the within I have  
notified and warned the Inhabitants within mentioned  
to meet as within mentioned & for the purpose or purposes  
within mentioned by posting up notifications thereof  
at the Town House, at the Store of Peckham & Thoburn  
at the Store of Frederick Brownell and at Peckham's Point  
all in said Westport. Charles S. Gifford Constable of  
Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport qualified  
according to Law. Assembled at the Town House in  
said Town on Monday the 23<sup>d</sup> day of August A.D. 1824  
at two O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose expressed  
in the foregoing Warrant.

Abner Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator

Voted, that the Towns Treasurer pay Peleg Chase  
his account \$6.50 and costs of prosecution —

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the House of Frederick Brownell  
on the Eighth day of October A.D. 1824 for the pur-  
pose of drawing Jurors — George Allen was drawn Grand  
Juror and Reuben Wait & Nicholas Little were  
drawn Taverne Jurors to serve at the Supreme  
Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the third  
Tuesday of this Inst: Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk



1824 508  
To Charles S. Gifford Constable of the Town  
of Westport Greeting

Q. D. You are hereby required in the name of the common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the  
Q. 3. Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified  
by Law to vote for Representatives in the Gener-  
al Court of said Commonwealth, to assemble at  
the Town House in said Town on Monday  
the first day of November next 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 twelfth day of October A.D. 1824

Daniel Wing  
Frederick Brownell } Selectmen  
Jonathan Davis } of  
Westport

Westport October 16. 1824 Pursuant to the within  
I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of  
Westport within mentioned to assemble as within  
mentioned by posting up notifications thereof at  
Cory's Store at S. Brownell's Store and Peckham  
& Howland's Store Charles S. Gifford } Constable  
Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Westport Assembled at the Town House in said Town  
on Monday the first day of November A.D. 1824  
at One O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose  
contained in the foregoing Warrant the following  
persons were voted for viz.  
Hon: Francis Baylis had thirty nine votes 39  
Hon: James L. Hodges had seven votes 7  
Which were sorted, counted, record and declaration thereof made  
agreeable to Law Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

509  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Bristol ss. To Charles S. Gifford Constable of the Town  
of Westport Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn  
The Male Inhabitants of said Town of Westport, qual-  
ified by Law to vote for Representatives in the  
General Court of said Commonwealth, to assemble  
at the Town House in said Town on Monday the  
first day of November next at two O'clock in the  
afternoon to give in their votes for fifteen Electors  
of President and Vice President of the United  
States. Qualified according to the Constitution thereof  
Given under our hands & Seals this twelfth day of  
October A.D. 1824.

Daniel Wing  
Frederick Brownell } Selectmen  
Jonathan Davis } of  
Westport

Pursuant to the within I have notified and warned the  
Inhabitants of Westport within mentioned to assemble  
as within mentioned by posting up notifications thereof  
at Cory's Store at F. Brownell's Store and at Peckham  
& Howland's Store, Charles S. Gifford } Constable  
Westport Oct. 16. 1824

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport  
Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday  
the first day of November A.D. 1824 at Two O'clock  
in the afternoon for the purposes contained in the  
foregoing warrant the following persons were  
voted for - viz.

Electors at large  
Hon: William Baylis had Twenty five votes 25  
Hon: William Reed - " - Twenty five votes 25  
Hon: William Lyray - " - Eleven votes 11  
Hon: Levi Lincoln - " - Eleven - " 11



Electors for Suffolk District

Hon: Samuel Hubbard Twenty five votes — 25  
 Hon: Thomas L. Winthrop Eleven — 11

Essex South District

William Sutton Esq. — Twenty five — 25  
 Hon: Nathaniel Silsbee — Eleven — 11

Essex North

David How Esq. — Twenty five — 25  
 Dr. Joseph Pittredge — Eleven — 11

Middlesex

Hon: Edmund Foster — Twenty five — 25  
 Augustus Tower Esq. — Eleven — 11

Worcester South

Dr. Daniel Sherburne — Twenty five — 25  
 Gen: Jonathan Davis — Eleven — 11

Worcester North

Hon: Solomon Strong — Twenty five — 25  
 Col: Edmund Cushing — Eleven — 11

Franklin

Gen: Samuel Porter — Twenty five — 25  
 Oliver Smith Esq. — Eleven — 11

Hampden

Dr. Timothy Horton — Twenty five — 25  
 Enos Foot Esq. — Eleven — 11

Berkshire

Hon: William Walker — thirty six — 36

Norfolk

Hon: Benjamin Reynolds — Twenty five — 25  
 Hon: John Endicott — Eleven — 11

Plymouth

Benjamin Hobart Esq. — Twenty five — 25  
 Hon: Thomas Weston — Eleven — 11

Bristol

Hon: John M. Williams — Twenty five — 25  
 Cornelius Grinnell Esq. — Eleven — 11



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Barnstable District

|                       |             |    |
|-----------------------|-------------|----|
| Nymphas Marston Esq.  | Twenty five | 25 |
| Hoseaiah Barnard Esq. | Eleven      | 11 |

which were sorted, counted, recd and declaration  
thereof made agreeable to Law.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Bristol ss. To Charles S. Gifford Constable of the  
Town of Westport — Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of said  
(L.S.) Commonwealth to notify and warn the Inhabi-  
(L.S.) tants of said Town of Westport qualified by  
Law to vote for Representatives in the General  
of said Commonwealth — To assemble at the  
Town House in said Town on Monday the third  
day of January next at One O'clock in the  
afternoon, to give in their votes for one Repre-  
sentative, that is an Inhabitant of Bristol  
District, to represent them in the Congress  
of the United State of America  
Given under our hands and seals this twentieth  
day of December A.D. 1824 —

Frederick Brownell }  
Daniel Wing } Selectmen  
Jonathan Davis } of  
Westport

Bristol ss. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have  
notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport to  
assemble as is within directed by Posting up notification  
at the Store of Peckham & Howland A. Anthony's  
F. Brownell's Isaac Cory's &c  
(Dec 20. 1824) C. S. Gifford } Constable  
Westport



At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport. Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of January A.D. 1825 at One O'clock in the afternoon for the purposes expressed in the foregoing Warrant - The following persons were voted for viz

Francis Baylies Esq. had Two Hundred } - 215  
and Fifteen votes

James L. Hodges had Twenty four votes - 24

Which were sorted, counted, record and declaration thereof made agreeable to Law.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Bristol ss. To Charles S. Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport Greeting  
You are hereby required in the name of said Commonwealth, To Notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of January next at Two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz -

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting
- 2 - To know the Town's mind in regard to an Indictment found against said Town by the Grand Jurors for said County - for not having Schools agreeable to Law. and also to choose an agent to attend to that and for other purposes if thought necessary and expedient.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon on or before said time of Meeting & Given under our hands and seals this twentieth day of December A.D. 1824

Frederick Brownell Selectmen of  
Jonathan Davis } Westport

Bristol ss. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport to assemble as is within directed by posting up notifications at the Store of Peckham & Howland A. Anthony's F. Brownell, J. Corji &

Dec. 20, 1824  
C. S. Gifford } 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 ~~at~~ third day of January A.D. 1825 at two O'clock in the afternoon for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. chosen Moderator

Jonathan Davis chosen an Agent in behalf of the Town to defend the action commenced against said Town for not having Schools agreeable to Law, & to settle it on the best conditions he can.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell  
Town Clerk



At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held at the House of Frederick Brownell on the Twenty second day of February A.D. 1825 for the purpose of drawing Jurors - John Mawmber was drawn Grand Juror - Ezechiel Tapp & Peleg Gifford were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of March next, Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held at the House of Frederick Brownell on the fifth day of April A.D. 1825 for the purpose of drawing Jurors P. W. Peckham was drawn Grand Juror Job Allen and David Sisson were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the third Tuesday of this Instant.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held at the Store of Frederick Brownell on the sixth day of June A.D. 1825 for the purpose of drawing Jurors John Gifford (son of Ephraim) and Abner Willcox 2<sup>nd</sup> were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of June Instant. Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held at the Store of Frederick Brownell on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1825 for the purpose of drawing Jurors Peter Dovel 2<sup>nd</sup> & Edmund Tripp Jr were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in September next

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Bristol Co. To Charles Gifford Constable of  
The Town of Westport - Greeting  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors. To meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and seals at Westport this fourteenth day of March A.D. 1825

Frederick Brownell & Selectmen  
(Daniel Wing)

Bristol Co. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport to meet at the Town House as within directed by posting up notifications at Frederick Brownell's Store at Peckham & Howlands Store and at the Town House &c.  
Charles S. Gifford Constable of Westport  
Westport March 21. 1825

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid qualified agreeable to the Constitution assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant



Votes for the following persons were given in  
voted, Counted, record and declaration thereof  
made as by the Constitution is directed viz

For Governor Hon; Levi Lincoln who  
had Fifty four votes 54

For Lieutenant Governor  
Hon; Marcus Morton who had  
Fifty four votes 54

Senators { Hon; Thomas Petch who had thirty eight  
votes 38  
Hon; John Mason who had Fifty  
votes 50  
Joseph Tripp Esq. Fifty four votes - 54  
Hon; Solomon Pratt Sixteen votes - 16  
Hon; Matthew Mayhew five votes - 5

Recorded by Frederick Brownell  
Town Clerk

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Justice S. L. Charles S. Gifford Constable of the  
Town of Westport - Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Com-  
monwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the  
Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote for  
Town Officers and in other Town affairs to assemble  
at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fourth  
day of April next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon  
to act on the following articles viz;

- 1 To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
  - 2 To Choose all such Town Officers as Towns by Law  
are authorized to Choose annually, and upon such  
conditions as the majority shall there of then agree
  - 3 To Choose a Committee to receive and examine all  
accounts brought against said Town and also to settle  
with the Treasurer.
  - 4 To determine what sum to raise by way of tax for  
the support of schools, and in what manner it  
shall be apportioned, and also to know the Towns  
mind in regard to providing a Schoolmaster or  
Schoolmasters well Instructed in the Latin and Greek  
languages.
  - 5 To determine what sum to raise by way of tax for the support  
of paupers and other incidental charges.
  - 6 To determine what sum shall be expended in the repairs  
of Highways, and in what manner it shall be appro-  
priated
  - 7 To choose such other Committees or agents as Circum-  
stances may render expedient
  - 8 To know the Towns mind in regard to regulating  
the Oyster Fishery -
  - 9 To give in their votes for a County Treasurer
- Given under our hands & Seals this Fourteenth day of March  
at Westport N. D. 1825  
Frederick Brownell Selectman  
Daniel King



*Bristol N. H.* Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport to meet at the Town House as within directed by posting up Notifications at Frederick Brownell's Store at Peckham and Howlands Store and at the Town House &c.

Westport March 21. 1825 Charles S. Gifford Constable of Westport

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

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator

Frederick Brownell Chosen Town Clerk & sworn

Frederick Brownell Chosen Town Treasurer

Daniel Wing  
Frederick Brownell } Chosen Selectmen & sworn  
Jonathan Davis

Frederick Brownell  
Daniel Wing } Chosen Assessors & sworn  
Jonathan Davis

Noted That all other Town Officers be chosen by hand vote

Barney Hooks  
Abner B. Gifford } Chosen Committee on accounts  
John Macomber

Chosen Surveyors of Highways — viz. —  
Gilbert Macomber — sworn

William Trapp Capt. unknown May 21<sup>st</sup>

Gershom Woodell unknown — " —

Emmanuel Devol unknown — " — sworn —

Stephen Cornell 2<sup>d</sup> — sworn —

Ebenezer Baker — sworn

Abner Willcox — unknown May 21<sup>st</sup>

Isaac Gifford — sworn

Pelez Reed — unknown — " —

Samuel Slade — unknown — " —

Abner Davis — sworn

Lanaan G. Dyer — sworn

Sylvester Brownell — sworn

George C. Brownell — sworn

David Sanford — unknown — " —

Pelez Brownell — sworn

Tillinghast Almy — sworn

Luthon White — unknown — " — sworn —

Nicholas Little — sworn

Ezekiel Brownell — sworn

Nathan C. Brownell — sworn before A. Bapett.

Pelez W. Peckham — sworn

John Potter — sworn

John Gifford — sworn

David Wing — unknown — " —

Samuel Allen — sworn

Shabod Hurling — unknown — " —

William T. Davis — sworn

Pardon Shearman — sworn

David Brownell Chosen Pound keeper — sworn

Abner, B. Gifford, Frederick Brownell, Stephen Howland, John Anthony, David M. Brownell, Eliak Dean, Jethro Howland, & Perry Willcox

Chosen Surveyors of Lumber —



Micah Dean<sup>sworn</sup>, Cornelius White, Wing Howland,  
Benjamin Soule, John Gifford, Thomas Winslow,  
Ephraim Thompson, William Brownell, Parkes Gifford,  
Pelez Gifford, George Gifford, David Sanford, Francis  
Tripp and Gilbert Macomber, were chosen  
Lyingmen.

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Adam Gifford, John Anthony Jonathan Puckham,  
and Pardon Gifford were chosen Overseers of Landing  
at the Head of the East river.

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Pelez Manchester, Nathan L. Brownell, Willbur Gifford  
Adam Gifford<sup>sworn</sup> George Gifford John Potter<sup>sworn</sup> Edmund  
Tripp, Jonathan Records<sup>sworn</sup>, Major Allen, and  
Humphrey Sloums, were chosen Fence viewers —  
Willbur Gifford & Humphrey Sloums were sworn —

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Jethro Howland, Micah Dean, John Howland &  
& Stephen Howland were chosen cutters of hoops  
and staves.

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Jethro Howland, & Gideon Davis were chosen  
cutters of Fish

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Stephen Cornell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Willbur Gifford, George Kirby,  
Russell Gifford, John Milk, Abner Lawton,  
Pardon Gifford, Charles Little, Elijah Blossom,  
Nathaniel Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>, Silas Petey Abraham Davis  
Simon Law, and William G. Soule were chosen  
Field drivers.

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Charles Porter had Fifty eight votes  
 James L. Hodge — Seventeen —  
 Moses Tobey — One  
 — — — — — for County Treasurer — — —

\$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 surveyor for a days work of a man or one Yoke 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 one half by the first day of July next and the other by the first day of ~~September~~ next. And that snow be trodden down or removed in the same manner as was voted last year.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the second Monday in May next. then to meet again at this place one O'clock P. M.

Recorded by Frederick Brownup Town Clerk

May 9. 1825 - Agreeable to adjournment from the first Monday in April the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly — The following Town Officers were chosen —

Ephraim Macomber, Willbur Gifford, Wing Howland, Phillip Davis, Elijah Blossom, Samuel Willcox, John Anthony, Warton Macomber, Barry Hicks, Gideon Davis, Abner Willcox William Tripp. & Arnold Wood, were chosen Hoag Reeves.



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Gideon Davis, Gordon Allen, Perry Brightman,  
David King, Perry Harward, were chosen  
Overseers of the Fishery

The Committee on accounts made a Report in  
writing that they had attended to the business assigned  
them and that that they had found due to the several  
persons named in the list presented by them the several  
sums set against their names amounting in the  
whole to the sum of Sixteen Hundred fifty one  
Dollars and seventy four Cents — \$1651.74

It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the Com-  
mittee and direct the Treasurer to pay the sums  
found due by the Committee to the several persons  
therein named & charge the same to the Town

The Committee also made a report that agreeable  
to appointment they had examined the accounts of the  
Treasurer and found that he had received for the Town  
the year past the sum of — \$3404.52  
& had paid out by his account the sum of 2670.16

Making a balance in favour of the Town 734.36

And made a settlement with him accordingly  
The Committee further report that there was by the  
report of the Committee last year a balance against  
the Town between the sum assessed on the Town  
the year before and the amounts that had been allowed  
against the Town the sum of — \$356.92

That the amount of accounts they } 1651.74  
had allowed being — }  
making 2008.66

523  
And that there had been assessed on the  
Inhabitants the year past as by report this day  
presented the sum of — \$3136.08

leaving a balance in favour of the } \$1127.42  
Town the sum of

All which is Respectfully Submitted

May 9, 1825  
Abner B. Gifford }  
Barney Hicks } Committee  
John Macomber }

(Voted) — That the Law which requires this Town to  
employ Schoolmasters Instructed in the Greek  
and Latin Languages be dispensed with —

(Voted) — That the Selectmen provide Schools for  
the Inhabitants of this Town agreeable to  
Law, and that they draw orders on the Treasurer  
for the Expenses

Voted To remitt Pleg Sissons Tax assessed on him  
in 1824 in consequence of his keeping his Brother  
& Sister the year past.

\$3000. Voted. That the sum of Three thousand 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, for Public Schools towards extinguishing  
the debts against the Town and other incidental charges  
to be assessed collected & paid in to the Town Treasurer  
one half by the first day of December next and the other by  
the first day of April next. and the Assessors are hereby  
directed to assess said sum in the way & manner pro-  
-vided by Law. and deliver a list or lists thereof —



To the Collector as soon as may be

Tillinghast Almy Abner B. Gifford & James H. Handy Esqrs. Chosen a Committee for the purpose of preparing a petition to send to the General Court for the purpose of having the County of Bristol divided — A petition was prepared, read in Town meeting and accepted by vote and ordered to be presented to the next General Court —

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Saturday the twenty first day of May Inst. at 2 O'clock P.M.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

To Charles S. Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport  
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives — To meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the Ninth day of May next at two O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next And of this warrant with your doings thereon you are to make return to the Selectmen on or before said time of meeting —  
Given under our hands and Seals this Nineteenth day of April A.D. 1825

Daniel Wing }  
Frederick Brownell } Selectmen

Bristol ss. Westport April 20. 1825

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Westport to appear at the Town House as within directed by posting Notifications at the Office of F. Brownell, &

C. S. Gifford } 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 ninth day of May A.D. 1825 for the purpose expressed in the foregoing warrant And it was there by them voted that this Town send three Representatives — Votes for the following persons were given in sorted, counted, record & declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed viz.

|                                            |      |
|--------------------------------------------|------|
| Abner B. Gifford Esq. who had Twenty votes | — 20 |
| Tillinghast Almy Esq. Twenty —             | 20   |
| Nathan C. Brownell Esq. — Fifteen —        | 15   |
| Deft James H. Handy — Five —               | 5    |

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

Bristol ss. To Charles S. Gifford Constable of the Town of Westport  
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the Ninth day of May next at three O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. —



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- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting -
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a collector of taxes to finish the collection of the taxes assessed in the Year A.D. 1824 -
- Given under our hands & Seals this Nineteenth day of April A.D. 1825

Frederick Brownell } Selectmen  
(Daniel Wing - }

Bristol for Westport April 20. 1825

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Westport to appear at the Town House in said Town as within directed by posting up Notifications at the Office of Frederick Brownell and at the Store of D. M. Brownell.

G. V. Gifford Constable of Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid qualified agreeable to Law Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the Ninth day of May A.D. 1825 for the purpose expressed in the foregoing warrant -

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. was Chosen Moderator

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Saturday the twenty first day of May Inst. at 3 O'clock P.M.

Agreeable to adjournment from the 9<sup>th</sup> day of this Inst. the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly

Abner B. Gifford Esq. was Chosen Moderator pro. tem.

George C. Brownell Chosen collector of taxes to finish the collection of taxes assessed in the Year A.D. 1824 to have one & a half per cent on what he collects and pays into the Treasury & to have no allowance for uncurrent money

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

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Agreeable to adjournment from Monday the ninth of May Instant, the Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly - the following votes were taken viz.

Voted. That the vote which was taken Nov-4. 1822 respecting the report of Abner Brownell as agent for this Town in contesting Peleg Sissons administration accounts be reconsidered.

Abner B. Gifford Esq. Chosen Moderator pro. tem.  
Voted That the Town Clerk deliver to Peleg Sisson the Report of Abner Brownell Agent as aforesaid together with a copy of James Gifford & his wife Rhoda's bond to Peleg Sisson & a copy of Peleg Sissons obligation to James Gifford and his wife Rhoda -

John Potter. & Pardon Allen were chosen Overseers of the landing at the Point.

Voted. That Twenty six Dollars be paid by the Town Treasurer to Barbary Dovel for expenses incurred in supporting herself from May 20. 1824 to May 20. 1825 - & that he charge the same to the Town

Voted. That the Representatives be instructed to use their influence in having an Act passed by the Legislature regulating the Oyster Fishery so that the Town may sell the privilege of taking Oysters in s. Town for such time & under such regulations as the Town shall direct & That the emolument arising from said privilege be appropriated to such purposes as the Inhabitants in Town meeting may determine

George Cook Brownell Chosen Constable & collector of taxes for the year ensuing on the same conditions the Constable was Chosen last year to have one & a half per cent on all the money he shall collect of the taxes of 1825 and produce receipts from the several Transurers of



paying in the same. Sworn before the  
Moderator.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Clerk

Bristol, N. H. To George C. Brownell Constable of the Town of Westport  
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are required to summon and notify the Inhabitants  
of said Town qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet  
at the Town House in said Town on Friday the Eleventh day of  
November next at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the  
following articles viz:

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> To know the Towns mind in regard to the doings of the  
Selectmen in laying out a Private way over Arnold Woods  
land for the use of Nathan Wood.

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty eighth day  
of October A.D. 1825. Frederick Brownell Selectmen  
Daniel Wing of Westport

Bristol, N. H. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified  
and warned the Inhabitants of Westport within mentioned  
to meet at the time and place within mentioned & for the  
purpose within mentioned by posting up notices at the Town  
House & at the Store of Frederick Brownell.

Westport Oct. 29, 1825

George C. Brownell Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held  
at the House of Frederick Brownell on the first day of  
December 1825 for the purpose of drawing Jurors —  
Wing Howland & Silas Keith were drawn Traverser  
Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be  
holden at Taunton on the second Monday in this month  
Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Westport held at the Town House in said Town on Friday  
the Eleventh day of November A.D. 1825 at Two O'clock  
in the afternoon for the purposes contained in the foregoing  
Warrant

Voted to accept of the Return of a Private way laid out by  
the Selectmen over Arnold Woods land, for the use of Nathan  
Wood — and that the same be Recorded.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held  
at the Town House on the seventh day of March 1826  
for the purpose of drawing Jurors — Willson Wing was  
drawn Grand Juror. Luthon Wing & Sherrman Slawp  
were drawn Traverser Jurors to serve at the Court of Common  
Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday  
in March Inst;

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk



Bristol ss. To George C. Brownell 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 in Town affairs — To meet and assemble at the Town House in said Town on Saturday the eighteenth day of February Inst: at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz —

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting —
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To know the Towns mind in regard to making a new School District by setting off a part of District No 10, 11 and 12 for the better accommodation of some of the Inhabitants of each District.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to us the subscribers on or before said time of meeting given under our hands and seals this first day of February A. D. 1826.

Fredrick Brownell } Substems  
Daniel Wing — } of Westport

Bristol ss. February 18. 1826 By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up one notice at the Store of Pukham & Howland and one at the Store of Fredrick Brownell fourteen days prior to the date hereof

George C. Brownell } Constable



At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified according to Law. Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Saturday the eighteenth day of February A.D. 1826 for the purpose expressed in the foregoing Warrant:

Moses B. Gifford Esq. was chosen Moderator

Voted That there be a new School District formed to be numbered Twenty to include Ephraim Kirby, Job Lawton, Edmund Tripp, Benjamin Tripp<sup>d</sup>, John Wait and John Macomber on the West. David Kirby on the South, Saz Brownell & Obadiah Lawton on the East & Benjamin Tripp<sup>d</sup> on the North.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk.

Bristol ss. To George B. Brownell Constable of the Town of Westport

L. S.

L. S.

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 in Town affairs - To meet and assemble at the Town house in said Town on Tuesday the seventh day of March next at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To know the Towns mind in regard to reconsidering a vote passed at the last meeting forming a new School District in said Town. -
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To act on all matters and things that may regularly come before said Meeting respecting School Districts.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at or before said time - Given under our hands and Seals this twenty first day of February A.D. 1826.

Frederick Brownell }  
Daniel King } Selectmen



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Bristol N. March 7. 1826 Pursuant to the within warrant  
I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Westport Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet  
and Assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within  
mentioned by posting up one Notice at Frederick Brownell's Store  
& one at the Store of Deekham and Howland fourteen days  
prior to the date hereof George L. Brownell Constable  
Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport held at the  
Town house in said Town on Tuesday the seventh day of March  
A.D. 1826, at two O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose  
expressed in the foregoing warrants

Nathan L. Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator

Voted To Reconsider the Vote passed at the last meeting  
forming a new School District in said Town

Voted That there be a Committee of three Chosen, whose duty  
shall be, to view the School Districts Numbered Ten, Eleven  
& Twelve and Report to the Annual Town Meeting to be  
holden on the first Monday in April next whether, in their  
Opinion there ought to be any alterations made in said  
Districts and if any, what & how much alterations  
ought to be made.

Tillinghast Almy, Barney Hicks, & Sylvester Brownell  
was Chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday  
in April next at two O'clock in the afternoon

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

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Bristol N. To George L. Brownell Constable of the Town  
of Westport Greeting

Le. S. { You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts To notify &  
warn the male Inhabitants of the Town of Westport  
qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs —  
To meet and assemble at the Town House in  
said Town on Tuesday the seventh day of  
March next at Three O'clock in the afternoon  
To act on the following articles viz;

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To know the minds of the Town in regard to  
repairing the Highway which is the dividing  
line between this Town and the Town of Dart-  
mouth — and also in regard to laying out  
an highway in this Town in lieu of a part  
of the aforesaid Highway.

Whereof fail not and make return of this warrant &  
your doings thereon to us the Subscribers on or before  
said time of meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty  
seventh day of February A.D. 1826.

Fredrick Brownell  
Daniel Wing } Selectmen

Bristol N. March 7. 1826 Pursuant to the within warrant  
I have summoned & notified the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Westport Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and  
assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within  
mentioned by posting up one notice at Frederick Brownell's Store  
& one at the Store of Deekham & Howland seven days prior  
to the date hereof George L. Brownell Constable



At a legal meeting of The Inhabitants of Westport held at The Town house in said Town on Tuesday the seventh day of March A.D. 1826. at three O'clock P.M., for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant,

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator

Noted - That the Selectmen of this Town divide the division road between this Town and Dartmouth - with the Selectmen of Dartmouth - from Pettys old House (so called) Northwaly to the road that leads over bread & Cheese brook - and cause this Towns part thereof to be repaired.

Recorded by me Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of The Inhabitants of Westport held at the Store of Frederick Brownell on the Nineteenth day of April 1826 for the purpose of drawing jurors Jurick Brownell was drawn Grand Juror. Weston Potter & Pardon Shearman were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the fourth Tuesday in April Inst.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of The Inhabitants of Westport held at The Store of Frederick Brownell May 1826 - for the purpose of drawing jurors - Pardon Case & Nathan Wood were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in June next

Recorded by F. Brownell Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

L.S.  
L.S.

G. B. & F. S. & G.  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors - To meet at the Town house in said Town on Monday the third day of April next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers on or before said time of meeting - Given under our hands and seals at Westport this Sixteenth day of March A.D. 1826

Daniel King Selectman  
Frederick Brownell of Westport

Bristol ss. April 2. 1826 By virtue of this warrant I have notified The Inhabitants of the Town of Westport to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up one notice at Peckham & Howlands Store one at Frederick Brownell and one at Isaac Cogg & Sons fourteen days prior to the date hereof.

George C. Brownell Constable of Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport aforesaid qualified agreeable to the Constitution - Assembled at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, read and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed viz:



For Governor His Ex. Levi Lincoln  
had Sixty eight votes — 68

Hon: Samuel Hubbard Three votes — 3

For Lieutenant Governor Hon: Thomas P. Winthrop  
had Sixty nine votes — 69

Hon: Everett Saltonstall Two votes — 2

Hon: John Mason Sixty six votes — 66

" Joseph Tripp Sixty eight — 68

" Solomon Pratt Nin — 9

John A. Parker Esq. Sixty votes — 60

Charles Russell Two — 2

Lathan Kirby Two — 2

Daniel Wing Two — 2

Senators

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

Bristol ss. To George L. Brownell Constable of the Town  
of Westport — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the common-  
wealth of Massachusetts — To notify and warn the  
Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote  
in Town affairs and for Town Officers to assemble  
at the Town House in said Town on Monday the  
third day of April next, at Nine O'clock in the fore-  
noon to act on the following articles viz:

1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> To Choose all such Town Officers as Towns by Law  
are authorized to choose annually and upon such  
conditions as the Majority shall then and there  
agree.

3<sup>rd</sup> To Choose a Committee to receive and examine  
all accounts brought against said Town and  
also to settle with the Treasurers.

4<sup>th</sup> To determine what sum to raise by way of Tax for  
the support of Schools and in what manner it shall  
be apportioned, and also to know the minds of the  
Town in regard to providing a School Master or  
School Masters Instructed in the Latin and Greek  
Languages.

5. To determine what sum to raise by way of tax for  
the support of Paupers 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 Choose such other Committees or Agents as  
Circumstances may render expedient

8 — To give in their votes for a County Treasurer

9 — To give in their votes for a County Register

10 — To know the Towns mind in regard to  
regulating the Alewife Fishery in said Town

Hereof Fail not and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers on  
or before said time of Meeting.  
Given under our hands and Seals this Fifteenth day  
of March A. D. 1826.

Jonathan Davis  
Daniel Wing  
Frederick Brownell

Solemn  
of  
Westport



Bristol So. April 3. 1826 By virtue of this warrant  
I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport  
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes  
within mentioned by posting up one notice at Peckham  
& Howland's Store one at Frederick Brownell's and one  
at Isaac Cory & Sons fourteen days prior to the date  
hereof George C. Brownell Constable of Westport.

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

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. Chosen Moderator

Frederick Brownell Chosen Town Clerk & Sworn

Frederick Brownell Chosen Town Treasurer

Daniel King  
Frederick Brownell } Chosen Selectmen & Sworn  
Jonathan Davis }

Daniel King  
Frederick Brownell } Chosen Assessors  
Jonathan Davis }

William White 2<sup>d</sup>  
John Macomber } Committee on accounts  
Stephen Howland }

### Surveyors of Highways

Gilbert Macomber, William Tripp left, Ebenezer  
Baker, Isaac Gifford, Weston Allen, Hannahly Dyer,  
Sylvester Brownell, George C. Brownell, David Sanford,  
Pelig Brownell, Major Allen, Ezekiel Brownell,  
R. W. Peckham, John Potter, John Gifford, Thomas  
Shawman, Benjamin Tripp & Mrs. J. Davis.

Jonathan Woodell, Daniel Devol, (Stephen <sup>sworn</sup> Cornell 2<sup>d</sup>),  
David Sisson, Henry Wilcox, Thomas Richmond,  
George Kirby, Ephraim Macomber, (Semiuel <sup>sworn</sup> Brownell)

\$1000. Voted - That the sum of one thousand Dollars be  
raised for the repairs of Highways & Town ways in said  
Town 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 surveyor for  
one days work of a man or one Yoke Oxen and in  
that proportion for parts of days that Twenty five cents  
be allowed for one cart or plow one day, and that the  
aforesaid sum be expended one half by the first day  
of July next and the other by the first day of September  
next.

Voted - That whenever the Surveyor of any District shall  
make known to the Selectmen that he has faithfully  
expended all the Tax assessed on his District - and  
the Highway is not sufficiently repaired - the Selectmen  
shall say how much more he may expend on said  
Highway and <sup>he may</sup> draw orders on the Treasurers for the  
Amount determined by the Selectmen.

Voted - That there be a Committee of three persons to  
prepare rules and regulations for the Oyster  
Fishery in said Town - and report the same  
to the adjournment of this meeting.

William White 2<sup>d</sup> Abner B. Gifford & Daniel King  
were chosen a Committee for the above purpose.



William White 2<sup>nd</sup> John Maunier, Nathan  
 L. Brownell, Thomas Richmond, Sylvester Brownell  
 Thomas W. Mayhew, Barney Hicks, Jonathan Davis  
 Daniel Wing. Abner B. Gifford. were chosen  
 A. School Committee

Alfred Williams Esq. had Forty five votes  
 for Register of Deeds

James L. Hodges Esq. had Twenty nine votes  
 for County Treasurer.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the  
 Second Monday in May next One O'clock P.M.

Agreeable to adjournment from the Seventh day of  
 March last - the Inhabitants of Westport met  
 accordingly - The Committee that was then  
 chosen to view School Districts 8 10-11 & 12 -  
 made a report in writing -  
 It was voted - not to accept the Report of said  
 Committee

Recorded by me

Fredrick Brownell Town Clerk

At a legal meeting held at the Store of Fredrick  
 Brownell June 1826 - for the purpose of drawing Jurors  
 John Lawrence was drawn Grand Juror, Humphrey Blouin  
 & Jonathan Records were drawn Travers Jurors to  
 serve at the S. J. Court to be holden at Taunton  
 on the third Tuesday in June Inst.

Recorded by F. Brownell T. Clerk



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Monday May 9, 1826 Agreeable to adjournment from  
the first Monday in April. The Inhabitants of  
Westport met accordingly.

Nathan C. Brownell Esq. was chosen Town Keeper  
Abner B. Gifford, Frederick Brownell, Stephen Howland,  
(Abraham Anthony, sworn) David M. Brownell, Thomas  
W. Mayhew, Sethro Howland, & Perry Willcox were chosen  
Surveyors of Lumber.

Justices of the Peace, Micah Dean, Peleg Sisson Esq.  
& Elijah Blossom.

Overseers of landing, Adam Gifford, Abraham Anthony,  
at Head of the River } Jonathan Peckham, & David M. Brownell.

Just Viewers, { Peleg Manchester Nathan C. Brownell,  
Willbourn <sup>sworn</sup> Gifford, Adam Gifford, Gershon  
Woodell, John Potter, John Macomber,  
Jonathan Records, Major Allen, & Humphrey Stearns.

Guards of Hoops, { Sethro Howland, Micah Dean,  
& Maues - } John Howland 2<sup>d</sup> & Stephen Howland

Guards of Fish, { Sethro Howland, Gideon Davis

Field Drivers { Stephen Cornell 2<sup>d</sup> Willbourn Gifford,  
George Shirley, Russell Gifford, John Milk, Charles Little,  
Elijah Blossom, Nathaniel Tripp 2<sup>d</sup> Silas Petter,  
Abraham D. Davis, William G. Soble.

Hog Reeves { Ephraim Macomber, Willbourn <sup>sworn</sup> Gifford, Wing Howland,  
Phillip Davis, Elijah Blossom, Samuel Willcox, Abraham Anthony,  
Warton Macomber, Barney Hicks, Gideon Davis, Abner Willcox,  
William Tripp & Arnold Wood,



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Overseers & Warren Gifford, Pardon Allen, Perry Brightman  
Fishery & David Wing, Perry Hazard.

Constable & Collector & George L. Brownell (Sworn before the Moderator)  
for the year ensuing to have Two & one half % cent on  
all the Money collected and paid in to the Treasury's and  
to have no allowance for uncurrent money.

Voted that one Poll tax, assessed in 1825 be not collected of  
Joshua Potter.

\$3000. Voted that the sum of Three Thousand 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, for Publick  
Schools, for paying Debts against the Town, and other Incidental  
charges. To be assessed, collected, and paid, in to the Town  
Treasurer one half by the first day of December next &  
the other half by the first day of April next. And the  
Assessors are hereby directed to assess said sum in the way  
and manner provided by Law and deliver a list or lists  
thereof to the Collector as soon as may be.

Voted. That Greek and Latin Schools be dispensed with.

Voted. That Schools be provided by the Selectmen agreeable  
to law, & that they draw orders on the Treasurer  
for the expenses.

Voted that the Tax assessed on Peleg Sisson in 1825 be not collected.

Voted that Simon Potters 1825 tax be not collected.

The Moderator being called away - Abner B. Gifford  
was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Voted that Rufus Triff be paid Twenty Dollars out of  
the Treasury for keeping his Mother Elizabeth Triff.

Voted that Samuel Slade have Three Dollars out of the  
Treasury for Coffin for Elizabeth Triff.

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The Committee on accounts made a report in  
writing that they had attended to the business assigned  
them & that they had found due to the several persons  
named in the list presented by them the sums set against  
their names amounting in the whole to the sum of Thirteen  
Hundred Ninety four Dollars and twenty five cents \$1394.25

It was thereupon voted to accept the report of the Committee  
and direct the Treasurer to pay the sums found due by the  
Committee to the several persons therein named & charge the  
same against the Town.

The Committee also made a report that agreeable to their  
appointment they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer  
and found that he had received for the Town the year past  
The sum of \$4152.39  
& had paid out by his account the sum of 4290.33

Making a balance against the Town of \$145.94

And made a settlement with him accordingly.  
The Committee further report that there was by the report  
of the Committee last year a balance in favour of the  
Town between the sums assessed on the Town the year before  
and the accounts that had been allowed against the Town  
The sum of \$1127.12

That there had been assessed on the Inhabitants the  
year past as by report this day presented the sum of 3036.19  
making \$4163.61

That the amount of accounts they had allowed &  
& payments made by the Treasurer being 2849.37

leaving a balance in favour of the Town \$1314.24

All which is respectfully submitted

Westport May 8, 1826

William White 2<sup>nd</sup>  
John Macomber  
Stephen Howland } Committee



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Voted, that four Dollars fifty cents be paid to Richard Spawton for coffin & grave clothes for George Allen.

William White 2<sup>d</sup> & Frederick Brownell were chosen a committee to examine the Oyster beds & report when they think them fit to be taken.

Voted, that there be a committee chosen whose duty it shall be to view School Districts and report to the next legal Town Meeting (if called upon for that purpose) William White 2<sup>d</sup> and Stephen Howland were accordingly chosen for that purpose.

The committee chosen on the first Monday in April last for the purpose of regulating the Oyster Fishery made a report in writing - that their Opinion was there ought not to be any Oysters taken from the beds within the Town of Westport, the year ensuing - And it was accordingly voted, that there should be no Oysters taken from the beds the year ensuing unless by a permit from a majority of the Selectmen, upon special occasions of sickness, and the quantity in such permit to be specified.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

August A.D. 1826 Levi Gifford & Easton Howland were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. place to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in September next. Recorded by F. Brownell T. Clerk

October A.D. 1826 Nathan C. Brownell was drawn by Juror - John Cornell Jr & Phillip Potter Traverse Jurors - to serve at the S. J. Court to be holden at Taunton on the third Tuesday in this month. Recorded by F. Brownell T. Clerk.

George C. Brownell Constable of the Town of Westport Erecting

<sup>545</sup>  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the eighth day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday in May next.  
And of this warrant with your doings thereon you are to make return to the Subscribers on or before said time of meeting.  
Given under our hands and seals this thirtieth day of April A.D. 1826

Frederick Brownell  
Daniel Wing  
Jonathan Davis } Selectmen of Westport

Christop ss. May 8, 1826 By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Westport to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up one Notice at Frederick Brownell's Store & one at the Store of Peckham & Howland Seven days prior to the date hereof.

George C. Brownell Constable of Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport held agreeable to the foregoing Warrant.  
It was voted That this Town send no Representatives

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

November A.D. 1826 Jonathan Davis & Benjamin Triff were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. place to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in December next  
Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk



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To George C. Brownell Constable of the Town  
of Westport Greeting  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the  
said Town of Westport qualified by Law to vote for  
Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth  
to meet and assemble at the Town house in said Town  
on Monday the sixth day of November next 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  
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon at or before said time of  
meeting - Given under our hands and seals this  
twentieth day of October A.D. 1826

Daniel Wing } Selectmen  
Frederick Brownell } of  
Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned the  
Inhabitants of the Town of Westport to appear at the time  
and place and for the purpose within mentioned  
Oct: 31. 1826 by me George C. Brownell Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport - Assembled at  
the Town House in said Town on Monday the sixth day of  
November <sup>A.D. 1826</sup> at one O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose  
expressed in the foregoing warrant - the following persons were  
voted for viz. Hon: Francis Baylis had one vote  
Hon: James L. Hedges had five votes  
James Arnold Esq. had seven votes  
Hon: Herculesushman had one vote  
Rufus Bacon Esq. had one vote  
Cornelius Grinnell Esq. had one vote  
which were sorted, counted, Recd. and declaration thereof made  
according to Law. Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk.

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

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of  
the Town of Westport qualified by Law to vote in Town  
affairs to meet and assemble at the Town house in said  
Town on Monday the sixth day of November next at  
two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following

- articles viz:  
1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator  
2<sup>nd</sup> To know the minds of the Town in regard to an  
Indictment found by the Grand jury against this  
Town for not keeping the road and Bridges in repair  
from the dwelling house where Robert Willson formerly  
lived to the dwelling of James Reed - Also to choose  
an Agent or Agents to answer to said Indictment  
if thought necessary and expedient - Hereof fail not  
and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon  
at or before said time of meeting - Given under our  
hands and seals this twentieth day of October A.D. 1826

Daniel Wing } Selectmen  
Frederick Brownell } of  
Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned the Inhab-  
itants of Westport to appear at the time and place and for the  
purpose within mentioned by me George C. Brownell Constable  
Oct: 31. 1826

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport Assembled  
at the Town house agreeable to the foregoing warrants  
Nathan Wood chosen Moderator  
Capt: Jonathan Davis was chosen Agent to answer  
to the Indictment mentioned in the foregoing warrant  
in behalf of the Town

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk



Bristol Co. To George C. Brownell Constable of the Town of Westport  
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of said Commonwealth  
to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of  
said Town of Westport duly qualified to vote for representatives  
to the General Court of said Commonwealth to assemble at  
the Town House in said Town on Monday the fifth day of  
March next at One O'clock in the afternoon, to give in  
their votes for one Representative that is an Inhabitant of  
Bristol District, to represent them in the Congress of the  
United States of America - Hereof fail not and make  
return of this warrant with your doings thereon at or  
before said time of meeting

Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of  
February at Westport A.D. 1827

Daniel Wing  
Frederick Brownell } Selectmen  
Jonathan Davis }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and  
warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of  
Westport to meet at the time and place and for the purpose  
within mentioned by posting up one notice at the Town  
House one at the Store of Frederick Brownell & one  
at the Store of Abner B. Gifford

Westport Feb 20. 1827 George C. Brownell } Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport assembled at the  
Town House in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March  
A.D. 1827 at one O'clock in the afternoon for the purpose  
expressed in the foregoing Warrant -

The following persons were voted for viz:

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Hon; Francis Baylies had Twenty votes 20  
James L. Hodges .. Seventeen votes 17  
James Arnold .. Fourteen .. 14  
Hercules Cushman .. Nine .. 9  
Rufus Bacon .. Five .. 5  
Anselm Bassell .. one .. 1  
Thomas W. Mayhew .. one .. 1  
Sylvester Brownell .. one .. 1  
Henry Willcox .. one .. 1  
Nathan Wood .. one .. 1

which were sorted, counted, Read and declaration thereof made  
according to Law. Recorded by J. Brownell J. Clerk

Bristol Co. To George C. Brownell Constable of the Town  
of Westport Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Westport duly qualified to  
vote in Town affairs - To meet and assemble at the Town  
House in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March  
next 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 know the Towns mind in regard to reconsidering a  
Vote passed in Town Meeting held on the seventh day of  
March 1826. Respecting the division Road between this  
Town and Dartmouth, from Petty's old House (so called)  
Northerly to Budd & Chase brook. road
- 3rd To act on all matters respecting said road which may  
regularly come before said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your  
doings thereon at or before said time of meeting -  
Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth day of February  
A.D. 1827



Daniel King  
 Frederick Brownell } Selectmen  
 Jonathan Davis }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned  
 the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Westport  
 to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within  
 mentioned by posting up one notice on the Town House  
 one at J. Brownells Store one at the Store of Homer  
 B. Gifford - George C. Brownell Constable

Westport Feb 20. 1827

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport  
 assembled at the Town house in said Town on Monday  
 the fifth day of March 1827 at two O'clock in the  
 afternoon for the purpose expressed in the foregoing  
 warrant

Anselm Bassett Esq. Chosen Moderator  
 Voted that the Selectmen of Westport be authorized to confer  
 with the Selectmen of Dartmouth and if Dartmouth will be  
 at one half the expense of the location of a new road from  
 Pelley's old house to Bread & Cheese road & one half the  
 expense of the purchase of the land over which such new road  
 may be located & also one half the expense or more (as by  
 the act incorporating Westport is provided) of working or making  
 said road & their part of the expense of the future repairs  
 of said proposed new road or that which is equivalent thereto  
 & obtain proper security therefor - that then the Selectmen  
 be directed to report the same at such proposed road & report the same  
 at the next meeting to be held in Westport for their  
 acceptance - and also that when the Selectmen of Westport  
 confer with the Selectmen of Dartmouth that they also examine  
 into the expediency of making application to the Commissioners  
 of Highways for the County of Bristol & report the result - or  
 their opinion of such conference -

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in  
 April next Resolved by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk



March 5. 1827 <sup>551</sup> Thomas Winslow was drawn Grand Juror — Simon Macomber and Nestor Borden were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in this month Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

April 2. 1827 Agreeable to adjournment from the fifth day of March last The Inhabitants of Westport met accordingly — Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Friday the twentieth day of April Inst. at Two o'clock in the afternoon then to meet again at this place Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

April 9. 1827 Allen Devoe was drawn Grand Juror — Zachus Gifford & John W. Howland Traverse Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the last Tuesday in this month

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

May 25. 1827 — Isaiah Kirby and Ezekiel Brownell were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in June next. Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

August 1827 George M. Brownell and John Mith were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the S. J. Court to be holden at Taunton on the third Tuesday in August Inst.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

September 1827 Joshua Potter and Warton Case Jr were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the C. C. C. P. to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in September Inst.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk



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 Bristol ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 To George C. Brownell Constable of the Town of  
 Westport  
 Erecting

L.S.  
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 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants  
 of said Town of Westport qualified by the Constitution  
 to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators and  
 Counsellors To meet at the Town House in said Town  
 on Monday the second day of April next at Eleven  
 O'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for  
 Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors  
 agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth  
 Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with  
 your doings thereon to us the Subscribers on or before  
 said time of meeting

Given under our hands and seals at Westport this  
 Fourteenth day of March A.D. 1827

Daniel Wing  
 Frederick Brownell *Settlement*

I Bristol ss. Pursuant to the within warrant I have  
 notified the Inhabitants of Westport to meet at the time  
 and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting  
 up one notice at the store of Peckham and Howland one at the  
 Store of Frederick Brownell & one at Isaac Cory's Store  
 Fourteen days prior to the date hereof

Westport April 2, 1827 George C. Brownell Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport qualified  
 agreeable to the Constitution is assembled at the Town House  
 in said Town on Monday the second day of April for the  
 purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant & votes for the  
 following persons were given in sorted. counted. Record &  
 Declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is  
 directed

553  
 viz. For Governor, his Excellency Levi Lincoln  
 had One Hundred and Eleven votes 111  
 Abraham Shirby one vote 1  
 Nathaniel Hayward one vote 1

For Lieut. Governor Hon: Thomas L. Winthrop  
 had One Hundred and twelve votes 112  
 Stephen Soule one vote 1

For Senators Rufus Bacon Esq. had  
 One Hundred and ten votes 110  
 Lemuel Williams Jr. had One Hundred & nine votes 109  
 Abner B. Gifford Esq. had One Hundred & eight votes 108  
 John Mason Two votes 2  
 Joseph Tripp one vote 1  
 William Wood one " 1  
 Noah Claflin one " 1  
 James Snell one " 1  
 Warren Gifford one " 1  
 Whithar Richardson one " 1  
 Edward Slade one " 1

Ordered by Frederick Brownell Town Clerk

October 10<sup>th</sup> 1827 Adam Gifford & Thomas W. Mayhew  
 were drawn Grand Jurors Daniel Wing & George C.  
 Brownell were drawn traverse Jurors to serve at  
 the Circuit Federal Court to be holden at Boston  
 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October Inst.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1827 Christopher Palmer & Samuel  
 Slade were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the  
 C. C. C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on the second  
 Monday in said month

Recorded by Frederick Brownell T. Clerk



554  
March 3. 1828 - Pardon Kirby was drawn  
Grand Juror - Chadian Lawton and John  
W. Gifford were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve  
at the D. C. C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton  
on the second Monday of March Inst.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

April 7. 1828 William J. Davis was drawn  
Grand Juror - George Wood & Elijah Blossom  
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Supreme  
Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the  
fourth Tuesday of this Inst.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

Aug<sup>t</sup> 30. 1828 Joseph Brightman and Astor  
Case were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at  
the D. C. C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton on  
the second Monday of September next.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

October 15. 1828 George Kirby and Jacob Allen  
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the Supreme  
Judicial Court to be holden at Taunton on the  
third Tuesday in October Instant.

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

555  
April 10. 1829 - Ephraim Gifford drawn Grand Juror  
Nathaniel Tripp & William H. Potter Traverse Jurors  
to serve at the S. J. C. to be holden at Taunton on  
the third Tuesday in this month

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

May 27. 1829 Weston Allen & Astor Case  
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the  
C. C. P. to be held at N. B. on the second Monday  
in June next. Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

August 29. 1829 Fitch Brownell & John Maumbar  
were drawn Traverse Jurors to serve at the C. C.  
P. to be held at Taunton on the second Monday  
in September next. Recorded by F. Brownell J. Clerk

Nov<sup>r</sup> 2. 1829 - Freeman Lawrence drawn Grand Juror  
Isaac Coory Jr and William Brownell were drawn  
Traverse Jurors to serve at the S. J. Court to be  
holden at N. Bedford on the third Tuesday of Novemb<sup>r</sup>  
Inst. Recorded by F. Brownell J. Clerk

Abner Davis & Nathan Wood were drawn  
Traverse Jurors to serve at the C. C. Pleas to be  
holden at New Bedford on the second Monday in  
December 1829

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk

Feb<sup>y</sup> 25. 1830 John Lawrence drawn Grand Juror  
Isaac W. Brownell & Jonathan Smith drawn Traverse  
Jurors to serve at the C. C. Pleas to be holden at Taunton  
on the second Monday in March next

Recorded by Frederick Brownell J. Clerk



April 3. 1830 John Gifford of Ephraim  
drawn Grand Juror. Thomas Gifford &  
Wilson King Travers Jurors to serve at  
the Supreme Judicial Court to be held at Taunton  
on the second Tuesday in this month  
Recorded by Frederick Brownell S. C. C.

May 20. 1830 Peleg W. Peckham & Thomas Winslow  
drawn Travers Jurors to serve at the C. C. Pleas -  
to be holden at N. Bedford on the second Monday  
in June next - Frederick Brownell S. C. C.

September 6. 1830 Nathaniel Brownell Esq. and Peleg Manchester  
drawn Travers Jurors to serve at the C. C. Pleas to  
be holden at Taunton on the second Monday of this  
present month Recorded by Frederick Brownell S. C. C.

November 1830 Levi Gifford drawn Grand Juror - Sillinghurst  
Tipp & John Howland drawn Travers Jurors to serve  
at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at New Bedford  
on the fourth Tuesday of this month  
Recorded by Frederick Brownell S. C. C.

December 4, 1830 Isaac Gifford & Andrew Hicks were drawn  
Travers Jurors to serve at the C. C. Pleas to be  
holden at New Bedford on the second Monday in this  
month. Recorded by Frederick Brownell S. C. C.

January 1831 Jonathan Davis John Davis Joshua Potter & Edmund Tipp  
were drawn Travers Jurors to serve at the S. J. Court  
to be holden at New Bedford on the third Tuesday of this month  
Recorded by Frederick Brownell S. C. C.

Feb 1831 John Potter drawn G. Juror Christopher Palmer &  
Peleg Dennis Travers Jurors to serve at the C. C. Pleas  
to be holden at Taunton on the second Monday in  
March next Recorded by Frederick Brownell S. C. C.