

To Isaac Francis one of the Constables
of Westport

GREETING.

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn
the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Westport who are
Qualified, by the constitution, to vote for representatives
to the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet &
assemble at the Town House on Monday the twenty
ninth day of December Instant, at Eleven O. Clock
in the fore noon, to give in their votes to the Selectmen
for one Representative, of said Commonwealth in
the Congress of the United States of America. who is
an Inhabitant of Congressional District Number
nine, to represent them for the term of two years
from the fourth day of March, Eighteen Hundred
and forty five

Hereof fail not and make of this Warrant
with your doings thereon to the subscribers at the
time and place above mentioned

Given under our hands and seal at Westport
December 16th AD. 1845.

Edward S. Gifford, Selectmen
George H. Gifford } of Westport

Westport December 1845

Bristol S.S.

I served the within warrant by posting
up Attested copies thereof to Christopher A Church
store and at Frederick Brownells store, and at Davis
Hays store in said Town, Ten days before the time
of holding said meeting

Isaac Francis } Constable of Westport

Recorded
by me P. W. Peckham } Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport, in the county of Bristol, and Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, Qualified by the Constitution, to vote for
Representatives, in the general Court, holden at the Town
House, in said Town, on Monday the 29th day of December
being the fifth Monday in said Month Eighteen Hundred
and forty five, for the purpose of giving in their votes
for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress
of the United States, for District Number Nine

Representative
to
Congress

The whole number of persons who gave in their
votes, was ascertained, by counting the number of separ-
ate ballots, given in, and the whole number of
ballots was One Hundred & fifty one, 151.

And the whole number of votes given in
was sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration
thereof made, as by law is directed, and were for
the following persons, VIZ.

Peter H. Pierce of Middleborough had One hundred & Twenty 120
Artemas Hale of Bridgewater had Twenty four 24
Leben M. Wheaton of Norton had Five 5
Job Terry of Freetown had Two 2

Edward S. Gifford
Geo. H. Gifford } Selectmen
Rufus Tripp } of Westport

Attest

P. W. Peckham } Town Clerk

1845.

To Isaac Francis one of the Constables
of Westport GREENE.

Warrant
for Town
Meeting for
a Representative
to Congress
Jan 24th 1846.

You are hereby required in the name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and
warn the male Inhabitants of the Town of Westport,
who are Qualified by the Constitution, to vote for
Representatives in the general Court of this
Commonwealth, to meet and assemble at the Town
House in said Town, on Monday the Second day
of February next, being the first Monday in said
month, at Ten O'clock in the fore noon, to give
in their votes to the Selectmen, for one Representative
who is an Inhabitant of Congressional district
number Nine in said Commonwealth to represent
them in the Congress of the United States of America
for the term of Two years from the fourth day of
March 1845. hereof fail not and make returns
of this warrant with your doings thereon to
the Subscribers, at the time and place above
mentioned; given under our hands and Seals
at Westport January the 24th 1846.

Edward S. Gifford
Rufus Tripp

Received and Recorded

by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. January 26th 1846.

Returns on
S. Warrant

I served the within warrant by posting up attested Copies
thereof at four Public places, one at Church's & Store one at
Frederick Brownell's Store, one at Davis & Corys Store and one
at the Town House in said Town, seven days before the
time of holding & meeting.

Isaac Francis Constable

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Westport, in the County of Bristol, & Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, Qualified by the Constitution, to vote
for Representatives, in general Court, holden at the
Town House in said Town, on Monday the Second
day of February, being the first Monday in said
Month, in the year One thousand Eight Hundred and
Forty six; for the purpose of giving in their votes for
Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress
of the United States, for district number Nine,
to Congress

The whole number of persons who gave in their
Votes, was ascertained, by counting the number of
Separate ballots, given in, and the whole number
of Ballots was; Two Hundred and Fourteen, 214.

And the whole number of Votes given in,
was sorted, counted, Recorded and declaration
thereof made as by law is directed; and were
for the following persons Viz.

Peter H. Pierce of Middleborough
had One Hundred and Twenty seven . . . 127.
Artemas Hale of Bridgewater
had Seventy Seven 77.
Labin M. Wheaton of Norton
had Nine 9.
Job Terry of Freetown
had One 1.

Edward S. Gifford } Selectmen
Geo. H. Gifford }
Rufus Tripp } Westport

Attest.

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts now in
General Court assembled.

Thomas J.

Allen

Petitioner

The petition of Thomas J. Allen, a Citizen
of Westport in the county of Bristol and Commonwealth
aforesaid, that said Thomas J. Allen his heirs and assigns
be authorised to plant for the purpose of propagation
and to dig Oysters, in the waters and flats of the Westport
River, on the bar situate on the Easterly side of the Channel
of said River above Flies Bridge, and opposite lands
of Frederick Brownell and Cynthia White, with the
usual and customary privileges heretofore granted in
such cases.

Thomas J. Allen

Concurrence

We the undersigned owners of the lands in part
of which the said Thomas J. Allen petitions to plant
and dig oysters, hereby concur in said petition, and
ask that the same may be granted.

Cynthia White

Frederick Brownell

Concurrence

We the undersigned citizens of the Town of Westport
believing that the granting of the foregoing petition
will be for the public Interest concur therein, and join in
prayer thereof.

Dr. G. F. S. White and Others

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In Senate February 27th 1846.

Order of
Notice

On the Petition aforesaid, Ordered, that the petitioner
cause an attested copy of his Petition, with this Order
thereon, to be served on the Town Clerk of the Town
of Westport, four days, at least, before the Ninth day of
March next, that all persons Interested, may then
appear, and shew cause, if any they have, why the
prayer of said Petition should not be granted.

Sent down for Concurrence

Chas. Calhoun, Clerk

In the House of Representatives
February 27th 1846.

Concurred.

Chas. W. Storey, Clerk

A true copy

Attest

Chas. Calhoun, Clerk of the Senate

Day of Service
on the Town
Clerk

Westport 3rd Mo. 3 1846. A true copy of the Petition and
order of notice therein.

Attest. Daniel Ripley, Constable

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham, Town Clerk

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Bristol S.S. To Isaac Francis one of the
Constables of the Town of Westport, in the County
of Bristol.

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the
Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified
to Vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, to meet
at the Town House, in said Westport, on Monday
the Sixth day of April next at Ten O'clock, in
the forenoon, then and there to act on the
following Articles viz.

Warrant
for Town
meeting Apr 6th
1846.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for
the year ensuing.
3. To Bring in their votes for a County Treasurer
- 4th To determine the sum to be expended in
repairs of highways, and the manner
it shall be appropriated.
- 5th To choose a committee to receive and Exam-
ine all accounts Brought against the
Town and to settle with the Treasurer
- 6th To determine the sum of money to be

Raised for the support of Schools and the mode of appropriating it

- 7th. To raise a sum of money for the support of the poor, and other incidental expenses
 8th. To Appoint their Treasurer Collector of Taxes and determine the rate of abatements for prompt pay, at what time the Collection shall be completed, and the amount to be allowed for his services
 9th. To see if the Town will vote to divide School district No 13.
 10th. To choose such other committees, or agents as circumstances may render Expedient

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at three or more public places in the Town fourteen days, at least, before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of March, in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty six. Geo. H. Gifford Selectmen

Edw. S. Gifford of
 Rufus Trippe Westport

Bristol S.S. March 20th 1846

Constables

Returns -

I served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the following places Wm. Smart Christopher Church's Store, one at Frederick Brownell store, one at Davis & Corys store, and one at the Town House in said Town, fourteen days before the time of holding this Meeting

Isaac Francis Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, held at the Town House in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of April A.D. 1846, agreeable to the foregoing Warrant, and for the purposes therein expressed, The following named Officers were chosen, and votes passed: Viz.

Moderator

Town Clerk

For Moderator, Benjamin B. Sison Esq.
 Town Clerk, Pelig W. Peckham

Selectmen

Selectmen

Assessors

Assessors

Report of School Committee

School Committee

\$1500.

Schools

George H. Gifford Sworn

Frederick Brownell Sworn

Stephen Howland Sworn

The Town declined choosing Assessors and the Selectmen took the Assessors oath

The report of the General School Committee was read in open Town meeting by Geo. F. S. White one of the committee, and the Inhabitants of said Town voted to accept the same

General School Committee

Doct. George F. S. White

Exra. P. Brownell

Henry P. Sumner

Voted. That each school district, choose their own

Prudential Committee

Voted. That the sum of fifteen Hundred dollars be raised by way of Tax, in addition to what money may be received from the state school fund, for the support of common free schools, in each school district, the year ensuing, said money to be equally divided between all the school districts in said Town and no money to be paid to any School district for the support of common free schools, untill

It shall have been expended in said district for the aforesaid free schools, and a certificate received by the Treasurer, from the school Committee certifying to the same And the School Committee is hereby further Instructed, that they strictly

Turn over

Schools

attend to, and see, that all the Money which is apportioned to each school district be fully expended, within one year from the 6th day of April 1846. for the support of Common Free Schools according to law

Committee on Accounts

Perry Davis

Committee on Accounts Doct. James H. Wandy

Andrew Hicks

Voted, That when we adjourn we adjourn to

Monday April the 13th 1846

Bristol S.S.

To Isaac Francis one of the Constables of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol

GREETING

Warrant for

Register of deeds

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified to vote in Elections, to bring in their votes at their annual Town meeting on the Sixth day of April next, for a register of deeds for the southern district, of Bristol county

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at one or more public places in said Town, six days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this Thirtieth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six Edward S. Gifford Subst. Town

Geo. H. Gifford Westport

Bristol S.S. March 30th 1846.

Constables

Returning

I served the within warrant by posting up attested copy thereof at Christopher A. Church's Store in S^d Town six days before the time of holding this meeting

Isaac Francis Constable

County Treasurer

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives, holden at the Town house in said Town, on Monday the Sixth day of April 1846, the said Inhabitants gave in their votes for A County Treasurer; and the same being counted and sorted in Open Town meeting by the Moderator thereof and Town Clerk it appeared that there were

For Edmond Anthony of Taunton

One hundred and Sixty Eight votes 168.

For James P. Ellis of Taunton

Twenty four votes 24.

For B. T. Congdon one vote 1

Register of Deeds for the Southern District

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified by the constitution to vote for representatives, holden at the Town House in said Town, on Monday the Sixth day of April A.D. 1846, the said Inhabitants gave in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the southern district, and the same being counted, and sorted in S^d meeting, by the Moderator thereof and Town Clerk, and it appeared that there were

For Benjamin T. Congdon of New Bedford

One hundred and Seventy one votes 171.

Voted, to adjourn, as before stated

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham, Town Clerk

Monday April 13th 1846.

Adjourned
Meeting

Agreeable to an adjournment from the first monday of April Inst^e the Inhabitants of said Town of Westport met according to adjournment, and the following Officers were Chosen and votes passed.

Excuse

Voted, to Excuse Doct James H. Handy from serving as one of the Towns committee on accounts.

Committee

on Accts

Voted, To choose Ezra Macomber for one of the committee on accts in lieu of James H. Handy Declined.

Sworn

Constables

Constables Isaac Francis
do Jirah Brownell, who is to have Six dollars for his services for doing the Towns business as Constable.

Treasurer

Collector

Voted, that P. W. Peckham be Treasurer & Collector for the year ensuing his compensation to be Two per cent on what money he collects and pays into the Treasury.

Rate of

Abatement

Taxes

Voted, That the Assessors when they deliver the Tax bills to the Collector shall give notice thereof by posting up notices, at five public places in the Town, that those who voluntarily pay their Tax within Sixty days from the date of said notice shall be entitled to an abatement of 5 per cent from their Tax. After Sixty and within one Hundred and Twenty days 3 per cent and that the collector shall meet the Inhabitants for the purpose of receiving Taxes, at the Bridge, Westport Point, & Adamsville at some convenient time, which shall be named in the assessors notice, within the Sixty days, and also within the one Hundred and Twenty days, and on other days at his house.

\$284.18

for Schools

Voted, To appropriate the Interest of State fund money for the support of common free Schools the year ensuing. And to be equally divided between all the school districts in the Town.

Prudential

Committee

Voted, That the Prudential Committee of Each School district, select and contract with such Teachers, as can be approbated by the school Committee according to law, and in their opinion will best promote the welfare of the district in which they are to keep.

\$1000.

Voted

for Repairing

of highways

Voted That the Sum of One Thousand dollars, be assessed on the polls, and Estates, of the Inhabitants, and nonresident proprietors, of the Town of Westport, for repairing the highways, the year ensuing. and the assessors are directed to assess said sum, as soon as may be, and deliver lists thereof, with the persons names and the sum they are assessed, to each surveyor with his limits, according to law. That one dollar, be allowed for Nine hours labour, for a man or Yoke of Oxen, thirty three cents for a plow, and twenty five cents for a cart, and in that proportion for a greater, or less time, and that the surveyor expend the S^d Sum according to law.

\$2000.

Incidental

Expenses

of the Town

Voted, That the sum of Two Thousand dollars be raised by way of Tax, on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants, and nonresident Proprietors of the Town of Westport, for the support of Paupers and other incidental Expenses, to be assessed, collected and paid into the Town Treasury, on or before the first day of March next and the assessors are directed to assess, said sum in the way and manner provided, by Law, and deliver Lists thereof to the Collector as soon as may be.

Committee

on Accts

Voted, That the Committee on accounts be Instructed to audit all accounts brought against the Town, one week previous to our next annual Town meeting and report the same at our next annual Town meeting.

Selection
to
Reporters

Voted, That the Selectmen be Instructed to keep a record of their proceedings in regard to the financial concerns of the Town, and report at our next annual Town meeting.

Voted That the Ninth article in the Warrant be Indefinitely Postponed.

Agents for the Town

Town Agents

Land Surveyors

Town Keeper

Stephen Howland & Gamaliel Church in
George H. Gifford, Chosen Land Surveyor, Sworn
Nathan C. Brownell, Chosen Pound Keeper, Sworn

Surveyors of Highways

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn
Surveyors

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Sworn

Thomas W. Wood	Wilson Shearman & Sworn
David Lawton	Stephen Howland (Sworn)
Abraham C. White	John R. Baker (Sworn)
James Reed	Philip T. Chace (Sworn)
Russel Soule	Jonathan Pierce (Sworn)
Abner T. Pettig	Abraham Manchester (Sworn)
Andrew Lawrence	John A. Cornell (Sworn)
Stephen B. Cornell	Williams Allen (Sworn)
Daniel Wing	Harvey W. Kirby (Sworn)
Christopher Palmer	Pardon Pettig (Sworn)
Philip Sanford	Nathaniel Tripp (Sworn)
Ichabod Kirby	John Sanfords (Sworn)
N. C. Brownell	Samuel Dyer (Sworn)
Robert Potter	Andrew Hicks (Sworn)
Benjamin Tripp	Godfrey Cornell (Sworn)
Isaac Macomber	Jerad Chace (Sworn)
Levi Gifford	Ephraim Kirby (Sworn)

Field Drivers

Sworn

Field
Drivers

Abraham Brownell	John Sampson
William B. Hicks	Jonathan Pierce Sworn
Jeremiah T. Thompson	Abraham C. White (Sworn)
Perry Briggs	Benjamin Gifford
Willard Reed	
Joseph Chace	
Pardon Butts	

Fence Viewers

Sworn
Fence Viewers

Nathan C. Brownell	Jonathan Davis
Adam Gifford	Lemuel Brownell

Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of wood & Bark

Abner B. Gifford	Russel Gifford & Sworn
Frederick Brownell	John Allen
Freeman Lawrence	David Sanfords (Sworn)
Stephen Howland	Varnum Macomber
Perry Davis	

Overseers of Town Landings

Overseers of
Town Landings

Sworn

Sealer of Weights
& measures

Return of
School Registers

Frederick Brownell	Stephen Howland
Obediah Lawton	William Taylor
Freeman Lawrence	John A. Cornell
Andrew Hicks	George C. Brownell
George H. Gifford	

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Sworn Isaac Francis Chosen

Voted, That, Whereas the School Committee have laboured under many disadvantages during the past year, in obtaining the registers, without which they could not make out their returns, Therefore Resolved, that no money be paid from the Treasury until the registers are deposited with the School committee, and a certificate of the accuracy of the same, filed with the Treasurer.

Recorded by

me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

This certifies that Wilson Shearman personally appeared before me this day, and made oath faithfully to discharge the duty of Surveyors of highways for the year ensuing.

Westport April 25th 1846

Benja^d. Sipson Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Annual Returns of the names of all the persons enrolled in the Militia, in the Town of Westport, for the year 1846. The whole number Enrolled being Three Hundred and Thirty Seven ... 337

012. Allen Frederick
Allen Israel H.
Allen William G.
Militia Men Allen Thomas Junr.
Allen Samuel G.
Allen Timothy G.
Allen James
Allen John
Allen Humphrey B.
Allen George S.
Anthony John L.
Allen Charles
Allen Cornelius T.
Albert Perry
Allen Abner
Allen Thomas J.
Allen Daniel
Anthony Isaac H.
Butts George
Brownell Alexander
Brownell George
Bradley David S.
Brightman John H.
Brightman Elias P.
Brightman Leander
Brightman Elihu
Brightman John
Brownell Andrew
Brownell Ezra P.
Brownell Isaac S.
Brownell William
Brightman Sanford 2
Brownell Jacob
Brownell Daniel

Brownell James
Bailey Oliver
Brightman Isaac L.
Brightman Warton
Brightman Charles
Brownell Peleg
Brownell Uriah
Booth Isaac
Booth Square
Brown Salisbury
Briggs George
Bessee Peter S.
Briggs Earl C.
Bassett Joseph S.
Brightman Ruston
Brightman Leonard
Bennell Adam
Borden Holder
Baker Thomas W.
Brownell George A.
Briggs Peleg P.
Chace William
Cornell William A.
Cornell Stephen H.
Cornell Stephen B.
Cornell Job
Cornell John A.
Crapo George D.
Chadwick George
Chace Jered
Cornell Joshua H.
Cornell Jacob
Cornell George L.
Crossman Frederick

Craw Charles
Craw Henry
Cornell John
Chace Thomas J.
Crapo Daniel
Chace Gideon R.
Dyer Abraham
Davis Thomas W.
Davis Walter
Devol Benjamin
Dyer Warren
Davis Allen
Davis Edmund
Devol John
Devol David 2.
Militia Men Devol Philip H.
Devol Jonathan
Dana Charles
Dean John
Davis Ebenezer H.
Davis Peter
Davis Andrew
Devol Edward
Fuller Benjamin
Farnum George
Freelove Barna
Freelove Leander
Gifford Christopher
Gifford Richard S.
Gifford Anthony A.
Grinnell William
Gifford Alexander B.
Gifford Charles
Gifford Peleg H.
Gifford Edwin B.
Gifford John 2.
Gifford Elihu B.
Gifford Jonathan P.

Gifford Weston
Gifford Philip
Gifford Thomas B.
Gifford Charles F.
Gifford Joshua W.
Gifford Alfred
Gifford Albert A.
Gifford Stephen W.
Gifford Benjamin R.
Gifford Frederick
Gifford Philander
Gifford Elijah Jr.
Gifford William B.
Gifford Jeremiah
Gifford Gideon D.
Gidley Frederick
Gifford Samuel
Hicks Alexander
Hicks Isaac
Hicks William B.
Howard Oliver J.
Howland Zoth
Howland Wm P.
Howland Stephen H.
Howland Alexander
Howland Charles
Howland David S.
Hurdy Wm W.
Hudson Charles B.
Howland Noah D.
Hathaway Charles H.
Howland Isaac
Hicks Reuben C.
Howland Stephen R.
Howland Wm
Allen Gideon of Green

Kirby Perry
 Kirby Nathaniel
 Kirby Tillinghast
 Kirby Edmund
 Kirby Stephen P.
 Kirby Harry W.
 Kirby Abner
 King Alfred
 King Godfrey
 Kirby George W.

Lawton Abraham
 Lawton John
 Lawton Isaac
 Lawton David
 Lawton Edwin
 Lawton Robert
 Lawton Gideon
 Lawton George
 Lawton Perry
 Little Preserved
 Lawrence Andrew
 Little Charles

Mosher Lorenzo D.
 Manchester Abraham E.
 Manchester Barton D.
 Manchester Beriah
 Manchester Wilbour
 Manchester Borden
 Macomber Alexander H.
 Macomber Simon Jr.
 Macomber Israel
 Macomber John
 Macomber Alexander
 Macomber Ruston
 Manchester Wm. G.
 Manchester Warton

Mosher Luthurn
 Manchester George L.
 Manchester James W.
 Manchester Wm. W.
 Macomber Otis
 Mayhew Benjamin J.
 Mosher John
 Mosher Robert
 Macomber Ezra
 Macomber Andrew
 Macomber Zebudie B.
 Macomber Orrin
 Macomber Richard
 Macomber Ezra D.
 Macomber Moses
 Mosher Joseph Jr.
 Manchester Charles
 Manchester James
 Macomber Henry
 Mosher Charles

Nye Isaiah T.
 Kooning Jonathan
 Nickerson Echanah

Pike Perry
 Potter Charles
 Potter Nathaniel
 Potter Frederick P.
 Potter Abner
 Potter Pardon C.
 Potter Abner D.
 Pottery Potter
 Pottery John J.
 Pottery Isaac
 Pottery Abner J.
 Pottery Holder J.
 Pottery Pardon D.

Pierce Jonathan Jr.
 Peckham Jacob
 Petty Edward B.
 Potter Isaac P.
 Pierce George
 Perry John

Records Holder
 Reed Willard
 Reed Caleb
 Reed Rodney
 Reynolds Malichi
 Reed Alden

Sampson Ebenezer
 Sampson John
 Soble Gideon
 Soble Oliver
 Soble Charles P.
 Soble Benjamin
 Shearman James H.
 Shearman Justus
 Shearman Pelig
 Stocum Andrew
 Stocum David E.
 Soble Russel
 Sanford Silas B.
 Sanford Caleb J.
 Sipson Abner
 Sipson Uriah
 Sipson Charles
 Sipson Gideon
 Small Humphrey W.
 Shearman Wilson
 Shearman Thomas
 Sanford David Jr.
 Sanford Pelig J.
 Sanford Thomas

Sabins Wm. H.
 Sabins Gideon B.
 Shearman Rumpston
 Shearman Caleb
 Shearman Anthony
 Simmons Reuben
 Sabins Weston G.
 Sipson Alden J.
 Soble John
 Sumner Henry P.
 Soble Henry Jr.
 Shaw Benjamin
 Seabury Albert
 Soble Benjamin Jr.
 Snell Daniel D.
 Soble William
 Sipson George
 Sanford Philip
 Simmons Eber
 Soble Isaac
 Soble Henry

Tripp Horace N.
 Tripp Clark
 Tripp Benjamin J.
 Tripp Nathaniel
 Tripp Wm. R.
 Tripp Samuel
 Tripp Benjamin P.
 Tripp Nathaniel D.
 Tripp Frederick P.
 Tripp Frederick P. D.
 Tripp Holder
 Tripp David
 Tripp Ivory
 Tripp Lyman
 Tripp Stephen Jr.
 Tripp John W.

Tripp David H.
 Taber William
 Tripp Howland
 Tripp Francis Jr
 Tripp Abner D.
 Tripp John C.
 Tripp Jeremiah D.
 Tripp Joseph H.
 Tripp Uriah B.
 Thompson Joseph
 Thompson Jeremiah T.
 Tripp Alden
 Tripp Howard P.
 Tripp Edmonds Jr
 Tripp Isaac S.
 Tripp Lathurn H.
 Tripp Jonathan
 Tripp Eli
 Tripp Emanuel C. H. H.
 Taylor William
 Tripp Jonathan D.
 White Abraham C.
 White George F. S.

Militia Men

Whole Number
 of Persons Enrolled
 is 337.

Rec'd from the
 Assessors 5.11.29

Sent to the
 Adjutant
 General's Office
 June 5th 1846.

Westport 5 Mo 29th 1846.

Recorded by me

Wood Joseph
 Wing George W.
 Wait Henry
 White George B.
 Wood George F.
 Wood Alexander
 Wood Nathan W.
 Wood Lawton
 Wilbour Solomon
 Woodell Garshum
 Woodell Elchanah
 Whalen John R.
 Whalen James M.
 Wait Reuben
 Wait Daniel
 Whalen Henry W.
 Wing John T.
 White Holder Jr
 Wing Ezra
 Washburn John
 Winchester Nathaniel W.
 Woodell Edmond
 Wardell Bailey
 Wordell Richard

George H. Gifford } Assessors
 Stephen Howland } Westport

P. W. Peckham } Town Clerk

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport
 GREETING, In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass.
 you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the
 Town of Westport, Qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the
 Town House in said Town on Monday the Ninth day of November
 (It being the second Monday of 3 month), at ten O'clock in
 the forenoon, to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a
 Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and
 for three Senators for the district of Bristol, for the year ensuing,
 Also. To bring in their Votes for one Representative that is an
 Inhabitant of Congressional District No. Nine to Represent
 them in the Congress of the United States of America, for the
 term of Two years, from the fourth day of March 1845. and
 for the term of Two years from the fourth day of March 1847.
 all on one Ballot. Also to choose one Representative to
 Represent them in the General Court, to be held at Boston
 on the first Wednesday of January next. And
 at One O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following
 articles VIZ.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator
 2. To take such action as may be deemed necessary concerning
 the herring fishery, and to their being admitted into the mill
 ponds in said Town
 2. To take such action as may be deemed necessary in
 Relation to the Public or Town Landings in said Town
 - 4th To hear the Reports of the committee on accounts, and take
 such action thereon as the Town may think proper
- And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up
 attested copies thereof at three or more Public places in said Town,
 fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting,
 Hereof fail not, & make due return of this warrant, with your
 doings thereon, to the subscribers, at the time and place of meeting,
 as aforesaid, Given under our hands & Seals, this 21st day of October
 1846.

George H. Gifford } Selectmen
 Frederick Brownell }
 Stephen Howland } Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport
 by Posting up attested copies at three public places in the Town as the law requires
 for to meet at the time & place & for purposes therein mentioned
 Oct. 1846
 Jereh Brownell } Constable

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden at the Town House in said Town, on the Ninth day of November being the second Monday of said Month, in the year One Thousand Eight hundred and Forty Six, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, the votes given in were sorted, counted, and recorded; and a public declaration thereof made, as is directed by the constitution; and were for the following persons
Whole number of votes given in for Governor was—

Votes for Governor

One Hundred & Sixty Seven ... 167.
Viz. For Isaac Davis of Worcester
One Hundred and Thirteen ... 113.
" George N. Briggs of Pittsfield ... 45.
" Samuel E. Sewall of Roxbury ... 9.

Votes for Lieutenant Governor

For Lieutenant Governor...

Viz. For George Hood of Lynn
One Hundred & Thirteen ... 113.
" John Reed of Yarmouth ... 45.
" John M. Brewster of Pittsfield ... 9

George H. Gifford } Selectmen
Frederick Brownell } of
Stephen Howlands } Westport

Attest

P. W. Peckham, Town Clerk

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, in the County of Bristol, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified by the constitution to vote for Senators, holden at the Town House in said Town on the Ninth day of November (it being the second Monday of said Month) In the year one thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Six, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators for the district of Bristol, the votes given in, were sorted, counted, and Recorded, and a public declaration thereof made, as by the constitution is directed; and were for the following persons—

Whole number of votes given in for Senators was—

Votes for Senators.

One Hundred and Seventy Six ... 176
and for Mark B. Palmer, of New Bedford—

Democratic

One Hundred and Twenty Two ... 122
" Johnson Gardner, of Seekonk
One Hundred and Twenty Two ... 122

Whig

" John Crane, of Norton—
One Hundred and Twenty Two ... 122

Liberty

" Nathaniel B. Borden, of Fall River ... 45
" Silas Shepard, of Taunton ... 43
" Ezekiel Swain, of Fairhaven ... 45
" Mason Stone, of Norton ... 9
" Ira Sampson, of Dighton, ... 9
" Thacker Thomas, of Dartmouth, ... 9

George H. Gifford } Selectmen
Frederick Brownell } of
Stephen Howlands } Westport

Attest

P. W. Peckham, Town Clerk

3

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified by the Constitution to Vote for a Representative, that is an Inhabitant of Congressional District Number nine to Represent them in the Congress of the United States of America; for the Term of Two years from the fourth day of March 1845, and for the Term of Two years from the fourth day of March 1847, all on one Ballot -

Also to Choose one Representative to ~~Representative~~ to represent them in the General Court, to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of Jan'y. next -

Said Meeting was held at the Town House in said Town on Monday the 9th day of November 1846. (being the second Monday in 3 Month) and the following votes were passed.

Whole number of votes for Representatives to Congress for 29th & 30th Congress. was One Hundred & Seventy five 175

And Foster Hooper of Fall River had

One Hundred and Twenty One 121

" Artemas Hale had Forty five 45

" Laben M. Wheaton of Norton had Nine 9

Whole number of Ballots gave in for Representatives to General Court was - One Hundred and Sixty Two 162

And Perry Davis of Westport had Seventy Eight 78

" Geo. F. S. White do do Forty five 45

" Andrew Hicks do do fifteen 15

" Micah Dean do do Thirteen 13

" Ezra Macomber do do Three 3

" John Macomber do do Three 3

" Russel Gifford do do Two 2

" George H. Gifford do do Two 2

" Abraham Macomber do One 1

George H. Gifford } Selectmen
Frederick Brownell } of
Stephen Howland } Westport

Attest

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Voted. That this meeting be adjourned, Sine Die.

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

At about 3 O'Clock P.M. on the same day the Inhabitants of S Town, was called to order, by the Town Clerk, and opened an other meeting by reading the residue of the foregoing Warrant, and the S Town Clerk, acting as moderator did collect, sort, and Count the votes for moderator and found that Benjⁿ B. Sisson Esq. was Chosen Moderator of S Meeting and the Second Article was then taken up, of the foregoing warrant, John A. Cornell presented a motion in writing, which reads as follows Vt. Voted that a committee of three be chosen to ascertain from the records, if possible, the original Laying out and limits of the several Public, or Town Landings in Westport To resurvey the same, and set up suitable monuments at such places, as they may deem necessary to designate the true Boundaries thereof, and report their doings together with the names of the several trespassers, and the nature of the trespassers upon said lands, to the annual Town meeting to be holden in the month of March or April next -

Voted. That Nathan C. Brownell, George H. Gifford and Perry Davis be that Committee - 3 and 4th articles taken up, action had on the 4th article so far as to have the report Read in Open Town meeting by Perry Davis one of the committee on accounts - Voted, that the 3rd & 4th Articles be refered to the adjournment of this meeting for further action -

Voted. That this meeting be adjourned to the fourth Monday of November next, which will be on the 23 day of November 1846 -

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Adjourned
the foregoing
Meeting

Action on
Town's
Landing

Committee

Adjourned

11th Mo 23. 1846Monday Nov^r 23. 1846Adjourned
Meeting

Agreeable to an adjournment from the 9th day
of November 1846, being the Second Monday
in said Month. The Inhabitants of S^d Town of
Westport, met according to adjournment and
the following votes were passed. *W^h*
Voted. That Geo. H. Gifford be Moderator. *pro tem*
Voted. to Indefinitely postpone the 3^d article in the
aforegoing warrants. *W^h*
Voted. To accept the Report of the Committee on Accts,
it being the 4th & last article in 3 warrants
Recorded by
me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

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Bristol SS.

Warrants

To Either of the Constables of the Town
of Westport, in the County of Bristol, *GR & E. J. N. G.*
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Town of Westport, Qualified to vote in Elections
to meet at the Town House in Westport, on Monday
the Twenty third day of Nov^r Inst. it being the
fourth Monday in said Month, at Eleven of
the Clock in the forenoon, then and there to act
on the following articles;

- 1.st To determine if the Town will choose a
Representative to represent them in the next
General Court to be holden in Boston *W^h*
2. To bring in their votes to the selectmen for
a Representative to represent them in the
General Court, to be held at Boston on
the first Wednesday of January next *W^h*

And also at Two O'Clock in the afternoon of
the same day, to act on the following articles;

Article

Article

Article

- 1.st To Choose a moderator to preside in S^d Meeting
2. To see what measures the Town will take
relating to the affairs of William Woods and
to act on said affairs, *W^h*
3. To determine the manner of settling or -

11th Mo 23. 1846.

disposing of the Bills, against the Town for remo-
ving Snow, in the several Highways in the Town,
in the Winter last past *W^h*

Article

- 4.th To see if the Town will pay for Boarding
the school teacher last winter in School district
Number 13. *W^h*

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting up attested copies thereof, in three or more
public places in said Town, seven days at least
before the time of holding said meeting, *W^h*
Hereof fail not and make due return of this
warrant, with your doing thereon to ourselves
at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of
November, In the year one thousand Eight hundred
and Forty Six *W^h* George H. Gifford } Selectmen
Stephen Howland } Westport

November 1846.

Constables

Returns

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned
the Inhabitants of the S^d Town of Westport, by posting
up attested copies, at three public places in S^d Town
for to meet at the time and place, and for the
purposes within mentioned.

Jereh Brownell. Constable

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Copy of

the Returns

Sent to

Boston

11/25/46

Bristol SS. *W^h* County of Bristol
Pursuant to A law of this Commonwealth, the
Qualified voters of the Town of Westport, in Town
meeting, on the Twenty third day of November Instant
for the choice of one Representative in the General
Court, did elect Perry Davis, being an Inhabitant
of S^d Town, to represent them in the General ^{Court}, to be holden
on the first Wednesday of Jan^y next. Dated at Westport
the Twenty third day of November 1846 *W^h*

The person chosen as aforesaid was Noted } George H. Gifford } Selectmen
-fied thereof & summoned to attend } Frederick Ball } of
By one Jereh Brownell, Constable of Westport } Stephen Howland } Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified agreeable to Law, held in the Town House in said Town, on Monday November the 23rd. A.D. 1846 for the purposes Expressed in the foregoing Warrant, the following Officers were Chosen, and votes passed *in* *et* *in*

- Article 1st Voted. To send one Representative to the next General Court to be holden in Boston *in* *et* *in*
- Article 2. The whole number of Votes given in for a Representative was One Hundred and Forty nine *in* *et* *in* 149.
- For Perry Davis. Ninety Six. votes *in* *et* *in* 96.
- " George F. S. White Twenty Six *in* *et* *in* 26.
- " Rufus Tripp. Thirteen *in* *et* *in* 13.
- " Andrew Hicks. Seven *in* *et* *in* 7.
- " Ephraim Briggs Four *in* *et* *in* 4.
- " Micah Dean One *in* *et* *in* 1.
- " Edwin B. Gifford One *in* *et* *in* 1.
- " William Potter One *in* *et* *in* 1.

necessary for a Choice 75 Votes and
Representative. Perry Davis had 96 votes & was Chosen *in*

And at Two. O'Clock P.M. of the same day an other meeting was opened, for the purposes expressed in the same warrant *in* *et* *in*

- Article 1st Voted. That George H. Gifford be moderator of said meeting *in* *et* *in*
- Article 2. Voted. That the Selectmen be a Committee to purchase Judith Wood's right of Dower in William Wood's Real Estate, if they think it will be for the Interest of the Town, so to do and report at our next meeting *in* *et* *in*
- Article 3. Voted. That the Selectmen Audit all Bills Brought against the Town of Westport for the removal of Snow in the winter last past, *in* *et* *in*
- Article 4th Voted. That the Treasurer be Instructed to collect if possible, the uncollected School Bills

Presented to the Town of Westport, by the Inhabitants of School District N^o 13, and due for school taught in the winter of 1845 & 46. Also Voted that John Gifford, assist said Treasurer in the Collection of the same *in* *et* *in* & Report at the next Annual Town Meeting

Adjourned

Voted. to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the first day of December next A.D. 1846. at half past 2. O'Clock P.M. *in* *et* *in*

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

To the Town Clerk of Westport
The subscribers assessors of said Town, have determined that the real Estate of Abner Devol. Abner G. Devol of Tiverton, Gideon Gifford of Fall River, and Pierce Philips of Freetown, taxable in this Town, shall be taxed in School district N^o 16. *in* Westport Nov. 27th 1845 *in*

Geo. H. Gifford } assessor
Westport

To the Town Clerk of Westport
The subscribers assessors of said Town have determined that the real estate belonging to Ezekiel Brownell and Cornelius Seabury Jun^r of Tiverton situate in Westport, shall be taxed in School district N^o 13. *in* Westport July 5th A.D. 1846. Geo. H. Gifford } assessors
Stephen Howland } Westport

To the Town Clerk of Westport
The assessors of said Town have determined that the real Estate of Charles White and Jeremiah Gidley of Dartmouth, taxable in this Town shall be Taxed in School district N^o 3. *in* *et* *in*
George H. Gifford } Chairman

Received and recorded the above three Certificates this 25th Day of November A.D. 1846 *in* *et* *in*

By me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

The Committee appointed by the Town of Westport at a Town meeting, held on the sixth day of April A.D. 1846, to examine accounts brought against Said Town, do make the following reports, after giving due notice, we met at the House of Pelag W. Peckham in Said Town, and examined the accounts presented to us, and found due to the following persons the sums set against their respective names is

N ^o 1. To the Town of Dartmouth for supplies	\$ 7.81
" 2. Ezra P. Brownell for services as School Committee	18.75
" 3. Isaac Francis for services as Constable	10.67
" 4. do do for Blacksmithing for S ^d Town	11.37
" 5. David Lawton work on the highway	4.70
" 6. C. A. Church & Co for merchandise for Alms house	53.04
" 7. Town of New Bedford for surplus for 1845	187.74
" 8. Rufus Tripp as Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor	36.85
" 9. ditto use of plow on the Road	1.08
" 10. Benj ^a B. Lippin. Medicine and attendance	1.50
" 11. Edward L. Gifford. as Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the Poor	22.00
" 12. ditto for one pick ax	1.92
" 13. George H. Gifford. as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the poor attending Town meeting 4 times, drawing jurymen 4 times, making 2 lists of Voters and dividing School Fund money	29.00
" 14. Thomas J. Allen for services at the Poor House one year ending March 25. A.D. 1846	225.00
" 15. John W. Gifford. for Boarding Barbara Devol	21.67
" 16. New Bedford old bill Commencing February 20 th 1843. and Ending May 20 th 1845. for Supplies	195.35
" 17. Town of Fall River Bill for Surplus, (In all Pox)	78.66
" 18. Wm W. Gifford. Services as School Committee Horse hire & Toll over the Bridge	28.26
" 19. Geo. F. L. White as School Committee & horse hire	19.84
" 20. Taking Census of births & deaths in the Town of Westport & Recording the same by G. F. L. White & P. W. Peckham	12.28
" 21. P. W. Peckham for making Check list for 1846. and Postage and Stationary for 1845	9.20
" 22. Perry Davis Services as School Committee on acct	1.50
" 23. Ezra Macomber Services as Committee on Accts	1.50
Whole amount of Bills presented	\$ 978.69

Your Committee further Report that your Treasurer has paid the following bills, and for the purposes herein stated, since his last Settlement with the Town

Paid bills for board of Paupers to Sundry persons	151.00
" Services of School Committee	36.50
" Books, Postage and Stationary &c	29.42
" Roads and Bridges	434.65
" Boarding Committee on accounts	4.00
" Taking Census of Births and Deaths	11.35
" Labour on the Young farm	45.29
" Blacksmiths Bills	7.43
" Lumber Bills	7.52
" Stock put on the farm	35.53
" Supplies for the alms House	48.23
" Merchandise for Alms House	27.33
" Wood for ditto	52.00
" Funeral Expenses	12.18
" Services of Committee on accounts	6.00
" Paid the following persons their notes and Interest viz. Harry W. Kirby, Abner Kirby, Deborah Kirby, Lydia Tripp and Stephen P. Kirby, all amounting to	869.07
" County Sealers Services & Expenses	8.00
" Repairs on the Town House	3.33
" Paid for Summer Schools 1845	576.00
" Paid for Winter Schools for 1845 & 1846	956.06
" State Tax for the year 1845	175.50
" County Tax for the year 1845	775.59
" State Lunatic Hospital for Board of Wm Wood &c	198.14
" George H. Gifford for going to Worcester \$4.45. Surveying highway \$2.00, for Thomas Town Officer \$1.25, Beef \$5.47 making wagon Body, wheels, Iron work & painting &c	31.91
" George H. Gifford for Assessing Taxes & Boarding Assessors	26.67
" Franklin Thrasher's Bill which was trusted	49.34
" Paid Commissions for collecting Taxes &c	96.23
" Whole amount paid by your Treasurer	\$ 4687.44
" Since his last Settlement with the Town	

Your Committee find the following demands against the Town of Westport, from the Reports of 1845, & sent up to Apr 23, 1846

Town	Balance Due Thomas J. Allen on note dated March the 25 th 1842, for Services	226.61
Indebted	Thomas J. Allen on note dated June 29 th 1841, for \$100.00	132.96
	Frederick Allen do dated March 25 th 1842, for \$250.00	318.57

Whole Amount of outstanding notes ag^t the Town \$678.14

Amount of Bills now allowed by your Committee 978.69

Whole amount of Indebtedness ag^t Said Town \$1656.83
as far as has come to the knowledge of y^r Committee

Your Committee find there was in the hands of Frederick Brth as former Treasurer in Apr 1845, \$104.95
Add one years Interest 6.29

And in his hands as former Collector 327.34 438.58

Taxes uncollected in the hands of P. W. Peckham for 1843, \$22.01.
" " " ditto for 1844, 25.42.
" " " ditto for 1845, 278.71, 326.14

Whole amount Available " " is \$764.72

Amount due from the Town of Westport up to this date, that has come to our knowledge is \$892.11

Your Committee find that the Treasurer has paid out since his last Settlement \$4687.44
And has received in the same time 4656.28 31.16

Leaving a balance now due from the Town of Westport to the Treasurer of \$31.16

Also find that the Town is now Indebted the Sum \$923.27

Westport May 23, 1846

all of which your Committee most Respectfully Submit

Perry Davis

Ezra Macomber

} Committee
on
Accounts

The foregoing Report of the Committee on Accounts was again Read & explained by the Moderator Geo. H. Gifford in open Town meeting, held at the Town House in Town on Monday the 23rd day of November A.D. 1846 and Voted by said Meeting to accept the same

Recorded

By me P. W. Peckham, Town Clerk

To the Town Clerk of Westport

The Assessors of Westport have determined that the property of the following persons, that is Taxable in this Town shall be taxed in School district No 9, viz. Frederick A. Brownell, of New Bedford, Samuel Cook, Stephen Brandall, and Abel Hart of Liverton, Gideon Gifford, Joseph P. Gifford, Abner Kirby & Joseph Briggs of Little Compton, & Elihu Kirby & Abner Potter of Dartmouth

Westport 11 Mo 25th 1846 George H. Gifford Chairman

Recorded

By me P. W. Peckham, Town Clerk

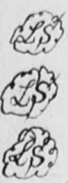
To the Town Clerk of Westport

The assessors of the Town of Westport have determined that the real estate of Joseph Gifford, Robert Lawrence Howlands Russell, Alden Reed, and David M. Howland all of Dartmouth, and Jeremiah Wilcox of New York State - Laying in Westport shall be taxed in School District No 2.

Westport, October 19th 1846 George H. Gifford Chairman

Recorded by

me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk



Bristol Sp. To Either of the Constables of the
The Town of Westport. " " G R E E T I N G S
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massach-
ussetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants
of Said Town of Westport Qualified to Vote in Town
affairs, To meet at the Town House in Said
Town on Tuesday the first day of December
next at Two O'Clock in the afternoon to act
on the following articles Wds

1st To Choose a moderator " " "
2. To see if the Town will accept a list of
" Jurors made by the Selectmen, and
" you are directed to serve this warrant
" by posting up attested Copies thereof at
" three or more Public Places in said Town
Seven days at least before the time of holding
said meeting, " " hereof fail not and
make due return of this warrant, with
your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at
the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -
Given under our hands this 23 day of
November in the year 1846 " " "

George H. Gifford Select
Frederick Brownell men
Stephen Hawland of
Westport

Westport Nov^r 1846

Returns

Pursuant to the within warrants I have notified
the Inhabitants of the Said Town of Westport
Qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the
time and place, and for the within mentioned
purposes - Frederick Brownell Constable

Article 1st Voted. That George H. Gifford be Moderator of P. Meeting

Article 2 Voted. That the following list of Jurors presented by the
Selectmen be accepted, and their names be deposited
in the Juror Box according to Law " " "

A List of names accepted by the Town of Westport
December 1st A.D. 1846 as Jurors " " "

Henry Wilcox
Godfrey Cornell
John Sanford
Charles L. Coggs hall
Thomas Allen Jun^r
Henry B. Gifford
Jeremiah Devol
Henry Brightman
Abraham Manchester
Andrew Hicks
Lemuel Brownell
Paul Fisher
John Allen
Robert Lawton
John A. Cornell
James Allen
Cornelius T. Allen
Isaac L. Brightman
Leander Brightman
Joshua Woodell
Edmund Woodell
Earl, C. Briggs
Stephen B. Cornell

Thomas W. Davis
Job Davis. Capt
Adrian Davis
Pelie Dennis
George H. Gifford
William Gifford 3.
Anthony Gifford
Charles B. Hayden
Stephen P. Kirby
John Lawton
Simson Macomber Jr
Abraham Macomber
Thomas Records
George W. Soule
Eli Tripp
Jeremiah T. Thompson
Abraham C. White
George F. Wood
Edwin B. Gifford
Edmund Kirby
Leonard Macomber
Varnum Macomber
Andrew Macomber

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham, T. Clark
B

Report of the
Selectmen

Judith Wood

Tuesday December 5th 1846. Agreeable to Adjournment
from the 23rd day of November 1846. The Inhabitants of
said Town of Westport met accordingly and
the following business was Transacted. VIZ
The Selectmen reported that they had purchased
Judith Wood's Rights of Dower in Mrs Wood's Real Estate
and agreed to give her Three Hundred dollars; on
Condition that the Town have security, to the Satisfaction
of the Selectmen, for that amount, That if the said
Judith Wood should ever become, Chargeable to the
Town the Three Hundred dollars should be paid
back to the Town.

Voted, to accept the above report from the Selectmen.

Snow
Bills

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to send Each
Surveyor of Highways, in s^d Town, as soon as
may be, a notice, that they will be in session
at the dwelling House of P. W. Peckham on Saturday
the 12th day of December Inst. at 10 O'Clock A.M. for
the purpose of auditing the bills Brought against
the Town for removing Snow in the winter
Last past.

School
District
No 19.

To the Town Clerk of Westport
The assessors of Westport have determined that
the Real estate of Charles Donna of Fall River,
Alexander H. Gifford of New Bedford, and Esck
Little of Dartmouth, and situate in said Town
of Westport shall be taxed in School district
No 19. Geo. H. Gifford } assessors
Stephen Howland } of Westport

Westport Dec^r 16th 1846
Recorded by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk
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Warrant
for the
Annual
Town
Meeting

Bristol ss. To either of the constables of the Town
of Westport in the County of Bristol & GREENG.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
setts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of
the Town of Westport, qualified to vote in elections
and in Town affairs to meet at the Town House
in said Westport on Monday the fifth day of
April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then
and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing
3. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen & to act thereon
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necess-
ary to defray town charges for the year ensuing
and make appropriations of the same
5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways
town ways and bridges the year ensuing
6. To bring in their votes for County Treasurer
7. To bring in their votes for three County and
two special Commissioners all on one ballot
8. To see if the town will accept of a highway as
laid out by the selectmen from Bliss Bridge
eastward
9. To see if town will divide school district No 13.
10. To see if the town will accept of an alteration
made in the highway between David Thompson
and Charles S. Coggs Hall's by the Selectmen

And you are directed to serve this warr-
ant by posting up attested copies thereof at
three or more public places in said Town
fourteen days at least before the time for hold-
ing said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of
this warrant, with your doings thereon to
the town Clerk at the time and place as
aforesaid.

Given under our hands & Seals this fifteenth
day of March in the year Eighteen Hundred & forty Seven

1847.

George H. Gifford } Selectmen
 Stephen Howland }
 Frederick Brownell } Westport

Westport March 17th 1847.

Constable's
 Return of
 Warrant

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male Inhabitants of the said town of Westport qualified to vote in Elections, and in town affairs by posting up notifications at three public places in said town, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Frederick Brownell } Constable

Annual
 Town
 Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, held at the Town House in & town on Monday the Fifth Day of April A.D. 1847. agreeable to the foregoing warrant, and for the purposes therein expressed, the following named officers were chosen, and votes passed *viz* as follows.

For Moderator Benjamin B. Simpson Esq

Town Clerk Peleg W. Peckham " " Sworn

Herry Davis " " Sworn

Selectmen Frederick Brownell " " Sworn

Russel Gifford 2 " " Sworn

The Report of the committee on accounts were read in open town meeting by the moderator, and it was Voted to be accepted " " " "

" Report of the Selectmen was also read by one of the Selectmen, Geo. H. Gifford, & Voted to be accepted

" Report of the General School committee was read by one of the Committee Mr. H. P. Sumner, which was excellent, & Voted to be accepted " " " "

Voted That each school district choose their own Prudential Committee " " " "

Voted That the same amount of money be raised by way of Tax, for public free Schools, for the year ensuing, also the State School fund money, and one years Interest on money hired the County of Bristol, and to be appropriated in the same

Prudential
 Committee

School
 money

1847.

Schools

\$1500.

When we
 adjourn

Treasurers

Collector

General
 School
 Committee

County
 &
 Special
 Commissioners

way and manner as last years which is as follows
viz, Voted that the sum of \$1500. be raised by way of tax, in addition to what money may be received from the state School fund, and one years Interest on money hired the County of Bristol, for the support of Common free Schools, in each school district the year ensuing. Said money to be equally divided between all the school districts in said town, And no money to be paid to any school district for the support of said Schools, until it shall have been Expended in said district, for the aforesaid Schools, And a certificate received by the Treasurer, from the school committee, certifying to the same " " " "

" Voted that when we adjourn we adjourn to Monday April 12th 1847, it being the Second Monday in said month " " " "

" Voted that Peleg W. Peckham be Treasurer for the Town of Westport the year ensuing " " " "

And received 1/2 per Cent commissions for the same

" Voted that Peleg W. Peckham be Collector, for the year ensuing. His compensation to be one and one half per cent on what money he collects for Taxes assessed, and pays into the Treasury " " " "

" Voted, That the following persons be the general School Committee for the year ensuing " " " "

viz. Ezra P. Brownell

Ezra Macomber

Geo. H. Gifford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 County of Bristol

Certificate of votes for County & Special Commissioners.

Whole number of Ballots for county commissioners

were One Hundred and fifty four " " 154

Allen Presbury of Taunton one hundred & six 106

William Cole of Seekonk one hundred & three 103

Jonathan R. Ward of N. Bedford. one hundred & six 106

John Baylis of N. Bedford Forty Eight 48

Lemuel Perry of Norton Forty eight 48.
 James W. Croftman of Taunton Forty eight 48.
 For Special Commissioners

Special Benja C. Chace of Somerset, one hundred & Six 106.
 Commis James W. Capron of Attleborough, one hundred & Six 106.
 Joseph E. Reed of Fall River Forty eight 48.
 Wooster Carpenter of Seekonk Forty eight 48.

A true copy of Records Frederick Brownell
 Attest. Perry Davis } Selectmen
 Russel Gifford 2 } Westport

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Bristol County

Certificate of votes for County Treasurer.

County Whole Number of Ballots for County Treasurer was 160
 Treasurer Edmond Anthony of Taunton One hundred & Eight 108
 James P. Ellis of Taunton Forty five 45
 Hodges Reed of Taunton Seven 7

A True Copy of records

Attest

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Adjourned Voted to adjourn as above

Westport April 12th 1847.

Agreeable to an adjournment from the first Monday of April, it being the 5th Inst. The Inhabitants of said Town of Westport met at the Town House in & Town according to adjournment and the following officers were chosen and votes passed

Voted That Henry P. Sumner & Israel Washbourn be two of the general School Committee for the year ensuing, in lieu of Ezra Macomber and Geo. H. Gifford, declined

Voted That the sum of Two Thousand dollars be raised by way of Tax on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, and nonresident

proprietors, for the support of Paupers and other incidental expenses of the Town to be assessed, collected, and paid into the Town treasury, on or before the first day of March next and the assessors are directed to assess said sum in the way and manner provided, by Law, and deliver lists thereof to the Collector as soon as may be

Voted. That the sum of One Thousand dollars be assessed on the polls and estates of the Inhabitants, and non-resident proprietors, of the Town of Westport, for repairing the highways and bridges, the year ensuing, and the assessors are directed to assess said sum, as soon as may be, and deliver lists thereof with the persons names, and the sums they are assessed, to each surveyor, with his limits according to Law. That one dollar be allowed for nine hours labour, for a man, or yoke of Oxen, thirty three cents for a plow, and twenty five cents for a cart, and in that proportion, for a greater or less time, and that said surveyor is directed to expend said sum, and make his returns to the selectmen, according to Law.

Voted. That Jerk Brownell be one of the Constables of the Town of Westport the year ensuing, said Brownell offered to do all the Towns business as constable, for the aforesaid year, for six dollars, and the Inhabitants voted to accept of S Brownells offer

Voted. That Jonathan Trapp & Nathan C. Brownell be Pound Keepers for the year ensuing.

Voted That Isaac Francis be sealer of Weights and measures the year ensuing
 Isaac Francis, Declined & Selectmen appointed Stephen B. Cornell

Surveyors of Highways

Sworn	Thomas W. Woods	Stephen Howland	Sworn
Sworn	David Lawton	John A. Baker	Sworn
Sworn	Abraham C. White	Philip Y. Chace	Sworn
Sworn	James Reed	Jon ^a Pierce Jr	Sworn
Sworn	Russel Howe Charles Sison	Abraham Manchester	Sworn
Sworn	Gideon M. Tripp	John A. Cornell	Sworn
Sworn	Thomas J. Allen	John Gifford	
Sworn	Stephen B. Cornell	Harvey W. Kirby	Sworn
Sworn	Daniel Wing	George F. Woods	Sworn
Sworn	Pardon Shearman	George W. Wing	Sworn
Sworn	Philip Sanfords	John Sanfords	Sworn
Sworn	Isaac Sells (declined)	Samuel Dyer	Sworn
Sworn	Nathan C. Brownell	James H. Shearman	
Affirm	Robert Potter	Godfrey Cornell	
Sworn	Benjamin Tripp	Jonad Chace	Sworn
Sworn	W ^m P. Howland	Ephraim Kirby	Affirm
Sworn	Levi Gifford		
Sworn	Anthony Shearman		

Field Drivers

Sworn	Wm B. Hicks	Benjamin Gifford
	Gideon B. Sabins	John Sampson (Sworn)
	Jeremiah T. Thompson	Jon ^a Pierce Jr (Sworn)
	Willard Reed	Frederick Allen
	George Brownell of F.	

Fence Viewers

Sworn	Nathan C. Brownell	Jonathan Davis
	Adam Gifford	Lemuel Brownell (Sworn)

Surveyors of Lumber & measurers of Wood & Bark,

Sworn	Abner B. Gifford	Freeman Lawrence
Sworn	Frederick Brownell	Stephen Howland
Sworn	Perry Davis	David Sanfords
Sworn	Russel Gifford 2	Vernum Macomber
	John Allen	

Overseers of Town Landings

	Frederick Brownell	Andrew Hicks (Sworn)
	Freeman Lawrence	George H. Gifford
	Obediah Lawton	Stephen Howland (Sworn)

Brought up

Wm Taylor, John A. Cornell & George C. Brownell

Town Agents

Both Sworn

Garnatib Church & Stephen Howland
were chosen Town Agents for the year ensuing

Land Surveyor

George H. Gifford. Chosen Land Surveyor is

Voted.

That the Selectmen be overseers of the Poor

Voted

That the selectmen be assessors for the year ensuing
and took the assessors oath

Voted

That the financial year end on the first
day of March is

Voted

That the general School committee be authorised
to draw on the Treasury, for what money is appropri-
ated for Public free schools, (when it shall have
been expended according to law,) the year ensuing

Voted

To extend the report of the committee on Town landings to Nov. meeting

Voted

That the Selectmen be directed to keep an acco-
unt of all the financial concerns of the Town,
the year ensuing, and also settle with the Treasurer,
and report at our next annual Town meeting

To the inhabitants of the Town of Westport in
town meeting assembled

Petition.

From School

district N^o 13.

to divide B

district

The undersigned voters of school district N^o 13.
respectfully represent that, there are about ninety
Scholars in said district, over 4 and under 16.
years of age, that the school house is small and
unsuitable to accommodate them; that the
district is about 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles long from east to
west, consequently many children have to travel
too far in the inclement season of the year, from
these, and other considerations which it may
not be expedient to name; We respectfully ask
you to divide said district, and form it into

two agreeably to law. And as in duty bound we will ever pray. Westport December 19th 1846.

Signatures to the foregoing Petition

David Lawton
Edwin Lawton
Gideon Lawton
Thomas Brownell
James Brownell
Weston Macomber
Weston G. Sabin
Edward Petty
Gideon B. Sabin
Jonathan Devol
Eber C. Simmons

Israel Chace
Jacob Cornell
George Soule
Howard P. Gripp
William Sabin
William Brownell
Peter Davis
William P. Howland
Edwin B. Gifford
Howland Gripp

Voted, That the selectmen be a committee, to visit school district N^o 13. and ascertain if possible whether in their opinion, said district ought to be divided, or some of the people in S^o district be set off to other districts, And if to divide, to establish said division line, and report their doings at our next adjourned meeting.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn that it adjourn when we to meet at the same place, on the fourth Monday in S^o month, which will be on the 26th day of April 1847. at one O'Clock P.M.

Voted, To pay Edmond Davis. Snow bill which is \$2.00
" do Thomas W. Wood do do 2.00
" do Joshua Potter do do 2.00
" do Isaac S. Brownell do do 2.00

Voted, To direct the Constable, to notify the chairman of the Committee on town landings, that they are hereby ordered by S^o Town to make out their reports in writing, and report their doings, at our next adjourned meeting which will be on Monday the 26th day of April A.D. 1847. at one O'Clock P.M. at the Town House.

Voted, To adjourn as above.

Treasurer & Collector's account with the Town of Westport Since his last settlement & up to March 31st 1847.

Your Treasurer and Collector ask leave to make the following report.

Firstly, the Collectors acct.

Taxes remaining uncollected on my last settlement for the years 1843, 1844, & 1845. was	\$326	14
Cash collected and paid into the Treas ^y . 189.55		
Taxes remitted by the Assessors	62.50	252.05
And now in the hands of the Collector for the above years	\$74	09
Amount of Tax bills for the year 1846. was	\$4409	06
Cash collected and paid into the Treasury 4192.21		
Taxes remitted by the assessors	6.76	4198.97
Amount of 1846. Taxes uncollected		\$210.09
Whole amt ^e of Taxes in the hands of P.W. Peckham Collector now uncollected up to March 25 th 1847. is		\$284.18
There is now in the hands of Frederick Brownell as former Treasurer \$104.95. And on the same to 3/31/47. \$12.59.	117	54
And in his hands as former Collector	327	34
	\$444	88

Deduct for bills brought ^{against} the Town by S ^o Brownell	183	62
Whole amt ^e of uncollected taxes now in the hands of F. Br ^o is	\$261	26
Whole amount of uncollected Taxes available		\$545.44

Secondly, the Treasurer's account.

Your Treasurer has paid out since his last settlement the following bills, and demands, viz

for oxen \$70.00	Hired man 82.77.	supplies for Alms House 185.34	338	11
do for Blacksmithing			23	78
do Merchandise			120	16
do Doct B. B. Sison bill			1	50
do Supplies in Town and not at the Alms house			35	79
do Supplies in Dartmouth, New Bedford & Fall River			437	31
do State Lunatic Hospital for W ^o Woods board			130	83
do Taking Census of Births & Deaths & recording the same			10	88
do Taxes wrongly assessed			5	63
do School Committee for their services			66	85
do Selectmen, Overseers of the poor, & Assessors Services			88	77
do Constables for their services for 1845. & 1846.			16	67
			1276	28

Amount brought forward		\$ 1276 25
do George H. Gifford for his bill of printing & Stationery	3 88	
do County Treasurer for County Tax for 1846	775 59	779 47
do Highways and Bridges	322 59	
do Snow Bills to sundry persons	182 33	504 92
do For Summer schools	627 17	
do For Winter schools	1288 83	1916 00
do Abatement on Holder Inps 1846. tax	" 27	
do do George Gifford st	2 76	
do do Joseph Chace	" 81	3 84
do Ballance due the Treasurer on last settlement	" "	31 16
do Thos J. Allen old Order & Inst (for services)	" "	238 74
do 1 st of Committions on money collected on 1843 & 4. bills	" 20	
2 1/2 do do 1845. do	4 22	
2 do do 1846. do	91 74	96 17
And your Treasurer has recd in the same time viz.		\$ 4846 58
From Calvin K. Turner for License for 6 Mo	4 00	
do William H. Hood for do do	4 00	
do Charles S. C. Crane do do	4 00	
do Perry G. Lawton do do	4 00	
do Martin Root do do	4 00	
do States Treasurer for state School funds	131 80	
do States Treasurer for Paupers	51 10	
do Collector for taxes collected	1857 34	
do for Oahum and other sources	3 88	
do Calvin K. Turner & David Loring for license for 1 year	16 00	
do Collector for taxes collected	1452 51	
do do do	498 02	
do County Treas ^r for one years Inst on money hired	284 18	
do Collector for Taxes Collected	461 85	4776 68
Ballance due the Treasurer	" "	\$ 69 90

The ballance due the Treasurer up to 3 mo 31st 1847.
from the Town of Westport is Sixty nine & 90/100 dollars
which is carried to new acc^t for our next Settlement.

Your Treasurer find the following demands
of out standing debts against the Town of Westport
with the Interest up to 3 mo 31st 1847. viz
Ballance due Thomas J. Allen on note (for services)
dated March 25th 1842 note & Inst ... \$238 20
Thomas J. Allen on note dated June 29. 1841. ... 139 90
Frederick Allen on note dated March 25th 1842. ... 334 88 712 98

And your Treasurer find that the selectmen
have this day ordered and allowed demands
to the following persons viz ...

Susannah Woodell	26 00	City of New Bedford	48 95
Isaac Brownell	10 75	Jefftha Gifford	6 98
Abner B. Gifford	23 04	Justus Therman	44 55
City of New Bedford	49 00	John Allen	28 75
Adam Bennet	170 00	William G. Sawle	5 82
Stephen Howland	17 23	do do	1 27
do do	7 44	Stephen B. Cornell	1 49
do do	8 25	Hiram Whaler	3 00
Edmond Mosher	26 00	Geo. F. S. White	9 61
Jonathan Davis	3 00	Town of Fall River	16 00
Wilkinson Trispe	5 00	Ezra Macomber	2 50
Mrs Cornell	3 00	Charles F. Packard	7 50
Calvin K. Turner	28 00	Gifford & Anthony	29 11
Job Davis Capt	8 10	C. A. Church & Co	38 33
Mrs Dyers heirs	1 62	Henry P. Sumner	33 00
Benjamin B. Lipson	5 75	George H. Gifford	50 28
	\$ 392 18	Stephen Howland	30 00
			357 14
			392 18
			\$ 749 32

Cornelius B. Allen is not ordered ... 2 40
Isaac Brownell do ... 3 75
Ballance due the Treasurer on his settlement 69 90 825 37
Whole amount of Indebtedness against
the Town of Westport up to 4th mo 1st 1847 is } \$ 1538 35

1847.

Amount brought forward of the Whole of the indebtedness against the Town of Westport \$1538 35

Deduct for amount available

Amount of uncollected taxes now in the hands of P. W. Peckham Collector \$284 18

Am^t of uncollected taxes now in the hands of Frederick B. as former Collector } 261 26 545 44

Nett indebtedness against the Town " \$992 91
all of which I most humbly

Submit. P. W. Peckham. Treas^r & Collector

Westport Apr^l 1st 1847. Examined the foregoing account and believe it to be correct

Frederick Brownell } Selectmen
Geo. H. Gifford } of
Stephen Howland } Westport

Audited by the Committee on accounts
Ezra Macomber } Committee
Perry Davis } on
accounts

4th Mo 5th 1847. Voted to accept the above report
Attest P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Selectmen's Report on the financial year The selectmen in accordance with the vote of the Town, presents to the Inhabitants of their report, of the financial affairs of the Town, for the year ending on the first day of April A.D. 1847 viz.

For abatement on Taxes	112 06
Assessors wages	31 25
Support of Schools	1916 00
Supplies and repairs for Alms House	865 56
Taking Census of Births & Deaths & Recording same	10 88
Collectors commissions	96 17
Selectmen and overseers of the Poor Fees	73 75
Taxes Remitted	78 98
Support of out door Paupers	212 00
General School committee's Bills	62 61
William Woods board at Worcester	130 83
Repairing Roads and building bridges	324 08
Interest on notes	54 19
	<u>3968 36</u>

1847.

Amount brought up	\$ 3968 36
Am ^t p ^d out for clearing snow from roads last winter	188 46
Sum voted for support of schools	\$ 1500 00
Amounts received from state school funds	131 80
Interest on money loaned the County	284 18
Sum Voted for incidental expenses	2000 00
Over layings on all the taxes	107 07
Highway deficiencies	26 40
Received on Pedlars licenses	36 00
Paid out more than was assessed & Rec ^d	\$ 71 37

All which is submitted

Westport Apr^l 1st 1847 George H. Gifford } Selectmen
Frederick Brownell } of
Stephen Howland } Westport

4th Mo 5th 1847. Voted to accept the above Report
Attest P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Agreeable to an adjournment from the second Monday of April it being the 12th Inst. The Inhabitants of said Town of Westport, met at the Town House in S^d Town, according to Adjournment, and the following officers were chosen and votes passed, &c.

Selectmen's Report on School district N^o 13. The subscribers having been chosen at the last Town meeting, a Committee to view School district N^o 13. and report to this meeting their opinion of the expediency of dividing or altering the limits of S^d district.

Now Report, That in their humble opinion, all that is necessary to be done is within the power granted by law to all School Districts. That of building a House suitable for the accommodation of the scholars. It appears by the returns, of the school committee - that the whole number of scholars attending school, the last winter were 64. average attendance 49, which is truly too many to be comfortably accommodated in the school house, but in our opinion it would be better for the district, to build a suitable house, than to be divided, and be obliged to build two houses, or move the one they have and build another.

There can be no safe calculation made about the number of scholars for many years in advance, there is districts now in Town, where a few years since, there were 30 or 40. scholars, and at the present time not much over half that number. we think there is not a district in this Town of the same extent of territory, that is more convenient for the scholars to get to the school house, at all seasons of the year & should it be divided it can lessen the travel for the scholars but a very little. Farther if the District should be divided by a line as proposed by some of the Inhabitants of the district, which would be about equal up to territory, but not so as to Scholars they would be about 40 to 20, and again, agreeable to last years valuation one district would have about \$55,000 to raise a tax from, while the other would have but about \$22,000. should each district build a house at a cost of \$300. one would have to pay about \$5. on a \$1000. while the other would have to pay about \$12. on a \$1000. We are aware that we are now talking about dollars and cents, which some may think ought not to come into the calculation, but it has been said that money makes the mare go and you would make but poor headway in building school houses without money. There is still another consideration which may seem important to some, the school money as now apportioned, gives the district with a great number of scholars, no more, than the district with a small number. However, that is liable to be altered every year, and from the fact that it has been so for a number of years, and that Yankees are fond of improvements and experiments, may it not reasonably be expected that there will soon be an alteration in the apportionment.

All of which is submitted Frederick Brownell
Rufel Gifford 2

Voted. To accept the foregoing Report

Attest

Westport 4th Mo 26th 1847

P. W. Peckham, Town Clerk

Voted. Not to grant the prayers, of the petitioners, of School District No 13. presented at our last meeting

Voted. To extend to the committee on Public & Town Landings their report - which report was to have been made to our annual Town meeting in April. but now by this vote they are ordered to report at our next annual November Town meeting.

Voted. To excuse Isaac Snell from serving as surveyor of highways & voted that Adam Bennet serve as surveyor in his stead

Voted. That Ezra Macomber, George H. Gifford & Nathan Woods, be a committee to Audit all accounts brought against the Town of Westport, up to the end of our financial year and make out a full and correct Report of all the financial Affairs of the Town, up to March 1st 1848. and cause 500 copies of said Report to be printed, and put in pamphlet form, as soon after the first day of March as they conveniently can, so that they may be distributed to the Inhabitants of S Town before our annual Town meeting in April next.

Voted. To allow the following bills to the following persons for clearing the Highway of snow in the winter of 1845 & 46.

Snow	"	Daniel Tripp (west Road, Snow bill.	75¢
Bills	"	Gilbert Macomber do	75
	"	Pardon Shearman do	1.50
	"	Lemuel Brownell do	2.00
			\$5.00

At an adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, held at the Town House in said Town, on Monday the 26th day of April A.D. 1847. The following Resolutions were presented, and read in open Town meeting by the Moderator.

1st Resolved That from the information already obtained in relation to the subject of the Boundary line between this Town and the Town

of Tiverton and Little Compton; We are most firmly convinced, that, the reputed line is from one half
 Resolutions to three Quarters of a mile upon the rightful soil
 sent to of Massachusetts
 the Committee
 Boundary
 Line
 2^d Resolved, therefore that, we can never acquiesce in the establishment of any line less favourable than the one indicated by the Kings commission of 1741. or by the ultimate decision of the highest judicial authority of the country.
 3^d Resolved, That the agents of the Town of Westport be, and they hereby are, instructed, to take such measures; as they may deem necessary to secure the rights of the Town, in respect to said line.
 4th Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions attested by the Town Clerk be transmitted to the Hon^{ble} Commissioners of Massachusetts

Voted, Unanimously, That the foregoing Resolutions be adopted.

Westport April 28th 1847

This day mailed & sent a copy of the above to the Hon^{ble} Committee

Attest

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Voted To adjourn this meeting

Bristol, Sp. & Westport April 28th 1847

I hereby certify that Gideon B. Sabins of Westport personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Field Driver in S^d Westport for the year ensuing
 George H. Gifford Justice of the Peace

I hereby certify that Samuel Dyer of Westport has this Day appeared & taken the oath according to law as surveyor of Highways in Westport
 Little Compton May 13th 1847, Eph^{raim} W. Brownell Justice Peace

Bristol Ss To Jirsh Brownell one of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County, GREETING

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Town on Saturday the Twenty second day of May current at three O'Clock in the Afternoon there and there to act on the following articles:
 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2 To see if the Town will divide school district Number Thirteen in said Town
 And you are directed to serve this warrants by posting up attested copies thereof, at three or more public places in said Town

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as afore said, Given under our hands this Eleventh day of May in the year Eighteen Hundred and Forty Seven A. J. Brownell } Selectman
 Rufel Gifford } of Westport
 Perry Davis }

Bristol Ss. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, by posting up notifications, at three public Places in the Town pursuant to meet at the time and place and for the within mentioned purposes
 Westport May 1847.

Jirsh Brownell } Constable

Town
Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified agreeable to law, held in the town house in said Town on Saturday the twenty second day of May A.D. 1847 at 3 O'Clock P.M. for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant, the following officers were chosen and votes passed *viz* &

School
District

No 13

Israel Washbourn was chosen Moderator & Article in the warrant was then taken up and the following motion was put & Voted, That the Inhabitants of school district No 13. be permitted to divide said school district, in any manner that two thirds of the voters of said district may approve, But no more of the Public, or Towns money, appropriated for the support of Public schools, in said Town of Westport, shall be drawn by the said Inhabitants than the proportion they now draw &

Voted. To adjourn said meeting &c &c

Recorded by me (P. W. Peckham Town Clerk)

Oath

To the Town Clerk of Westport - Oliver H. Childs has this day been sworn by me as Clerk for School District No 4 Westport April 13th 1847 &

(Andrew Hicks Justice of Peace)

Annual returns of the names of all the persons enrolled in the Militia, in the Town of Westport, for the year 1847. The whole number enrolled being Three Hundred and twenty six &c &c 326.

viz.

Militia

Men

Enrolled

for

1847.

Allen Frederick	Brightman Isaac L.
Allen Israel H.	Brightman Charles
Allen William G.	Brownell Uriah
Allen Thomas Junr	Booth Isaac
Allen Samuel G.	Booth Square
Allen Timothy G.	Brown Salsbury
Allen James	Briggs George
Allen John	Bisbee Peter S.
Allen Humphrey B.	Bassett Joseph S.
Anthony John L.	Brightman Ruston
Allen Charles	Brightman Leonard
Allen Cornelius Y.	Bennett Adam
Albert Perry	Borden Holder
Allen Abner	Baker Thomas W.
Allen Thomas Jr.	Brownell James H.
Allen Daniel	Brownell Edwin
Anthony Isaac A.	Briggs Pelig P.
Butts George	Chace William
Brownell Alexander	Cornell William A.
Brownell George	Cornell James
Bradley David S.	Cornell Stephen K.
Brightman John H.	Cornell Stephen B.
Brightman Elias P.	Cornell Job
Brightman Leander	Cornell John A.
Brightman Elihu	Croapo George D.
Brightman John	Chadwick George
Brownell Andrew	Chace Jerad
Brownell Ezra P.	Cornell Joshua H.
Brownell Isaac S.	Cornell Jacob
Brightman Sanford L.	Cornell George L.
Brownell Jabez	Croftman Frederick
Brownell Darride	Craw Charles
Brownell James	Cornell John
Bailey Oliver	Chace Thomas J.

Militia
Men
Enrolled

Grasso Daniel
Chace Gideon R.
Dyer Abraham
Davis Thomas W.
Davis Walter
Devol Benjamin
Dyer Warren
Davis Allen
Davis Edmund
Devol John
Devol David 2
Devol Philip H.
Devol Jonathan
Dean John
Davis Ebenzer H.
Davis Peter
Davis Andrew
Devol Edwards
Fuller Benjamin
Garnum George
Frederick Barney
Fisher Paul
Gifford Christopher
Gifford Richard S.
Grinnell William
Gifford Alexander B.
Gifford Charles
Gifford Peleg H.
Gifford Edwin B.
Gifford John 2
Gifford Elihu B.
Gifford Jonathan P.
Gifford Weston
Gifford Philip
Gifford Thomas B.
Gifford Charles J.
Gifford Joshua W.
Gifford Alfred

Gifford Albert A.
Gifford Stephen W.
Gifford Benjamin R.
Gifford Frederick
Gifford Philander
Gifford Elijah Jr
Gifford William 3
Gifford Gideon D.
Gifford Benjamin
Gidley Frederick
Gifford Samuel
Gifford Christopher R.
Gifford Christopher C.
Gifford Thomas W.
Hicks Alexander
Hicks Isaac
Hicks William B.
Hicks Reuben C.
Howard Oliver J.
Howland Zoeth
Howland William P.
Howland Stephen H.
Howland Alexander
Howland Benjamin
Harvey William W.
Howland Noah D.
Hathaway Charles H.
Howland Isaac
Howland Stephen R.
Howland William
Kirby Perry
Kirby Nathaniel
Kirby Tillinghast
Kirby Edmund
Kirby Stephen P.
Kirby Harvey W.
Kirby Abner
King Alfred

Militia
Men
Enrolled

King Godfrey
Kisby George W.
Lawton Abraham
Lawton John
Lawton Isaac
Lawton David
Lawton Edwin
Lawton Robert
Lawton Gideon
Lawton Eli
Little Preserved
Lawrence Andrew
Little Charles
Mosher Lorenzo D.
Manchester Abner E.
Manchester Barten D.
Manchester Beriah
Manchester Wilbour
Manchester Borden
Macomber Alexander H.
Macomber Simon Jr
Macomber Israel
Macomber John
Macomber John D.
Macomber Alexander
Macomber Ruston
Manchester Wanton
Mosher Sutherland
Manchester George S.
Manchester James W.
Manchester William W.
Macomber Otis
Mayhew Binfa J.
Mosher John
Mosher Robert
Macomber Ezra
Macomber Andrew
Macomber Zebudee B.

Macomber Orrin
Macomber Richard
Macomber Ezra 2
Macomber Moses
Mosher Joseph Jr
Manchester Charles
Macomber Henry
Mosher Charles
Nye Isaiah J.
Nooning Jonathan
Nickerson Eleanah.
Pike Perry
Potter Charles
Potter Nathaniel
Potter Frederick P.
Potter Abner
Potter Pardon C.
Potter Abner 2.
Petty Potter
Petty John J.
Petty Isaac
Petty Abner J.
Petty Holder J.
Petty Pardon 2
Pierce Jonathan Jr
Peckham Jacob
Petty Edward B.
Potter Isaac P.
Pierce George
Perry John
Records Holder
Reed Willard
Reed Caleb
Rodney Reed
Reynolds Malicha
Sampson Ebenzer
Sampson John
Socle Gideon

1847.

Soule Oliver
 Soule Charles P.
 Soule Benjamin
 Shearman James H.
 Shearman Justus
 Shearman Peleg
 Stocum Andrew
 Stocum David E.
 Soule Rufus
 Sanford Silas B.
 Sanford Caleb J.
 Sipson Uriah
 Sipson Charles
 Sipson Gideon
 Militia Snell Humphrey W.
 Men Shearman Wilson
 Enrolled Shearman Thomas
 Sanford David Jr.
 Sanford Peleg S.
 Sanford Thomas
 Sabins William H.
 Sabins Gideon B.
 Shearman Kempton
 Shearman Anthony
 Simmons Reuben
 Sabins Weston G.
 Sipson Alden J.
 Soule John
 Sumner Henry P.
 Soule Henry Jr.
 Shaw Benjamin J.
 Seabury Albert
 Soule Benjamin Jr.
 Snell Daniel D.
 Soule William
 Sipson George
 Sanford Philip
 Soule Isaac

Simmons Eber
 Seabury John
 Soule Abel Jr.
 Shearman Abner
 Soule Edwards G.
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 Tripp Clark
 Tripp Benjamin F.
 Tripp Nathaniel
 Tripp William R.
 Tripp Samuel
 Tripp Benjamin P.
 Tripp Nathaniel 2
 Tripp Frederick P.
 Tripp Holder
 Tripp David
 Tripp Ivory
 Tripp Luthurn R.
 Tripp Stephen Jr.
 Tripp John M.
 Tabor William
 Tripp Howland
 Tripp Francis
 Tripp Abner D.
 Tripp John C.
 Tripp Jeremiah D.
 Tripp Joseph H.
 Tripp Uriah B.
 Thompson Joseph
 Thompson Jeremiah J.
 Tripp Alden
 Tripp Howard P.
 Tripp Edmond Jr.
 Tripp Jonathan
 Tripp Eli
 Tripp Emanuel G. H. H.
 Taylor William
 Tripp Jonathan 2

1847.

Tabor Eury
 Tabor Joseph
 White Abraham C.
 White George F. S.
 White Peleg J.
 Wing George W.
 Whit Henry
 White George B.
 Wood George F.
 Woods Alexander
 Wood Nathan W.
 Wood Lawton
 Woodell Gershum
 Woodell Eleanah
 Whalen John R.

Whole No
 Enrolled
 326.

Rec'd from
 the Assessors

Mailed &
 Sent to the
 Adjutant
 General
 May 28th 1847

Westport 5th Mo. 24th 1847.

Recorded
 by me

Whalen James M.
 Wait Ruben
 Wait Daniel
 Wing John J.
 White Holder Jr.
 Wing Ezra
 Winchester Nathaniel W.
 Woodell Edmonds
 Woodell Richards
 Wing Frederick A.
 Wilcox Bradfords
 Allen Gideon
 Cory Alexander H.
 Childes Oliver H.
 Freelove Clark Jr.

Frederick Brownell
 Perry Davis
 Rufus Gifford 2^d Westport

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

To Stephen B. Cornell

Sir You are hereby appointed
Sealer of Weights and Measures, for the Town
of Westport, the current year - Given under
our hands, this Twenty Eighth day of May
in the year Eighteen Hundred and forty Seven

Frederick Brownell
Perry Davis
Russel Gifford 2 } Selectmen
of
Westport

This day I the Subscriber Treasurer of Westport
Delivered in good order, to Stephen B. Cornell
Sealer of Weights & Measures the following Towns property

viz. 1 Cedar. Stave $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel measure

1 do do peck do

1 do do 4 qt do

1 Large Scale Beam with wooden scales

1. 5 lb & 1 lb 28 do. 1. 14 do. 1. 7 do do belonging to the above Scales

1. Smaller Scale Beam with Copper Scales, and

a Set of Compositions weights belonging to the same
from 4 lb to $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce weight

1 Box of Airdrie's Scale, Beam and weights complete

1 Gall puter wine measure

1. 2 qt do do

1. 1 qt do do

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ qt do do

1. $\frac{1}{4}$ qt do do

1. Gill do do

1. 2 qt. Beer measure & Puter

1. Ell. at yard Stick

1. Yard Stick

3. Stamps marked W.

1. Mahogany Strike

1. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb Extra weight

1 large Chest containing all the above articles

Westport May 30th 1847

Recorded

By me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

To the Town of Westport

We have determined that the
School Real Estate of Isaac R. Gifford, Elihu Gifford &
District Wm Sison of Dartmouth, Joseph R. Dunham
N^o 4, and Leonard Sison of New Bedford, Henry
Wilbor of Fall River and Thomas Y. Cornell of
R.I. Should be Taxed in School District
Number Four (That is to say all their Real
Estate Taxable in this Town) of which you will
please make Record

May 28th 1847

F. Brownell
Russel Gifford 2 } Assessors
Perry Davis } Westport

Warrant
For
Nov. 8th
Town
Meeting

Bristol ss.

To Sirch Brownell Constable
of the Town of Westport — — — Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Town of Westport, Qualified to vote in Elections
to meet at the Town House in Westport on Monday
the eighth day of November next it being the Second
in said month, at ten o'clock in the fore noon
to bring in their Votes to the selectmen for a
Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the
Commonwealth of for Three Senators for the
district of Bristol, for the year ensuing all on
one Ballot. Also to choose one Representative
to represent them in the General Court to be
holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of
January next. And also at one o'clock P.M.
to act on the following articles — VIZ —

1st To choose a moderator —

2. To hear the report of the committee appointed
to survey and establish the lines of the several
Town Landings, and take such action thereon
as may be thought Expedient — — —

3. to instruct Nathan Woods in regards to
paying Claims against William Woods — — —
And you are directed to serve this warrant
by posting up attested copies thereof at three
or more Public places in said Town seven
days at least before the time for holding said
meeting. Hereof fail not and make due
return of this warrant to ourselves, at the time
and place of meeting as aforesaid — — —

Given under our hands this 29th day of October
In the year Eighteen Hundred & forty seven

Frederick Brownell

Perry Lewis

Russell Gifford 2^d

Selectmen

Bristol ss.

Returns

on the afore
going Warrant

Persuant to a warrant from the
Selectmen of the Town of Westport I have notifi-
ed the male Inhabitants of said Town by post-
ing up attested copies at three public places in
the Town for to meet at the time and place
and for the purposes within named —
October 30th 1847.

Sirch Brownell Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Westport in the county of Bristol and
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Qualified by
the constitution to vote for Governor and
Lieutenant Governor, holden on the eighth day
of November, being the second Monday of said
month, in the year one thousand Eight Hundred
and forty seven, for the purpose of giving in
their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor
and senators, of said Commonwealth, the
votes given in were sorted, counted and
recorded; and a public declaration thereof
made, as is directed by the constitution;
and were for the following persons,

Whole number of Ballots were One Hund-
red and eighty 180.

for Governor	George N. Briggs of Pittsfield	
	had Sixty Six votes	66
	Calib Cushing of Newburyport	
	had Seventy three votes	73
	Samuel E. Sewell of Malden	
	had Thirty nine votes	39
	David R. Green of New Bedford	
	had one vote	1

Lieut Governor	John Reed of Yarmouth	
	had Sixty four votes	64
	Henry W. Cushman of Barnardston	
	had Seventy seven votes	77
	John M. Brewster of Pittsfield	
	had Thirty eight votes	38

Senators	Ezekiel Savin of Fairhaven	had Fifty votes	50
	Cornwell Leonard of Norton	had sixty three votes	63
	Orrin Fowler of Fall River	had Ninety votes	90
	Mark B. Palmer of New Bedford	had seventy nine votes	79
Senators	Johnson Gardner of second.	had Ninety two votes	92
	John Crane of Norton	had Fifty one votes	51
	Mason Stone of Norton	had Thirty Seven votes	37
	Joseph D. Hathaway of Berkley	had Thirty Seven votes	37
Senators	Ira Sampson of Dighton	had Thirty Seven votes	37
	Benjamin B. Sipson of Westport	had One Hundred & Seven votes	107
Representatives	Israel Washburn of do	had Thirty one votes	31
	James H. Handy of do	had Twelve votes	12
General Court	Andrew Hicks	had one vote	1
	Frederick Brownell	had one vote	1
	Perry Davis	had Two votes	2
	Gershams Woodell	had Two votes	2
	Nathan Wood	had Two votes	2
	Nathan Wood	had one vote	1
	George H. Gifford	had one vote	1

Benjamin B. Sipson Esq
was elected Representative
to General Court

For this Term
Recorded by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Agreeable to the foregoing warrants at One O'clock
P.M. the following Officer was chosen and the
following Business Transacted - viz -

1st Benjamin B. Sipson was chosen Moderator
2^d The Report of the committee appointed to
survey and establish the lines of the several Town
Landings, and take such other action thereon as
may be thought Expedient - Was read in open
Town meeting by N. C. Brownell Chairman of
said committee. And it was voted to accept
said report, and for a report to be placed on
file in the Town Clerk's Office together with
the Charts of said Landings, drawn by said
Committee. The following action was had on
the above report - viz -

VOTED, That a Committee of Two be appointed who
shall be directed in behalf of the Town of Westport, to take
such measures, as they shall deem Expedient, to ascer-
tain if said Town possess the Ownership or Jurisdiction
of the Town or Public Landings therein; If not that they
then be directed to apply to the next Legislature, for such
action on the part of that Body, as shall give said Town, full
and complete Jurisdiction, and Control over the same;
with power to Lease for a term not exceeding five years
such portions of them as may not be needed for
landing purposes; Also to sell and convey such portions of
them that are now covered with buildings which
are partly on said Landings and partly on private lands to
Individuals owning the same (providing they are not
needed for landing purposes;) and that all Sale transfers
& Contracts hitherto entered into by said Town with Individuals
relative to said Landings may be confirmed and
made legal to the parties; & that the committee be
directed to Report their doings at the first annual meeting.
VOTED, That Nathan C. Brownell and
Christopher A. Church be that
Committee

Nathaniel
Wood

Voted, To Indefinitely postpone the Third
article in said warrant

Recorded

by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Bristol

Representative

Pursuant to a law of this common-
wealth, The Qualified voters of the Town of Westport
In Town meeting, on the Eighth day of November
Court Inst. for the choice of one Representative in
Boston General Court, did elect

Benjamin B. Sisson Esq.

being an Inhabitant of said Town, to represent
them in the general Court to be holden on the
first Wednesday of January next

Dated at Westport the Eighth day of
November in the year One Thousand Eight
Hundred and Forty Seven AD 1847

Frederick Brownell

Perry Davis

Selectmen of
Westport

The Person chosen as aforesaid was notified thereof
and summoned to attend by me Jerk Brownell
constable of Westport

Recorded by

me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

School To the Town Clerk of Westport

district The Subscribers & Assessors of said Town have
No. 10 determined, that the Real Estate of John M. Howland
of Edgartown and John Hicks of Duxbury shall be
Taxed in School district No. 10 of which you
will please make Record

Westport Dec^r 1847 Frederick Brownell

Russell Gifford 2

Recorded by me

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Warrant
for the
Annual
Town Meeting
in April
1848.

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the Town
of Westport in said County & R E S S C.

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are
directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport
Qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, to meet
at the Town House in said Town, on Monday the third day of
April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there
to act on the following articles, viz.

- 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2^d To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 3^d To hear the report of the selectmen, Auditing Committee,
committee on town landings, & town agents, & act thereon.
- 4th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to
defray Town charges the year ensuing, and make
appropriations of the same.
- 5th To raise a sum of money for the support of Schools,
and determine the manner of its appropriation.
- 6th To determine the manner of repairing the highways,
Town ways, and Bridges, the year ensuing.
- 7th To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.
- 8th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to renew
some notes that are standing against the Town.
- 9th To know the minds of the Town in regard to the property
belonging to Jeremiah Mayhew.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
up attested copies thereof, at three or more public
places in said Town, Ten days at least before the time
of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant
with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time &
place of meeting, as afores. Given under our hands, this
21st day of March Eighteen Hundred & Forty Eight

Frederick Brownell Selectmen
Westport 3 Mo 29th 1848 Perry Davis Westport

Constables
Returns

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
of the Town of Westport, by posting up notifications at three
Public places in the Town, for to meet at the time and place
for the within mentioned purposes. Jerk Brownell Constable
of Westport

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, held at the Town House in S Town on Monday the third day of April A.D. 1848, Agreeable to the foregoing Warrant, and for the purposes therein expressed, the following named persons were chosen, and votes passed. Viz. ...

For moderator ... Nathan C. Brownell Esq

For Town Clerk ... Peleg W. Peckham Sworn

For Selectmen ... Frederick Brownell Sworn

For Selectmen ... Perry Davis Sworn

For Selectmen ... Geo. H. Gifford Sworn

Voted That each school district choose their own Prudential Committee

Voted To choose three General School committee men

For General School committee { Geo. F. S. White
Benj^d B. Sison
Edward S. Gifford

The General School committee's report was read in Open Town Meeting by Israel Washbourn one of the committee. And it was Voted to accept said Report ...

Voted That when we adjourn that we adjourn to Monday April 10th A.D. 1848 ...

Alexander Hicks, Chosen Prudential committee, for School district N^o 5, by S District, for the year ensuing ...

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay out of monies not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty dollars, to Fletcher Webster Esq in full compensation, for his services as attorney, before the Legislative committee upon the Boundary, between Rhode Island & Massachusetts ...

Voted 1848. April 10th

Treasurer & Collector That the above vote be Adopted ...

Voted. That the Treasurer be collector of Taxes the year ensuing

Voted. That Peleg W. Peckham be Treasurer & Collector the year ensuing & to have 2 1/2 cent on what money he collects of Taxes & pays into the Treasury

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Bristol

Certificate of Votes for County Treasurer

At a legal meeting of the Qualified voters, being Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, holden in S Town on Monday the third day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and forty eight, The Qualified voters aforesaid gave in their votes for County Treasurer for the county of Bristol, The whole number of votes given in were sorted, and counted, in open Town meeting, by the moderator & Town Clerk, and were for the following persons Viz: ...

For. Edmonds Anthony Seventy nine votes 79.

For. James P. Ellis forty six do 46.

For. Hodges Reed - fifteen do 15.

For. G. E. Brownell One do 1.

Dated at Westport the third day of April A.D. 1848

Recorded by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Voted To adjourn ... as before stated ...

Monday April 10th A.D. 1848, Agreeable to Adjournment from the first Monday in said month, the Inhabitants of S Town of Westport met accordingly, and the following Officers were Chosen and votes passed viz: ...

Report. The selectmen and Auditing Committee made their report, And caused five hundred copies of the same to be printed, in pamphlet form, and distributed among the Inhabitants of S Town ...

Voted Sworn That the Selectmen be Assessors the year ensuing

Voted That Nathan C. Brownell Esq. Christopher A. Church and Benjamin B. Sison Esq. be a committee to draft by-laws, and regulations, of all the Town and Public Landings, in the Town of Westport

Overseers
the Poor Stephen Howland Obediah Lawton and Frederick Brownell were Chosen overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing

Sealer of
Measures &
Weights Isaac Francis Chosen for the year ensuing Sworn

Voted That the Treasurer of the Town of Westport, is hereby authorised, and directed, to conform strictly to the requirements of the Law, passed April 23. 1847. in regards to furnishing the Town Standards of Weights, Measures, and Balances

Surveyors of Highways	Sworn	Thomas W. Woods	Stephen Howland	Sworn
	Sworn	David Lawton	John R. Baker	Engaged
	Sworn	Abraham C. White	Philip T. Chase	Sworn
	Sworn	Lemuel Reed Jr	Perry Davis	Sworn
		Charles Simpson	Abraham Manchester	Sworn
		Gideon W. Tripp	Moses Macomber	
		Paul Fisher	John Gifford	
	Sworn	Isaac Francis	Leonard Macomber	Engaged
	Sworn	Daniel Wing	George F. Woods	Sworn
	Sworn	Pardon Shearman	Stephen P. Kirby	Sworn
	Sworn	Philip Sanforde	John Sanforde	
	Sworn	Nathan C. Brownell	James Manchester	Sworn
	Sworn	Robert Potter	James H. Shearman	Sworn
	Sworn	Benjamin Tripp	Nathaniel Tripp Capt	Sworn
	Engaged	Eber D. Baker	Jerad Chase	Sworn

Field Drivers	Sworn	Willard Reed	William Brownell	
	Sworn	George R. Pierce	Thomas E. Tripp	Sworn
	Sworn	Jonathan Pierce Jr	Israel Washbourn	
	Sworn	Gideon B. Sabins	Abraham Gifford	

Tence Viewers		Adam Gifford	Nathan C. Brownell	Sworn
	Sworn	Jonathan Davis	Samuel Brownell	Sworn
Constables		Isaac Francis	Jeriah Brownell	Sworn
			Jonathan Pierce Jr	Sworn

Jon^a Pierce Jr agrees to do all the Towns Business as Constable for \$5.00 for the year ensuing

Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of Wood & Bark	Sworn	David Sanford	Frederick Brownell
		Stephen Howland	Rufel Gifford 2
		Jeremiah J. Thompson	Isaac Francis Sworn
	Sworn	Perry Davis	Varnum Macomber
		John Allen	George H. Gifford Sworn
	Sworn	David Lawton	Freeman Lawrence

Sealer. Sworn Isaac Francis Sealer of Weights Measures & Balances

Pound keeper Ezra P. Brownell Pound keeper

Gen^l School Committee to draw on the Treasury Voted That the General School Committee be authorised to draw on the Treasury for what money is appropriated for Public free schools, when it shall have been expended according to Law the year ensuing

Voted \$1500. to raise the sum of \$1500. by way of Tax. Also the money which is received this year from the state school funds; And this years Interest, on the money loaned the County of Bristol, for the support of Public free schools the year ensuing; Said money to be equally divided between all the School districts, in said Town; And no money to be paid to any School district, untill it shall have been Expended in s^d district for the aforesaid schools, And a certificate received by the Treasurer, from the Gen^l School Committee, Certifying to the same.

Voted \$1000 That the sum of \$1000. be assessed on the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants and nonresident proprietors, of the Town of Westport, for repairing the highways, and Bridges, the year ensuing And the assessors are directed, to assess s^d sum, as soon as may be, and deliver lists thereof with the persons names, & the sums they are assessed, to each surveyor with his limits according to law; That one dollar be allowed for nine hours labour for a man & Yoke of oxen, Thirty three cents for a plow, and Twenty five cents for a cart, and in that proportion for a greater, or less time, and that s^d surveyor is directed to expend said money, and make his returns to the Selectmen according to law

Voted To raise Two thousand dollars by way of Tax, for the Incidental expenses of the Town, for the year ensuing ...
\$2000
Voted To adjourn this meeting to Saturday the 13th day of May next, at 2 O'clock in the Afternoon ...
Recorded by
me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Voted, That the sum of Two thousand dollars be raised by way of Tax, on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants and nonresident proprietors, of the Town of Westport, For the support of Paupers and other Incidental expenses of the Town, To be assessed, collected, and paid into the Town Treasurer, on or before the first day of March next, and the assessors are directed to assess, said sum in the way and manner provided, by law; and deliver lists thereof to the collector as soon as may be. ...
\$2000
For Paupers & other Incidental expenses
Voted To adjourn this meeting to Saturday, May 13th 1848. at 2 O'clock in the after noon ...
Recorded by
me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Bristol ss.
To Jereh Brownell Constable of the Town of Westport.
GREETING.
In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town house in said Town, on Monday the Tenth day of April Inst. at one O'clock P. M. Then and There to act on the following articles viz ...
1st To choose a moderator ...
2^d To see if the Town will so alter the line between School district No 2. & No 3. that Ellis Brightman may be within the limits of School district No 2. ...
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up notices, of the time place and

purpose of meeting, at Two or more public places in said Town five days at least before said time of meeting ...
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, ...
Given under our hands, this fifth day of April in the year Eighteen Hundred and Forty Eight. ...
J. Brownell
Perry Davis } Selectmen
George H. Gifford } of Westport

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport as therein directed for to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned in Westport 4th mo. 1848 ...
Jereh Brownell. Constable

Voted To grant the prayers of Ellis Brightman as set forth in the foregoing Warrant ...
Recorded
By me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Oath
Bristol ss. April 15th 1848. Then personally appeared Thomas E. Trispe and made Oath to the faithful discharge of the duties of Field driver for the year ensuing before
me Geo. H. Gifford Justice of the peace

Bristol ss.
April 18th 1848. Then personally appeared Edward B. Sabins and made Oath to the faithful discharge of the duties of Field Driver in Westport for the ensuing year ...
Before me ... Geo. H. Gifford Justice of the peace
Oath. Little Compton Apr 18th 1848. This certifies that James Manchester personally appeared & took the Oath, required by Law, as Surveyor of a highway in Westport South from L. Compton line.
Before me Ephraim W. Brownell Justice of the peace
Recorded by me P. W. Peckham T. Clerk

Voted. That the assessors when they deliver the Tax Bills to the Collector, shall give notice thereof, by posting up notices at six public places in said Town, that those who voluntarily pay their Tax within sixty days days, from the date of said notice, shall be entitled to an abatement, of 5 p^{ct} from their Tax, after sixty and within one hundred and twenty days 3 p^{ct} & And that the collector shall meet the Inhabitants for the purpose of receiving Taxes, At the Bridge Westport Point - Adamsville and Head of Westport River East branch at some convenient time, which shall be named in the Assessors or Collectors warrant or notice, within the Sixty days and also within the 120 Days

Town

Agents. **Voted.** - not to choose Town Agents

Voted That the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorised, to renew three notes, now standing against the Town of Westport, viz. one payable to Frederick Allen, and the other two made payable to Thomas J. Allen

Report of Committee The committee appointed at our last meeting to prepare a code of bye laws, and regulations, for the preservation of the Public and Town landings in Westport made their report in writing, and it was voted by the Inhabitants of s^d Town, to be accepted, and directed one of the committee C. A. Church to present s^d report to our next Court of Common Pleas to be holden at New Bedford, for the approval of the same, and when approved, will be recorded in this book

Voted That the financial year end on the first day of March Annually

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to Saturday June the 24th AD. 1848. at 2 O'clock in the afternoon

Voted. That the selectmen ^{and hereby are} directed to keep a correct acct of the financial ^{affairs} of the Town, also settle with the Treasurer, and cause their annual report to be printed ^{and put} in pamphlet form and signed

auditing committee

by the selectmen and countersigned by the Treasurer ^{to the Inhabitants of s^d Town} and distributed ^{to the Inhabitants of s^d Town} previous, to our annual Town meeting in April next

Guide Posts -

Agreeable to law made and provided in such cases the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Westport Submit to the Inhabitants of said Town, the following Report, of the places Where guide posts have been erected (we can hardly say maintained, within the Town, N^o 1. near Reuben Moshery N^o 2. at the Townhouse N^o 3. near Geo. H. Gifford's, N^o 4. near Edmonds Woodells, N^o 5. at Jonathan Davis N^o 6 at Widow Woodell's corner,

And at the following places, In their opinion they ought to be erected and maintained one at Brownells corner One at the corner opisite of Stephen Howland's, One at the corner near Geo. Kirby's, One at the four corners near James H. Hardy's J. Brownell
Westport May 13th 1848. Geo. H. Gifford
Perry Davis

Voted That the selectmen be directed to Erect guide posts at the above described places

Warrant Concerning a pound Bristol ss. To either of the constables of the Town of Westport, in the county of Bristol. GREETING In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in s^d Westport on Saturday the 13th day of May next at three O'clock in the afternoon Then & there to act on the following articles; viz

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
2. To see if the Town will authorise the selectmen to erect a pound near the center or north part of the Town, and purchase land for the same if necessary

3. To see what the Town will do in relation to William Woods and Mase S. Gifford. . . .

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at three or more public places in the said Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. . . .

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Fredrick Brownell Selectmen
George H. Gifford }
Perry Davis } Westport

Return

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport as therein directed, for to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned. . . .
Westport April the 29th 1848.

Jonathan Pierce Constable

Article

- 1. Benjamin B. Lipson chosen Moderator.
- do 2. Voted not authorise the selectmen to erect a pound as aforesaid.
- do 3. Voted to refer the affairs in relation to William Wood, to the Overseers of the poor, & report at our next adjourned meeting.

Adjourned without day. . . .

Recorded

by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Annual Return of the names of all the Persons Enrolled in the Militia, in the Town of Westport for the year 1848. The whole number Enrolled being Three Hundred and forty four. . . . 344.

Militia
Enrolled

Allen Fredericke
Allen William C.
Allen Thomas Jr
Allen Samuel G.
Allen Timothy G.
Allen James
Allen John
Anthony John L.
Allen Charles
Allen Cornelius Y.
Albert Perry
Allen Abner
Allen Thomas J.
Allen Daniel
Anthony Isaac A.
Adams John W.
Allen Isaac H.
Allen Gideon

Butts George
Brownell Alexander
Brownell George
Bradley David S.
Brightman John H.
Brightman Elias P.
Brightman Leander
Brightman Elihu
Brightman John
Brownell Andrew
Brownell Ezra P.
Brownell Isaac S.
Brightman Sanford 2
Brownell Jabor
Brownell Daniel

Brownell James
Bailey Oliver
Brightman Isaac L.
Brightman Charles
Brownell Uriah
Booth Isaac
Booth Square
Brown Sailsbury
Briggs George
Bisbee Peter S.
Bassett Joseph S.
Brightman Restorm
Brightman Leonard
Bennett Adarny
Borden Holder
Baker Thomas W.
Brownell James H.
Brownell Giles E.
Briggs Peleg P.
Brownell George A.
Brownell Philip H.
Brownell George Y.
Bradley William
Brownell Frederick W.
Baker John R.
Borden John

Chace William
Cornell William A.
Cornell James
Cornell Stephen H.
Cornell Job
Crapo George D.
Chace Jacob

Cornett Joshua H.
 Cornett Jacob
 Cornett George L.
 Cropman Frederick
 Crow Charles
 Chace Thomas J.
 Crapo Daniel
 Chace Gideon R.
 Cory Alexander H.
 Coggsall Stephen

Dyer Abraham
 Davis Thomas W.
 Davis Walter
 Devol Benjamin
 Dyer Warren
 Davis Allen
 Davis Edmund
 Devol John
 David Devol 2
 Devol Philip H.
 Devol Jonathan
 Dean John
 Davis Peter
 Davis Andrew
 Devol Edwards
 Devol George
 Devol William
 Davis Abiel
 Devol James

Easton Dennison M.
 Frelove Clark Jr
 Fuller Benjamin
 Fairman George
 Frelove Barnea
 Fisher Paul
 Fish Isaac S.

Frelove Joseph
 Gifford George H.
 Gifford Christopher
 Gifford Richards S.
 Grinnell William
 Gifford Alexander B.
 Gifford Charles
 Gifford Peleg H.
 Gifford Edwin B.
 Gifford John 2
 Gifford Elisha B.
 Gifford Jonathan P.
 Gifford Weston
 Gifford Philip
 Gifford Thomas B.
 Gifford Charles F.
 Gifford Joshua W.
 Gifford Alfred
 Gifford Albert A.
 Gifford Benjamin R.
 Gifford Frederick
 Gifford Philander
 Gifford Elijah Jr
 Gifford William 2
 Gifford Gideon D.
 Gifford Samuel F.
 Gidley Frederick
 Gifford Christopher R.
 Gifford Franklin
 Gifford Christopher C.
 Gifford Thomas W.
 Gifford Peleg C.
 Gifford William H.
 Gifford William H. 2
 Gifford John Tasker
 Gifford Andrew

Hicks Andrew Alexander
 Hicks Isaac
 Hicks William B.
 Hicks Reuben C.
 Hazard Oliver J.
 Howland Yveth
 Howland William P.
 Howland Stephen H.
 Howland Alexander
 Howland Benjamin
 Hardy William W.
 Hathaway Charles H.
 Howland Isaac
 Howland Stephen R.
 Howland William
 Howland Peleg C.

Kirby Perry
 Kirby Nathaniel
 Kirby Tillinghast
 Kirby Edmund
 Kirby Stephen P.
 Kirby Harvey W.
 Kirby Abner
 King Alfred
 King Godfrey
 Kirby George W.
 Kirby Uriah

Lawton Abraham
 Lawton Perry
 Lawton Isaac
 Lawton David
 Lawton Edwin
 Lawton Robert
 Lawton Gideon
 Lawton Eli
 Little Preserved

Lawrence Andrew
 Little Charles
 Mosher Lorenzo D.
 Manchester Abraham E.
 Manchester Barton D.
 Manchester Wilbour
 Manchester Border
 Macomber Alexander H.
 Macomber Simon Jr
 Macomber Israel
 Macomber John
 Macomber John D.
 Macomber Abraham
 Macomber Alexander
 Macomber Rostom
 Manchester Wanton
 Mosher Luthurn
 Manchester George L.
 Manchester James W.
 Manchester William W.
 Macomber Otis
 Mosher Daniel
 Mosher John
 Mosher Robert
 Macomber Ezra
 Macomber Andrew
 Macomber Zebudee B.
 Macomber Orrin
 Macomber Richard
 Macomber Ezra 2
 Moser Macomber
 Mosher Joseph Jr
 Manchester Charles
 Macomber George H.
 Macomber Richmond
 Nye Isaiah F.
 Nooring Jonathan

Negus John P.
 Pike Perry
 Potter Charles
 Potter Frederick P.
 Potter Abner
 Potter Pardon C.
 Potter Abner D.
 Pitney Potter
 Pitney John Y.
 Pitney Isaac
 Pitney Abner Y.
 Pitney Holder J.
 Pitney Pardon D.
 Pierce Jonathan Jr.
 Peckham Jacob
 Pitney Edwards B.
 Potter Isaac P.
 Pierce George
 Perry John
 Peckham Edwards

 Records Holder
 Reed Willard
 Reed Caleb
 Reed Henry
 Reynolds Malachi

 Sabins Stephen
 Towle Oliver
 Towle Charles P.
 Towle Benjamin
 Shearman James H.
 Shearman Justus
 Shearman Peleg
 Hocum Andrew
 Hocum David E.
 Towle Russel

Sanford Elias B.
 Sanfords Caleb Y.
 Sipson Uriah
 Sipson Charles
 Sipson Gideon
 Towle John
 Trull Humphrey W.
 Shearman Wilson
 Shearman Thomas
 Sanford David Jr.
 Sanford Peleg S.
 Sanford Thomas
 Sabins William H.
 Sabins Gideon B.
 Shearman Kimpton
 Shearman Anthony
 Simmons Reuben
 Sabins Weston G.
 Sipson Alden Y.
 Sipson Stephen
 Towle John
 Towle Henry Jr.
 Shaw Benjamin Y.
 Seabury Albert
 Trull Daniel D.
 Towle William
 Sipson George
 Sanford Philip
 Simmons Eber
 Seabury John
 Towle Abel Jr.
 Shearman Abner
 Simmons George W.
 Sipson John

 Tripp Horace N.
 Tripp Clark.
 Tripp Benjamin Y.

Tripp James Y.
 Tripp Nathaniel
 Tripp Wm R.
 Tripp Samuel
 Tripp Benjamin P.
 Tripp Nathaniel D.
 Tripp Holder
 Tripp David R.
 Tripp Ivory
 Tripp Luthern H.
 Tripp Stephen Jr.
 Tripp John M.
 Tabor William
 Tripp Howland
 Tripp Francis
 Tripp Abner D.
 Tripp John C.
 Tripp Jeremiah D.
 Tripp Joseph H.
 Tripp Uriah B.
 Thompson Joseph
 Thompson Jeremiah Y.
 Tripp Alden
 Tripp Howards P.
 Tripp Edmund Jr.
 Tripp Jonathan
 Tripp Eli
 May 24 Tripp Emanuel G.H.H.
 Geo. H. Gifford } Assessors
 Perry Davis } Westport

Militia.

May 24

1848.

May 31

Mailed A. copy of foregoing names and directed
 the same to the adjutant General's Office Boston
 Whole number of names enrolled is 344

Recorded by
 me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Taylor William
 Tripp Jonathan D.
 Tabor Joseph
 Tripp Ellis
 Tripp Charles
 Tripp Daniel Jr.
 White Abraham C.
 White Geo. F. S.
 White Peleg S.
 Wing George W.
 White George B.
 Wood George F.
 Wood Alexander
 Wood Nathan W.
 Wood Leavon
 Woodell Gershum
 Woodell Elcanah
 Whalen John R.
 Whalen James M.
 Waite Reuben
 Waite Daniel H.
 Wing John Y.
 White Holder Jr.
 Wing Ezra
 Winchester Nathl W.
 Woodell Edmund
 Woodell Richard
 Wing Frederick A.
 Wilcox Bradford
 Woodell Jethro
 Woodell Humphrey

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, holden on Saturday the 24th day of June A.D. 1848. being an adjournment from Saturday the 13th day of May 1848, the following business was transacted and Officers chosen viz.

Voted That Nathan Wood be Pound Keeper for the year ensuing. (said Wood declined serving) -

Voted That the selectmen be instructed to appoint a Pound keeper whenever they think it necessary -

Voted That the Overseers of the poor have discretionary power, to do what they think will be for the best, in relation to property belonging to Jeremiah Mayhew who is now in our Alms house, Insane -

Christopher A. Church being chosen at our last meeting, to present a Code of By-laws, to the court of common pleas for their acceptance -

Said Church has this day made his report to this meeting by presenting the Act passed by our Legislature, and also the By-laws, with the acceptance of the court on the same -

In accordance with said By-laws in Section 5th.

The Inhabitants of said Town, shall at their annual meeting, in March or April, in each year, Choose four persons, who with the Treasurer of the Town for the time being, shall constitute a board of commissioners, of the public & Town landing places therein, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties; and the following persons were chosen viz.

George H. Gifford. Henry B. Gifford

William P. Howland & Varnum Macomber

and were sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties -

Adjourned without day -

The following is a true Record of the Act from our Legislature, and By-Laws of the Town -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year one thousand ^{Eight Hundred & Forty} Eight
An act. An act for the regulation of the Public and Town
Concerning Landing places in the Town of Westport. -

Be it enacted by the senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, - as follows: Section 1. The inhabitants of the Town of Westport shall have jurisdiction over the Public and Town landings therein, with power to govern control and regulate them in such manner as will keep them free from incumbrances, and for that, and other purposes, mentioned in this act, said Town shall at their annual meeting in March, or April, in each year choose all necessary officers, and Agents, and make such by-laws, and adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of this Commonwealth as they shall deem proper to carry into effect the provisions of this act. Section 2. Said Town shall have power to lease for a term of not exceeding five years, such portions of said landings as are not needed for public use, and for purposes not inconsistent with the provisions of this act; and all moneys collected by virtue of this act shall be appropriated to pay the expenses of superintending said landings, and in making such repairs, alterations and improvements, thereon, as may be deemed necessary; and the said town shall, so far as is practicable, ascertain the true boundaries of said landings, and erect and keep up suitable monuments to designate the same. Section 3. in all cases where the boundaries of said landings cannot be satisfactorily ascertained, and the rights of the public be defined therein, or where buildings have been erected which stand in part on said landings, the said Town is empowered to make such compromises, agreements and conveyances as shall be necessary or expedient in the premises, to determine the extent and boundaries of such

Commissioners
Landings

Adjourned

landings, and to adjust and settle all differences in relation thereto; and all sales contracts and agreements, heretofore made by said town relative to said landings, not inconsistent with the interests of the public therein, are hereby ratified and confirmed. Section 4.th Said town may enforce any bargain, agreements, rules and regulations made from time to time consistent with the foregoing provisions by action in any court of law competent to try the same. Section 5.th This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

House of Representatives April 20th 1848.

Passed to be enacted Francis B. Crowninshield. Speaker.

In Senate April 21st 1848.

Passed to be enacted Zeno Seudder. President.

April 21st 1848.

approved

Geo. N. Briggs.

Secretary's Office Boston April 26th 1848.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original Act.

W. B. Calthoun Secretary

By Laws for the government and Regulation of the Public and Town Landing Places in the Town of Westport.

Section 1.st The inhabitants of said Town shall at their annual meeting in March or April in each year choose four persons who with the Treasurer of the Town for the time being, shall constitute a board of Commissioners of the public and Town landing places therein, and who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties; and the said commissioners shall make a report of their doings at the annual meeting of the Town with a statement of the financial condition of the board, which shall be signed by the chairman and countersigned by the Treasurer. Section 2.nd The said Board of Commissioners shall appoint

from their number a clerk who shall keep true records of their doings and have the custody of all the papers pertaining to said landings.

Section 3.rd The Treasurer of the Town shall collect take charge of and disburse under the direction of the Board all monies payable on account of said landings from any person.

Section 4.th The said Board of Commissioners shall take charge of all public and Town landing places in said Town, and ascertain so far as practicable the true boundaries of said landings, and establish suitable monuments to designate the same; and if such boundaries cannot be accurately ascertained, or where buildings stand in part on said landings said Commissioners are hereby empowered in behalf of said Town to make such compromises, agreements and conveyances, or take such other legal measures as shall be necessary or expedient in the premises to determine the extent and boundaries of said landings, adjust all differences in relation thereto.

Section 5.th Said Board of Commissioners may for such consideration as they shall judge proper, and for terms not exceeding five years, lease such portions of said landings as are not needed for public use and for purposes not inconsistent with public or private rights, or with the provisions of an act for the regulation of the public and town landing places in the Town of Westport passed in the year one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight; and said commissioners shall cause to be removed from said landing places all Incumbrances thereon.

Section 6.th All rents and other monies accruing from said landing places, shall be appropriated by said commissioners, to the payment of the expenses of superintending the same, and in making such repairs, alterations and improvements thereon as they shall deem necessary - the monies collected at each landing being expended on said landing place so far as necessary - and for the purposes of this section the landings at the head

of the East River shall be considered as one landing. is
Section 7th Said commissioners are hereby empowered to make such agreements, as they shall judge expedient with any person to decorate with trees shrubbery, or otherwise, such portions of said landings as shall not in their judgement be needed for landing purposes, and to lay out the same with appropriate walks provided the same shall be done without expense to said Town and under the direction of said commissioners; and upon making such agreements, the said commissioners are to make such covenants on the part of the Town, that such grounds so improved, shall be permanently kept open for the use of the public, as shall not be inconsistent with law, or the provisions of the act aforesaid. is
Section 8th If any person shall here after put upon any portion of said landings, any building, and suffer the same to remain thereon, more than forty eight hours without license therefor first had from said Commissioners or a major part of them in writing, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for every twenty four hours, that said buildings shall suffer to remain thereon after the expiration of said forty eight hours. is
Section 9th If any person shall hereafter inclose or cause to be inclosed with fence or otherwise any portion of said landings, and keep the same inclosed more than one week, without license therefor first had from said commissioners, or a major part of them in writing, he shall forfeit and pay, a sum not exceeding one dollar for every twenty four hours that such fence or inclosure shall be kept up after the expiration of one week. is
Section 10th If any person shall place, or cause to be placed, any article on said landings, deemed by said Commissioners to be an incumbrance, and shall neglect or refuse to remove the same from said landings within twenty four hours, after notice in writing so to do, by said commissioners or a major part of them, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one dollar for every twenty four hours that said article shall be suffered to

remain after such notice. is
Section 11th If any person shall carry any Soil Sods or stones, from said landings without the written consent of said Commissioners, or a major part of them, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars for each load so taken. is
Section 12th And all the forfeitures aforesaid may be recovered to the use of said town by Complaint before any police court or Justice of the Peace who shall have jurisdiction thereof. is

Bristol, ss.

C. C. Pleas,

June Term, 1848.

Examined and approved

C. Y. Bigelow

J. C. C. Pleas

Recorded

by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport holden on Saturday the 13th day of May 1848, being an adjournment from Monday the 10th day of April, the foregoing By-Laws were adopted by the Town, and Christopher A. Church was appointed to present the same to the Court of Common Pleas for the approval of the same. is

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

To be
Taxed
School
District
No 1.

To the Town Clerk of Westport,
The subscribers Assessors of said Town of Westport
have determined, that the Real estate of James
Brownell, Jonathan Brownell, Wm A. Brown,
Ebenezer P. Church, John Dyer, Nathaniel Gifford,
Robbin Gifford, Philip Simmons, Ben^a Seabury Jr.
Pelig Sanford, Thomas G. Tompkins, James H. Tabor,
Nathaniel Tompkins, John Washbourn and
Job Manchester all of Little Compton in the State
of Rhode Island, & Samuel Burroughs of New Bedford
and Samuel Sanford of Boston, situate in said
Town of Westport, shall be Taxed in School
district No 1. which you will please record

J. Brownell

Geo. H. Gifford

Perry Davis

June 17th 1848.

Recorded

by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

To
Plant
Oysters

Know all men by these presents that the Subscribers
Selectmen of the Town of Westport, by Virtue
of a Law, passed April Twenty first Eighteen Hundred &
forty Eight, by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Mass,
do hereby grant a license to Daniel Tripp of S^d Town of
Westport to plant, grow & dig oysters upon & in the
flats & creeks, in the East River in S^d Town
within the following bounds viz. Southerly by the North
Side of S^d Tripp's wharf, Easterly by the East Side of the
Creek or little Channel, Northerly by the north line of
S^d Tripp's land, to have and to hold the S^d flats & Creek
for the purpose aforesaid, to him & to his heirs for
the term of Twenty years from the date hereof
Given under our hands at Westport afores^d
This Twenty Seventh day of October Eighteen
Hundred and forty Eight.

Westport Oct 30th 1848. Received

and Record this day

by me P. W. Peckham J. Clerk

Frederick Brownell

Geo. H. Gifford

Perry Davis

Warrant
to
Choose
Electors

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport
in the County of Bristol GREETING

In the name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and
warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport,
Qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the
Town House in said Town, on Tuesday the
Seventh day of November next, at ten o'clock
in the fore noon, to bring in their votes to
the Selectmen, for Twelve electors, of President
and Vice President, of the United States for
four years from the fourth day of March next
And you are directed to serve this
Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof
at three or more Public places, in said town
seven days at least before the time of holding
meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return
of this warrant with your doings thereon
to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting
aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty seventh
day of October, in the year one thousand
eight Hundred and forty Eight.

Frederick Brownell } Selectmen
Geo. H. Gifford } of Westport
Perry Davis }

Bristol ss. Westport Oct 27th 1848. Pursuant to
the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
of S^d Town, to meet at the time and place, and for the
purposes within mentioned by causing copies of
this warrant, to be posted up, One at the Point,
one at the Town House & one at the head of
Westport River, seven days prior to the date
hereof.

Jonathan Pierce Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol, Qualified according to the constitution, to vote for representatives in the General Court, holden on the seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in 3 month for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, the whole number of Ballots given in; Was Three Hundred and five 305 and were sorted, counted and declared, and record thereof made in open Town meeting, as by Law directed; and 3 votes were as follows; VIZ.

For electors at large.

Charles G. Green of Boston, Seventy three	73
Henry H. Childs of Pittsfield, Seventy three	73
Levi Lincoln of Worcester One hundred & Two	102
Edward Dwight of Boston One hundred & Two	102
Samuel Hoar of Boston One hundred & Thirty	130
William Jackson of Newton One hundred & Thirty	130

District

N ^o 1. James Cheever of Boston, Seventy three	73
Albert Tearing of Boston, One hundred & Two	102
Joseph Willard of Boston, One hundred & Thirty	130
2. Ebenezer H. Stacy, of Gloucester, Seventy three	73
Daniel Pingree, of Salem One hundred & Two	102
John B. Alley of Lynn, One hundred & Thirty	130
3. Edwin Lawrence, of Newburyport Seventy three	73
Daniel Adams, of Newbury. One hundred & Two	102
John G. Whittier, of Amesbury One hundred & Thirty	130
4. Timothy Fletcher, of Charlestown. Seventy three	73
Isaac Livermore, of Cambridge One hundred & Two	102
Nathan Brooks, of Concord. One hundred & Thirty	130
5. J. S. C. Knowlton, of Worcester Seventy three	73
Benj ^d Thompson of Worcester One hundred & Two	102
Alex ^d De Witt of Worcester One hundred & Thirty	130
6. Joseph Smith of Hatfield Seventy Three	73
Myran Lawrence of Belchertown One hundred & Two	102

James Fowler of Westfield, One hundred & Thirty	130
7. Samuel Gates of Wiscassetbridge Seventy three	73
Asa Howland of Conway One hundred & Two	102
Thomas Robinson of Adams One hundred & Thirty	130
8. William Ellis of Dedham Seventy three	73
Henry A. Searborn of Roxbury One hundred & Two	102
Benj ^a V. French of Braintree One hundred & Thirty	130
9. Foster Hooper of Fall River Seventy three	73
William Baylies of Westbridge water One hundred & Thirty	103
Phil Leach of Bridge water One hundred & Thirty	130
10. James D. Thompson of New Bedford. Seventy three	73
Wm R. Easton of Nantucket One hundred & Two	102
Isaac C. Tabor of New Bedford One hundred & Thirty	130

Recorded by

me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Warrant To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport for Town in the County of Bristol. G. R. E. S. N. G.
Meeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections To meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of November next, it being the second Monday of 3 Month, at ten O'Clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the selectmen, for a Governor, & Lieutenant Governor, of the Commonwealth, Three Senators for Bristol district, for the year Ensuing, & One Representative, for the Ninth Congressional District, to represent them in the congress of the United States of America, Two years from the fourth of march next, all on one Ballot

Also to bring in their votes for one representative to represent them in the next General Court

Also at Two O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles VIZ;

1st To Choose a Moderator

2^d To know the minds of the Town in regard to prohibiting all persons from Sining Fish in.

the Rivers within the Town.
3. To act on the report of the selectmen in regard to Highways.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at three or more public places in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty seventh day of October, In the year one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight.

Frederick Brownell } Selectmen
Perry Davis }
Geo. H. Gifford } of Westport

Bristol ss. Westport November 13th 1848

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by causing copies of this warrant to be posted up one at the point, one at the Town house, and two at the head of Westport River, fourteen days prior to the date hereof.

Jonathan Pierce Jr Constable

At a legal meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Westport, held at the Town house in said Town, on Monday the Thirteenth day of November AD. 1848, It being the second Monday in said month, for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant, Votes for the following named persons were given in sorted, counted, Recorded and declaration thereof made as by the constitution directed.

Whole number of Ballots
was Two Hundred and Sixty one 261

For Governor

George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had Ninety five votes 95
Stephen C. Phillips of Salem had Eighty Eight votes 88
Caleb Cushing of Newburyport had Seventy Eight votes 78

For Lieutenant Governor

John Reed of Yarmouth had Ninety five votes 95
John Mills of Springfield had Eighty Eight votes 88
Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston had Seventy Eight votes 78

For Senators for Bristol County

Cromwell Leonard of Norton. had Ninety five votes 95
James Rider of Dartmouth Ninety five do 95
Joseph S. Borland of Somerset Ninety five do 95
Rodney French of New Bedford Eighty Eight do 88
Azariah Thove of Fall River Eighty Eight do 88
Jonathan Pratt of Easton Eighty Eight do 88
Elbridge G. Morton of Fairhaven Seventy Eight do 78
Daniel Wilbur of Somerset Seventy Eight do 78
Lyman W. Dear of Attleboro Seventy Eight do 78

For Representative to Congress, 9th District.

Orrin Fowler of Fall River Ninety five do 95
Nathaniel Morton of Taunton Eighty Eight do 88
Foster Hooper of Fall River Seventy Eight do 78

For Representative to General Court

Andrew Hicks of Westport Seventy five votes 75
George H. Gifford do Ninety Six do 96
Perry Davis do Seventy Nine do 79
Russel Gifford do Seven do 7
Job Davis do Two do 2
Israel Washbourne do One do 1

Voted. To send A Representative to our next General Court

Voted. To close the polls at 4 O'clock P.M. after that a motion was made to reconsider the above vote and that motion was carried by a vote. Then it was moved & seconded to close the Polls at 3 O'clock P.M. and it was voted accordingly.

Voted. That when we adjourn this meeting that we adjourn *Sine die*

In the foregoing warrant there was also. at 2 O'clock in the afternoon another meeting ^{to be} called to act on the following Articles viz;

- 1.st To choose a moderator
2. To know the minds of the Town in regard to prohibiting all persons from Seining Fish, in the Rivers within the Town
3. To act on the report of the selectmen in regard to Highways

Article 1.st acted upon, Ben^l Sison Chosen Moderator had 7 votes

2. do Resolved, that the Selectmen of Westport be appointed a Committee to petition the Legislature at its next Session, for the passage of a law, to prohibit Seining in the Rivers, Creeks and Coves, of Westport, within said Harbour

Voted. That the above Resolve be adopted.

Selectmen's Report of Highways

Report of Highways We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Westport have resurveyed the Highway from the Northeast corner of Pelig Dennis land, westerly to the Highway leading from Brownell's Corner to Woodell's Corner (so called), Commencing at said North East corner of Dennis' land, and running south, Eighty four & two thirds degrees west one Hundred and Ninety Eight Rods, to a Rock with a Copper bolt in it, at the Northwest corner of land belonging to the heirs of Ristcorn Borden, thence South fifty and two thirds degrees west, Ninety two and one half rods, to another Copper bolt in a Rock, thence South Sixty one & three fourths degrees West, One Hundred Thirty and

one half rods, to a stone set in the ground on the East side of said highway, that leads from Brownell's to Woodell's Corner, The said highway is laid out four Rods wide, and the bounds and Ranges are on the southerly side.

Which said survey is hereby reported to the Town for acceptance.

Dated at Westport this Eighth day of August Eighteen Hundred & Forty Eight

Frederick Brownell

Geo. H. Gifford

Perry Davis

Article 3. Voted to accept the above Selectmen's Report

Voted To adjourn this meeting without Day

Voted To adjourn the Governors meeting as before stated

Recorded

by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the
 Warrant of Westport in the County of Bristol; GREEK. G.
 for In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Represen, Gtts, you are required to notify and warn the Inha-
 bitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified to vote in
 Elections, to meet at the Town House in Westport on
 Monday the Twenty seventh day of November Inst.
 it being the fourth Monday in said month, at Ten
 O'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes for the
 selectmen, for a representative to represent them in
 the General Court to be held at Boston on the first
 Wednesday of January next.

And also at twelve O'clock, at noon to act on
 the following articles viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator
- 2^d To see if the Town will instruct the selectmen
 to petition the Legislature for the passage of a law
 opening the damms, or otherwise so that the alewives
 may have free ingress to the ponds & waters above.

And you are directed to serve this warrant
 by posting up attested copies thereof in two or more
 public places in said Town, seven days at least
 before the time of holding said meeting.

~~Given under our hands~~

Hereof fail not and make due return of
 this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves
 at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day
 of November, in the year one thousand Eight hundred
 and forty Eight.

Perry Davis } Selectmen
 Geo. H. Gifford } Westport
 Bristol ss. Westport November 27th 1848.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and
 place and for the purposes within mentioned by
 Causing Copies of this warrant to be posted up one
 at the Store of C. A. Church & one at the store of

Edwin B. Gifford, seven days prior to the date hereof.
 Jonathan Pierce Jr Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Westport
 Qualified to vote for a Representative, and in Town
 affairs, held at the Town House in S Town, on Monday
 the Twenty seventh day of Nov^r Inst, it being the fourth
 Monday in said month, for the purposes expressed
 in the foregoing warrant viz.

Votes for a Representative to our next General Court, were
 For George H. Gifford Ninety five . . . 95
 do Perry Davis Sixty six . . . 66
 do Russell Gifford 2 Sixty four . . . 64

Necessary for a Choice 113. no one having
 that number, there was no Choice.

It was Voted, to keep the polls open untill 2 O'clock
 and at 2 O'clock the polls were closed and the result
 was as above stated.

At 12 O'clock at noon, another meeting was opened
 by the Town Clerk, and the 1st & 2^d articles acted upon.

Voted. Article 1st George H. Gifford chosen Moderator
 do 2^d Voted, to instruct the selectmen to petition
 the Legislature, for the passage of a Law, opening
 the damms, and otherwise, so that the alewives may
 have free ingress, to the ponds & waters above.

Voted. To adjourn this meeting without day.

Voted. To adjourn the Representative meeting sine die.

Recorded

by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk
 11 Mo 27th 1848.

Warrant
for Town
Meeting
Respecting
Seining

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol. G R E & J S N G.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts -
tho you are directed to Notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Westport, on Saturday the Ninth day of December next, at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz -

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in s^d meeting -
- 2^d To see if the Town will reconsider the vote that was taken on the thirteenth Instant, concerning Seining fish, in s^d Town -
- 3^d To act on all other matters that may come before said Meeting, relative to the fishing Interest

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at two or more Public Places in s^d Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. -

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight - Geo. H. Gifford, Selectman
Perry Davis } Westport -

Bristol ss.

Westport December 9th 1848 -

Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of s^d Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by causing Copies of this warrant to be posted up one at the point and one at the head of Westport River - seven days prior to the date hereof -

Jonathan Pierce Jr Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House in said Town on Saturday the Ninth day of December A 1848, for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant -

The first article taken up by the Town Clerk, and acted upon, and found that Ephraim Briggs had Eighteen Votes and was unanimously chosen Moderator. S Briggs being called up, he positively declined serving as moderator of s^d meeting -

And George H. Gifford was then Chosen Moderator to preside in said meeting -
Second Article acted upon, and it was moved, and seconded, that the second article, be laid upon the table, and it was voted Accordingly Voted. To adjourn this meeting without Day -

Recorded by me - P. W. Peckham Town Clerk.

Report of the Preambulation of the Line between the Towns of Westport, and Fall River
On the twelfth day of October One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, We the subscribers Brownell, Gifford and Davis, Selectmen of the Town of Westport, and Wardwell, Anthony and Earl, selectmen of the Town of Fall River, mutually agreed in appointing John R Hodges as surveyor, under our direction, to determine the line of said Towns, and erect such monuments as the law requires - On the same day we commenced the survey, having no confidence in the compass, for projecting straight lines, it was decided to determine this line with the transit Instrument, and having agreed with the agents of the Town of Dartmouth, to make a straight line, from the Rhode Island line to the angle in the Dartmouth and Rhode Island line, we proceeded as follows; commencing at the Intersection

of the Rhode Island Line, (on the eastern Shore of Watuppa Pond) In a point in the old wall known as an ancient bound, between said Westport and Fall River, we proceeded eastward by said old wall, and took up our course for a Random Line, at the Road, on the east side, we found a wall about four feet southwardly from said Random line at a corner of a Wood Lot, owned by Abiah Davis, we found a heap of stones about Eighteen feet Northwardly from said Random Line. At the corner of Dartmouth and Westport, we found a small stone set in the wall by the agents of said Towns as their bound which was Twenty Two feet Northwardly from said Random Line. At the angle "at the south east corner of the Williams Lot" we found Two heaps of stones both claimed as the angle.

We then agreed to make a straight Line, from the Intersection with the Rhode Island line, to the before mentioned stone set at the corner of the Towns of Dartmouth and Westport.

We then measured the line commencing at the said Intersection of the Rhode Island line, where we set a monument in the wall, easterly to the Road Two thousand Eight hundred feet, and set a monument on the west side of said Road eight $\frac{4}{100}$ feet Northwardly at right angles from said Random Line. Thence easterly seven thousand six hundred and fifty four feet, to the before mentioned corner of Dartmouth and Westport, where we placed a monument in lieu of the stone located by the agents of said Towns aforesaid of which monuments are believed to be in a straight line.

And we have and do hereby establish said last mentioned line as the Boundary line between the two Towns aforesaid.

For a better understanding of the above line reference may be had to plans accompanying the Report, projected and drawn by the S John R. Hodges, each Town being supplied with a copy subscribed by us severally.

The plans of S line is on file in Town Clerks Office.

Approved and signed Dec^r 8th A 1848.

Perry Davis
Geo. B. Gifford
Frederick Brownell } Selectmen
of
Westport

Benjamin Wardwell } Selectmen
Israel Anthony }
Benjamin Earl } Fall River

A True Copy

Attest P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Warrant
for
Town
Meeting
Nov. 1849.

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport, in the County of Bristol, ss. G. R. E. J. N. G.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, Qualified to vote in Town Elections to meet at the Town house in Westport, on Monday the first day of January next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for one Representative, to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America, for the term of two years from the fourth day of March A. 1849.

Also at Eleven o'clock at the same place to act on the following articles VIZ. ...

1. To choose a moderator to preside in S meeting
2. To see what instructions the S Inhabitants will give the Commissioners of Public & Town Landings, Respecting Trespasses and Trespassors on or about the Landings in S Town and also to act on all other matters that shall properly come before said meeting, respecting the S Landings.
3. To see what Instructions take such measures as may be deemed necessary to annul or make Void the vote passed at the late Town meeting, Instructing the selectmen to petition the legislature to pass an act prohibiting the Seining of fish in the rivers of S Town, and to take such other measures as may be thought expedient in relation to said fisheries.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at three or more public places in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time.

for holding said meeting aforesaid
 Given under our hands this nineteenth day of
 December in the year one thousand eight hundred
 and forty eight

George H. Gifford } Selectmen of
 Perry Davis } Westport

Bristol ss.

Westport January 3rd 1849.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the
 Inhabitants of said Town, to meet at the time and place
 and for the purposes within mentioned by causing Copies
 of this warrant to be posted up one at the store of C. A.
 Church &c. one at the store of E. P. & C. E. Brownell, one at
 the point and one at Brownells Corner (so called) Seven
 days prior to the date hereof

Jonathan Pierce Jr Constable

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of
 Westport, held at the Town house in said Town, on Monday
 the first day of January A.D. 1849, it being the first Monday
 in said month, for the purposes expressed in the forego-
 ing warrant, Votes for the following named persons
 were given in, sorted, counted, Recorded and declarat-
 ion thereof made as by the constitution directed

And the whole number of Ballots given in was One
 Hundred and forty four, & were for the following persons.
 viz. Oren Fowler of Fall River had Sixty two Votes 62.
 Foster Hooper of Fall River had Forty Six do 46.
 Nathl Morton of Taunton had Thirty Six do 36.

Voted. To adjourn the meeting for choice of Representatives sine die

meeting In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the Town
 Clerk called another meeting and

Benjamin B. Sison Esq, was Chosen Moderator

Voted. That the agents, Selectmen, of the Town of Westport, be Instructed
 to examine, and look into, an action of Trespass against the
 commissioners on Public & Town Landings in S Town, and if

in their opinion they think best to settle the said Action where
 it now is, they are hereby authorised so to do

Voted. That the Commissioners on Public & Town Landings in said
 Town, be and hereby are, requested to carry into full effect the
 fourth article of the By-laws concerning the Landings
 in said Town of Westport

on
 Fishery

The 3. Article was taken up, Acted upon, and fully
 discussed, hand votes taken, and finally it was left just
 where they found it, and the same force & virtue

Voted. To adjourn this meeting without day

Recorded

by me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

I know all men by these presents, that we the subscribers
 To. Selectmen of the Town of Westport, by virtue of a law
 plant of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed April
 Oysters Twenty first. Eighteen Hundred & forty eight, do
 hereby, grant a license to Thomas J. Allen, Barney
 Wing & Frederick Brownell, all of Westport, To
 plant, grow & dig Oysters, upon the flats, on the
 East side of the East River in said Town, within
 the following Bounds viz. Southwly by the
 north side of Hick's Bridge (so called), westerly
 by the channell of said River, & Northwly by
 a straight line with the north line of Cynthia
 Whitis lands To have and to hold the said
 flats for the purpose aforesaid, to them and
 to their heirs, for the term of Twenty years from
 the date hereof

Given under our hands at Westport
 this Twenty seventh day of October Eighteen
 Hundred and forty eight

Frederick Brownell

Geo. H. Gifford

Perry Davis

Recorded by me this First day of March
 A.D. 1849

P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

April 1849.

Warrant
for
Ap^l
Town
meeting

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the Town
of Westport in the County of Bristol, ss. GREESEY.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport qualified to vote in Elections and in Town
affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westport on
Monday the second day of April next at 10 O'clock in
the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles

- 1st to choose a moderator to preside in 3^d meeting
- 2^d to choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 3^d to raise such sums of money as may be necessary
" to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and
" make appropriations for the same
- 4th to determine the manner of repairing the highways
" Town ways and Bridges the year ensuing
- 5th to bring in their votes for County Treasurer
- 6th to see if the Town will allow Thomas B. Gifford, Frederick
" Gidley, and Joseph Mosher for their proportion of
" the School money

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by
posting up attested copies thereof at three or more public
places in said Town, fourteen days at least before the
time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant
with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the
time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of March
in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty nine.

Frederick Brownell

Perry Davis

George H. Gifford

Selectmen of
Westport

Bristol ss. Westport April 2^d AD. 1849.

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
of 3^d Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes
within mentioned, by causing Copies of this warrant to be posted
up, one at the point, one at the Town House and one at the
Head of Westport River, fourteen days prior to the date
hereof.

Jonathan Pierce Jr Constable of Westport

April 2 1849.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport, held at the Town House in said Town, on Monday the
second day of April AD. 1849, Agreeable to the foregoing warrant
and for the purposes therein expressed, the following named
persons were chosen and votes passed.

For moderator Benjamin B. Sison Esq.

For Town Clerk Pelig W. Pickham Sworn

For Selectmen { Frederick Brownell. Sworn
Perry Davis Sworn
Geo. H. Gifford Sworn

Voted. That the selectmen be assessors the year ensuing
and took the Assessors Oath.

Voted. That Each School district choose their own
Prudential Committee, and hire their
own Teacher the year ensuing.

The General School Committee's Report was read
in open Town Meeting, by one of the committee, Geo. S. S.
White, and it was Voted to receive and accept the same.

For General School Committee { Geo. S. S. White
Abner R. Gifford
Giles E. Brownell

Voted. That the General School Committee be and
and hereby are, authorised to draw on the Town
Treasury, for what money is appropriated for
Public Free Schools, when it shall have been
expended according to law, the year ensuing.

For Sealer of Weights, Measures & Balances Isaac Francis, Sworn

For Pound Keeper Lyman Inell Sworn
Isaac Francis Sworn

For Constables { Jereh Brownell Sworn
Jonathan Pierce Jr Sworn
Nathan Wood

Jonathan Pierce Jr. agrees to do all the Town's Business, as
Constable, the year ensuing, for Eight Dollars.

Surveyors of Highways

Sworn	Edmond Kirby	John R. Baker	Sworn affirmation
Sworn	David Lawton	John White	
Sworn	Nathanial Potter	Perry Davis	Sworn
Sworn	Lemuel Reed Jr	Abraham Manchester	Sworn
Sworn	Charles Sison	Moses Macomber	Sworn
Excused.	William Allen, at war	Wm H. Gifford	Sworn
affirmed.	Elijah Gifford Jr	Edmond Tripp	Engaged
Excused.	Isaac Francis	David Devol 2.	
Engaged	Daniel Wing	Ezra Macomber	Sworn
Sworn.	Pardon Shearman	James H. Shearman	Sworn
Sworn	Phillip Sanfords	Thomas W. Davis	Sworn
Sworn	Nathan Woods	Nathanial Kirby	Sworn
	Robert Potter	Matthias Gammons	Sworn
Sworn	Benjamin Tripp	John Sanfords	Sworn
Sworn	Wm P. Howland	Pelig Brownell	Sworn
Sworn	Willard Reed	Lemuel Gifford	Sworn
Sworn	Anthony Shearman	Stephen Allen	affirmation
Sworn	Stephen Howland		

Field Drivers.

Sworn	Willard Reed	William Brownell
Sworn	Geo. R. Pierce	Thomas E. Tripp
Sworn	Jonathan Pierce Jr	Jacob Cornell
	Gideon B. Sabin	Geo. B. Brownell of Exeter

Yence Viewers

Sworn	Adam Gifford	Nathan C. Brownell	Sworn
Sworn	Perry Davis	Lemuel Brownell	Sworn

Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Wood & Bark

	David Sanfords	Frederick Brownell	Sworn
	Jeremiah J. Thompson	Rufel Gifford 2	
Sworn	Perry Davis	Varnum Macomber	
	John Allen	Geo. H. Gifford	Sworn
Sworn	David Lawton		

Voted. That when we adjourn this meeting that we adjourn to Saturday April the 7th A.D. 1849. at 1 O'clock P.M.

Voted. That Benjamin B. Sison be Town agent for the express purpose, of attending to the Boundary Line, between Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
County of Bristol.

At a legal meeting of the Qualified Voters, being Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, holden in said Town, on Monday the second day of April A.D. 1849. The qualified Voters aforesaid gave in their votes for Treasurer for the County of Bristol. The whole number of votes given in were sorted and counted in open Town meeting, by the moderator and Town Clerk, and were for the following Persons; viz. ...

For Abijah M. Ide of Attleborough, Fifty Two votes 52.
do James P. Ellis of Taunton, Twenty votes 20.
do Edgar H. Reed of Taunton, Seventeen votes 17.

Oversers of the Poor ... { Frederick Brownell
Isabod Kirby
Stephen Howland

Voted. To Adjourn, as before stated ...

Recorded by me

P. W. Pickham Town Clerk

Adjournment
Apr 7th
Saturday April 7th 1849. Agreeable to an adjournment from the first Monday of April Inst. The Inhabitants of the Town of Westport met accordingly, and the following Officers were Chosen and votes passed viz Thomas B. Gifford Chosen Surveyor of Highways
Voted. To excuse Wm Allen as Surveyor & chose Gideon W. Tripp
Voted. To excuse Isaac Francis as do. & chose John L. Anthony

Voted. That Pelig W. Pickham, be Treasurer and Collector for the year ensuing, and his compensation to be the same as last year, which was 2.00 on what money he collects from Taxes & pays into the Treasurer.

Voted. To Raise the Sum of \$1000 for the repairs of Roads and Bridges the year Ensuing & to be Expended the same as last year which is as follows Vt. --- That the Sum of \$1000. be assessed on the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants and nonresidents, of the Town of Westport, for repairing the highways and Bridges the year Ensuing and the assessors are directed to assess said sum, as soon as may be, and deliver lists thereof with the persons names, and the Sums they are assessed, to each surveyor with his limits, according to Law, That one dollar be allowed for nine hours Labor for a man & Yoke of oxen, Thirty three cents for a plow and Twenty five cents for a Cart and in that proportion for a greater or less time and that the Surveyors are directed to Expound & money, and make his returns to the Selectmen according to Law.

Roads
&
Bridges

\$2250.

Incidental
Expenses

Voted. That the Sum of Twenty Two Hundred and fifty dollars be raised by way of Tax, for the support of Paupers & other Incidental Expenses of the Town, to be assessed, collected, & same discount as last year, & paid into the Town Treasury on or before the first day of March next, which was as follows Vt. --- That the assessors when they deliver the tax bills to the Collector shall give notice thereof, by posting up notices thereof at six public places in said Town, that those who voluntarily pay their Tax within Sixty days from the date of said notice shall be entitled to an abatement of 5 per Cent from their tax after Sixty and within one hundred & Twenty days 3 per Cent and that the collector shall meet the Inhabitants for the purpose of receiving taxes, At Dixes Bridge - Adamsville - Westport point - and Head of Westport River East branch. At some convenient time, which shall be named in the assessors or Collectors warrant, or notice, within the Sixty days, & also within the 120 Days.

Voted. To add Eleven per Cent on all delinquents of Highway taxes.

Voted. To raise the sum of Two Thousand Dollars by way of Tax, for the support of Public free Schools also. the Interest on money loaned the County of Bristol and what money is received from the state School fund and to be equally divided between all the School districts in said Town, And no money to be paid to any School district, untill it shall have been Expended in the aforesaid districts for S Schools, and a certificate received by the Treasurer, from the General School committee certifying to the same.

District
No 3.

Voted. To direct School district No 3. to pay over to " " Thomas B. Gifford, Frederick Gidley & Joseph Mosher Jr their proportion of the School money in in said district.

The Report of the Commissioners of Town & Public Landings were Read in open Town meeting, & Voted. To accept & report and that it be placed on file in Town Clerks Office.

Landings

The following persons were Chosen Commissioners of Public & Town Landings for the year Ensuing.

P. W. Peckham as Treas ^r was	George H. Gifford	23.	Voted, Sworn
Accordingly Sworn	Volrnum Macomber	23.	do. Sworn
Commissioners.	Wm P. Howland	23.	do. Sworn
	Alm Macomber	23	do. Aff ^d

Voted. That the Commissioners on Town landings be, and they hereby are, instructed to ascertain the true line on the east side of the landing at the head of Westport, and set up suitable monuments immediately; And if Thomas Winslow is liable to an Indictment, that they cause the same to be forthwith instituted.

Voted. To dispence with that portion of the By-Laws, that makes the Treasurer one of the Commissioners; and Choose one in his stead, And Perry Davis was accordingly Chosen

Oath

Bristol ss. 4th Mo. 5th. Then personally appeared
George R. Pierce and made oath to the faithful
discharge of his duty, as field driver in the Town of
Westport, for the year ensuing,
before me

Geo. H. Gifford Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

P. W. Peckham, Town Clerk

Bristol ss. April 26th 1849.

Oath

Then personally appeared Varnum Macomber
and made Oath to the faithful discharge of his duty
as a Commissioner of the Public and Town Landings
Before me George H. Gifford Justice of the Peace

311.

Annual Return of the Names of all the
Persons enrolled in the Militia, in the Town
of Westport for the year 1849. The whole
Number enrolled being Three Hundred & Eleven

Allen Frederic
Allen William G.
Allen Thomas Jr
Allen Samuel G.
Allen Timothy G.
Allen James
Allen John
Anthony John L.
Allen Charles
Allen Cornelius Y.
Allen Abner
Allen Thomas J.
Allen Daniel
Anthony Isaac A.
Adams John R.
Allen Israel
Allen Gideon

Butts George W.
Brownell Alexander
Brownell George
Bradley David S.
Brightman John H.
Brightman Elias P.
Brightman Leonard
Brightman Elisha
Brownell Elisha
Brownell Andrew
Brownell Ezra P.
Brownell Isaac L.
John Brightman 2
Brownell Daniel
Brownell George H. B.
Brownell James

Bailey Oliver
Brightman Isaac L.
Brightman Charles
Brownell Uriah
Booth Isaac
Booth Square
Brown Salisbury
Briggs George
Bissu Peter S.
Bassett Joseph S.
Brightman Rustome
Brightman Leonard
Borden Holder
Brownell Giles E.
Briggs Pely S.
Brownell George A.
Brownell George F.
Bradley William
Borden John
Borden Thomas

Chace William
Cornell Wm A.
Cornell James
Cornell Stephen Jr.
Cornell Job
Cornell George L.
Crafo George D.
Cornell Joshua H.
Cornell Jacob
Cropsman Frederic
Craw Charles N.
Crafo Daniel
Chace Gideon R.
Coggshall Stephen

Cornell William A.
 Chace William
 Cornell James
 Cornell Stephen H.
 Cornette Job
 Cornell George L.

Dyer Abraham
 Davis Thomas W.
 Davis Walter
 Dyer Warren
 Davis Allen
 Davis Edmund
 Devol John
 Devol David 2
 Devol Philip H.
 Devol Jonathan
 Dean John
 Davis Peter
 Davis Andrew
 Devol George
 Davis Abiah
 Devol James

Freelove Clark Jr
 Fuller Benjamin
 Farnum George
 Freelove Barney
 Fish Isaac
 Freelove Joseph

Gifford George H.
 Gifford Christopher
 Gifford Richard S.
 Grinnell William
 Gifford Alexander B.
 Gifford Pelig H.
 Gifford Edwin B.

Gifford Elihu B.
 Gifford Jonathan P.
 Gifford Weston
 Gifford Phillip
 Gifford Thomas B.
 Gifford Charles F.
 Gifford Joshua W.
 Gifford Alfred
 Gifford ~~Alfred~~ A.
 Gifford Benjamin R.
 Gifford Frederic
 Gifford Philander
 Gifford Elijah Jr
 Gifford William 2
 Gifford Samuel F.
 Gidley Frederic
 Gifford Christopher R.
 Gifford Benjamin F.
 Gifford Christopher C.
 Gifford Thomas W.
 Gifford Wm H.
 Gifford Wm H. 2.
 Gifford John, Tasker,
 Gifford Henry H.

Hicks Alexander
 Hicks Isaac
 Hazard Oliver J.
 Howland Goeth
 Hicks Barney
 Howland William P.
 Howland Stephen H.
 Howland Alexander
 Howland Benjamin
 Handy Wm W.
 Hathaway Charles H.
 Howland Isaac

Howland Stephen R.
 Howland Pelig C.
 Holt William H.
 Hathaway Rodman

Kirby Perry
 Kirby Nathaniel
 Kirby Fillingham
 Kirby Edmund
 Kirby Stephen P.
 Kirby Harvey W.
 Kirby Abner
 King Alfred
 Kirby George W.
 Kirby Uriah

Lawton Abraham
 Lawton Perry
 Lawton Isaac
 Lawton David
 Lawton Edwin
 Lawton Robert
 Lawton Gideon
 Lawton Eli P.
 Little Preserved
 Lawrence Andrew
 Little Charles
 Lawton George B.

Mosher Lorenzo D.
 Manchester Abner E.
 Manchester Barton D.
 Manchester Wilbur
 Manchester Borden
 Macomber Simon Jr
 Macomber Israel
 Macomber John
 Macomber John D.

Macomber Alexander
 Macomber Reston
~~Manchester~~ Wanton
 Mosher Luthon
 Manchester Geo. L.
 Manchester James W.
 Manchester Wm W.
 Macomber Otis
 Mosher Daniel
 Mosher John
 Mosher Robert
 Macomber Ezra
 Macomber Andrew
 Macomber Zebud B.
 Macomber Richard
 Macomber Moses
 Mosher Joseph Jr.
 Manchester Charles
 Macomber George H.
 Macomber Richmond
 Macomber John C.

Nooning Jonathan
 Negrus John P

Potter Charles
 Potter Frederic P
 Potter Abner
 Potter Pardon C.
 Potter Abner 2
 Petty Potter
 Petty John J.
 Petty Isaac
 Petty Abner J.
 Petty Holder J.
 Petty Pardon
 Pierce Jonathan Jr
 Potter Isaac P.

Pierce George
 Peckham Edwards

Records Holder
 Reed Willard
 Reed Caleb
 Reynolds Malichi
 Reynolds Henry

Sabins Stephen
 Sowle Oliver
 Sowle Charles P.
 Sowle Char Benjamin
 Shearman James H.
 Shearman Justus
 Shearman Peleg
 Slouen Andrew
 Slouen Stephen
 Slouen David E.
 Sowle Russel
 Sanford Silas B.
 Sanford Caleb J.
 Sipson Charles
 Sipson Gideon
 Sowle John
 Snell Humphrey W.
 Shearman Wilson
 Shearman Thomas
 Sanford David Jr.
 Sanford Peleg S.
 Sanford Thomas
 Sabins Wm H.
 Sabins Gideon B.
 Shearman Rempton
 Shearman Anthony
 Simmons Reuben
 Sabins Weston G.
 Sipson Alden J.

Sowle John
 Sowle Henry Jr.
 Shaw Benjamin J.
 Seabury Albert
 Snell Daniel L.
 Sowle William
 Sipson George
 Sanford Philip
 Simmons Eber
 Seabury John
 Sowle Abel Jr.
 Shearman Abner
 Simmons George W.
 Sipson John
 Snell Lyman

Tripp Clark
 Tripp Benjamin J.
 Tripp James J.
 Tripp Nathaniel
 Tripp William R.
 Tripp William, Rep.
 Tripp Leonie
 Tripp Emerson
 Tripp Oliver
 Tripp Benjamin P.
 Tripp Nathaniel 2
 Tripp Holder
 Tripp David R.
 Tripp George
 Tripp Ivory
 Tripp Luthan J.
 Tripp Stephen Jr.
 Tripp John M.
 Tripp Francis
 Tripp Abner D.
 Tripp John G.
 Tripp Jeremiah D.

Tripp Uriah B.
 Thompson Joseph
 Thompson Jeremiah J.
 Tripp Alden
 Tripp Howard P.
 Tripp Edmond Jr.
 Tripp Jonathan
 Tripp Eli
 Tripp Jonathan 2
 Tabor Joseph
 Tripp Ellis
 Tripp Daniel Jr.

White Geo. J. S.
 White Peleg S.
 Wing George W.
 White George B.
 Wood George J.
 Wood Alexander
 Wood Nathan W.

Wood Lawton
 Woodell Gersham
 Woodell Elchanah
 Whalen John R.
 Whalen James M.
 Waite Reuben
 Waite Daniel H.
 White Holder Jr.
 Wing Ezra
 Winchester Nath W.
 Woodell Edmund
 Woodell Richard
 Wing Frederic A.
 Wing Perry
 Wilcox Bradford
 Woodell Jethro
 Woodell Humphrey

6 Mo 8th 1849

Recorded by

me P. W. Peckham Town Clerk.

Geo. H. Gifford Assessors
 Perry Davis } of Westport

Warrant for November 1849. Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in S County, GREECE & Co.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Said Town, Qualified to Vote in Elections, to meet at the Town house on Monday the twelfth day of November next it being the second Monday of said Month at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor & Lieutenant Governor of S Commonwealth, and for three Senators for Bristol District, the year ensuing, all on one Ballot. Also to bring in their votes for a representative, to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next.

You are also required to notify and warn said Inhabitants, Qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the same place on the same day at Two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator
- 2 To Choose a Committee to Audit the Accounts of the Town & settle with the Treasurer
- 3 To see if the Town will pay any bounty for the destruction of Crows
- 4th To see if the Town will accept a list of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, at three or more public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding S meeting.

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this
Thirtieth first day of Oct^r One thousand Eight Hundred & forty nine
Perry Davis } Selectmen
Geo. H. Gifford } of
Frederick Brule } Westport

Bristol ss. Westport Nov. 12th 1849

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of Said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by causing Copies of this warrant to be posted up one at the point & one at the Town house and one at the head of Westport River Seven days prior to the date hereof.

Jonathan Pierce Jr. Constable

At a legal meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Westport, held at the Town house in said Town, on Monday the twelfth day of November AD. 1849. It being the second Monday in S month for the purposes Express in the foregoing Warrant, votes for the following named persons were given in Sorted, Counted, Recorded and declaration there of made as by the Constitution Directed.

Whole Number of Ballots given in was One Hundred and Seventy one 171

For Governor.

George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had	Seventy votes	70.
George S. Boutwell of Groton had	Sixty Two votes	62.
Stephen C. Phillips of Salem had	Thirty Eight votes	38.

For Lieutenant Governor

John Reed of Yarmouth had	Seventy votes	70
Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston had	Sixty votes	60
John Mills of Springfield had	Thirty Nine votes	39

Nov. 1849.

For Senators for Bristol District

Senators	Joseph S. Borland of Somerset	had Sixty nine	69.
	John Daggett of Attleborough	do Sixty nine	69.
	William Tucker of Dartmouth	do Sixty nine	69.
	Wm. Tole of Secorick	had Fifty Eight votes	58.
	Daniel Wilbour of Somerset	Fifty Eight do	58.
	Elbridge G. Morton of Fair Haven	Fifty Eight do	58.
	Simpson Hart of New Bedford	Forty two do	42.
	Allen Proubrey of Taunton	Forty two do	42.
	Benoni Carpenter of Pawtucket	Forty two do	42.

For Representative to General Court

whole No of votes was 160 81. for a choice & there is no choice	Russel Gifford 2 of Westport	had Sixty one votes	61.
	Christopher A. Church of do	Forty three do	43.
	George H. Gifford of do	Thirty Eight do	38.
	N. C. Brownell of do	Eleven do	11.
	Perry Davis of do	Two do	2.
	Gershum Woodell of do	One do	1.
	Job Davis of do	One do	1.
	H. Brownell of do	One do	1.
	George Lawton of do	One do	1.
	Nathan Woods of do	One do	1.

At about the appointed ^{time} in the above
warrant, an other meeting was called and
Moderator Nathan Woods was chosen moderator of meeting
Voted That the Selectmen be and hereby are directed
to keep a correct account of the financial affairs
of the Town, audit the accounts & settle with the
Treasurer, and cause their annual Report to be
printed and put in pamphlet form, & signed
by the Selectmen & countersigned by the Treasurer
and distributed to the Inhabitants of Town
previous to our Annual Town meeting in
April next

Voted. To let every person destroy their own Crows
Voted To accept a list of Jurors as made out by the
Selectmen which are as follows VZ

Nov. 12th 1849

A list of Jurors

Job Davis Capt	Eli Tripp
Isaac L. Brightman	Jeremiah Devol
Samuel Brownell	Isaac A. Anthony
Henry Wilcox	Gershum Woodell
Adrian Davis	David Lawton
William Gifford 2	Edwin Lawton
Thomas Records	Wilson Shearman
James Allen	Frederick Allen
Varnum Macomber	Benjamin Davis
Leonard Macomber	Abial Davis
Stephen P. Kirby	John Gifford 2.
Abraham Manchester	Thomas B. Gifford
George H. Gifford	Russel Gifford 2.
Andrew H. Macomber	Pelig H. Gifford
Godfrey Cornell	Isaac Hicks
Simion Macomber Junr.	Stephen R. Howland
Paul Fisher	Eleanak Woodell
Cornelius J. Allen	Restorn Macomber
Thomas W. Davis	Ezra Macomber
Jeremiah J. Thompson	Justus Shearman
Abraham Macomber	Abner Sipson
Edmond Woodell	Thomas Sanford
Edmond Kirby	Anthony Shearman

Adjourned without day

Recorded by

One P. W. Peckham Town Clerk

Nov 26th 1849.

Warrant
for Town
meeting
for Representation

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables
of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol
G R & E J N Esrs

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, you are required to notify &
warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport
qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Townhouse
in Westport, on Monday the Twenty Sixth day of
Instant it being the fourth Monday of 3^d Month
at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, to Choose one
Representative, to Represent them in the General
Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday
of January next.

And you are directed to serve this warrant
by posting up attested Copies thereof at five or
more public places in said Town, seven days at
least before the time of holding 3^d meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this
warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves
at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day
of November in the year one thousand eight
hundred & forty nine.

Frederick Brownell Selectman
Geo. H. Gifford Dep Westport

Bristol ss.

Westport Nov. 26th 1849

Pursuant to the within warrant I have
Notified the Inhabitants of said Town, to meet
at the time and place, and for the purposes
within mentioned, by causing Copies of this warrant
to be posted up one at the point, one at the Bridge
one at the Town House, one at the head of Westport
River, & one at Davis Corner so called. Seven
Days prior to the date here of.

Jonathan Pure Jr Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol and
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified
to Vote in Elections, holden on the 26th day of
November A.D. 1849, being the fourth Monday
of said Month, for the purpose of Voting for
one Representative, the Votes given in were
sorted Counted, Recorded and public declara-
tion thereof made, and were for the following
persons,

First
Balloting
127
64
For a Choice
there was
no Choice

For Russell Gifford	2	Forty Two Votes	42
do George H. Gifford		Forty Two do	42
do Geo. F. S. White		Eight do	8
do Ezra Macomber		Twenty two do	22
do Gursham Woodell		Two do	2
do Nathan Wood		Two do	2
do N. C. Brownell		Six do	6
do Phillip Davis		One do	1
do Joseph Tabor		One do	1
do Edwin B. Gifford		One do	1

Whole Number of Ballots 127

Second
Balloting
128
65
For a Choice
Geo H. Gifford
had 67 Votes
and was Chosen

do Russell Gifford	2	had Forty One Votes	41
do Geo. H. Gifford		do Sixty Seven	67
do Geo. F. S. White		do Two do	2
do Ezra Macomber		do Nine do	9
do Gursham Woodell		do One do	1
do Philip Davis		do One do	1
do David Devol		do One do	1
do N. C. Brownell		do Six do	6

Whole Number of Ballots 128

Recorded by me P. M. Peckham Town Clerk

April 1st 1850.

Warrant
for
Annual
Town
meeting
in April
1850
vz.

Bristol ss. To either of the Constables of the
Town of Westport in the County of Bristol Greeting
In the name of the Common we alth of Mass a sheweth
you are directed, to Notify the Inhabitants of the Town of
Westport Qualified to vote in Elections and in Town
affairs, to meet at the Town House in S^d Westport, on
Monday the first day of April next at Ten O'Clock
in the fore noon, then & there to act on the following articles
1st To Choose a moderator to preside at S^d meeting
2^d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for
the year Ensuing
3^d To hear the Annual report of the Selectmen
and act thereon
4th To raise such sums of Money as may be necessary
to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and
make appropriations of the same
5th To determine the manner of Repairing the highways
Town ways and Bridges the year Ensuing
6th To bring in their votes for County Treasurer
7th To bring in their votes for three County Commissioners
being Inhabitants of different Town in the County
and Two special Commissioners all on one Ballot
8th To see if the Town will order the removal of an
old shop now on the landing belonging to Jonathan
P. Gifford
9th To see if the Town will set off Weston C. Sabins from
School district N^o 13, to School district N^o 15
10th To see if the Town will order the highway taxes,
of Harvey and Deborah Kirby, to be worked on the
pathway, passing over Isaac Snell's, and said
Kirby's lands

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
up attested copies thereof, at three or more Public
places in said Town ten days at least, before the
time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant
with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the
time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Selectmen

Assessors

&

Overseers
of the Poor

April 1st 1850.

Given under our hands this 19th day of March
in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred
and Fifty

Perry Davis } Selectmen
Frederick Brownell } of Westport

Bristol ss. Westport April 1st 1850. Pursuant
to the within warrant I have notified the
Inhabitants of S^d Town to meet at the time and
for the purposes within mentioned By causing Copies
of this Warrant to be posted up at the point and
one at the Town House & one at the head of Westport
River, Ten days prior to the date hereof

Jonathan Pier Constable
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Westport, held at the Town house in said Town,
on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1850, agreeable
to the foregoing Warrant, and for the purposes there
in expressed, The following named persons were
Chosen and votes passed

For Moderator Benjamin B. Sisson
For Town Clerk George H. Gifford

Recorded By me. P. W. Pickham Jr.

George H. Gifford was sworn to the full
discharge of his duty as Town
Clerk by the Moderator in open Town Meeting

For Selectmen
Frederic Brownell (sworn)
George H. Gifford (sworn)
Perry Davis (sworn)

Voted. That the selectmen be overseers
of the Poor and Assessors and they were
sworn to discharge the duties of said
offices by the Moderator in Town Meeting

1850

School For General School
Committee Committee

{	Giles E. Brownell
	Peleg E. Gifford
	Extra P. Brownell

Voted. That each school District
choose Their own Prudential Committee

Treasurer
H
Collector

Voted. That George H. Gifford be
treasurer and collector for the year
ensuing and that his compensation
should be the same that Peleg W.
Peckham had last year for like ser-
vices. And sworn to the faithful discharge of
the duties of said offices

Choose for Constables

Constables

Jonathan Records	\$ Jonathan Pierce Jr
Wm W. Handy	Russell Gifford 2 ^d
\$ Jereh Brownell	\$ Isaac Francis
Philip T. Chase	Anthony Shearman
\$ Nathan Wood	

And Jonathan Pierce agreed to do
all the Town's business as constable
the year ensuing for six dollars &
fifty cents.

Sealer of
weights
Measures

Isaac Francis was choosen sealer of
weights and Measures. Sworn

\$ For Poundkeeper Lyman Snell Sworn

For Field Drivers

Field
Drivers

Willard Reed	Gideon B. Savins
George R. Pierce	\$ Jacob Cornell
\$ Jonathan Pierce Jr	\$ Geo. B. Brownell
Gershom Wordell	

For Fence Viewers

Fence
Viewers

Adam Gifford	Nathan E. Brownell
\$ Perry Davis	\$ Lemuel Brownell

1850

Surveyors
of
Highways

Surveyors of Highways	
Joseph Wood	\$ Moses Snell
\$ David Lawton	\$ Perry Davis
\$ Alexander H. Howland	\$ Abner Manchester
\$ James Reed	Moses Macomber
\$ John M. Tripp	\$ Wm H. Gifford
\$ Elkanah Wordell	\$ Edmund Tripp
\$ Isaac Francis	\$ Stephen P. Kirby
\$ Daniel Wing	\$ Russell Gifford 2 ^d
Pardon Shearman	\$ Henry Brightman
\$ David Sanford	\$ Nathaniel Kirby
\$ Nathan Wood	\$ Matthias E. Gammons
\$ Ivory E. Albert	\$ Thomas Sanford
\$ Joseph Briggs	\$ Peleg Brownell
\$ Wm P. Howland	\$ Lemuel Gifford
\$ Willard Reed	\$ Stephen Allen
\$ Joshua Wordell	\$ George Lawton
\$ Stephen Howland	\$ George F. Wood
\$ John R. Baker	\$ Thomas B. Gifford

Surveyors
of
Lumber

Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of Wood and Bark	
\$ David Sanford	Frederic Brownell
Jeremiah T. Thomson	Russell Gifford 2 ^d
\$ Perry Davis	Varnum Macomber
John Allen	\$ George H. Gifford
\$ David Lawton	

Roads &c
\$1000

Voted. To raise the sum of one thou-
sand dollars for the repairs of Roads
and Bridges the ensuing year and to
be expended the same as last year

Incidental
Expenses
\$2250

Voted. To raise the sum of \$2250
for incidental expenses and support
of Paupers to be assessed and collected
the same as last year
(Those Marked thus \$ have been sworn)

1850

Schools
\$1500

Voted. To raise the sum of fifteen hundred ~~dollars~~ by the way of tax for the support of schools. And also the interest on the money loaned the County of Bristol. And all the money for schools to be distributed amongst the several Districts the same as last year

Voted. That the selectmen take an account of all the Books and property delivered to the present Town Clerk by P. W. Peckham the former Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Bristol

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters being inhabitants of the Town of Westport holden in said Town on Monday the first day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty the qualified voters aforesaid gave in their votes for Treasurer for the County of Bristol. The whole number of votes given in were sorted and counted in open Town Meeting by the Moderator and Town Clerk and were for the following persons

For Samuel Breck Esq. of Berkley twenty one votes
For A. M. Ide Jr. of Attleborough thirty eight votes
For James P. Ellis of Taunton thirty three votes

Attest Geo. H. Gifford Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Bristol

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters

1850

being inhabitants of the Town of Westport in said County holden in said Town on the first day of April in the year eighteen hundred and fifty the qualified voters aforesaid gave in their ballots and votes for County commissioners and for Special Commissioners for said County and the ballots and votes so given in were in open Town Meeting sorted and counted and public declaration of the result thereof made and were for the following persons
For County Commissioners the whole number of ballots were one hundred and sixteen

County
Commissioners
and

For James D. Thompson of New Bedford
Daniel Wilbur of Somerset and John Crane of Norton each fifty two votes
John Baylies of New Bedford
James W. Crossman of Taunton and Lemuel Perry of Norton each thirty three votes
George B. Atwood of Taunton and Martin Wilde of Easton each thirty one votes
Christopher A. Church of Westport thirty votes

For Special Commissioners the whole number of ballots were one hundred & sixteen

For Ephriam Atwood of Freetown
Joseph W. Capron of Attleborough each fifty two votes
John Rogers of Mansfield
Joseph Marble of Somerset each thirty one votes
Joseph E. Reed of Fall River
Wooster Carpenter of Seekonk each thirty three

Frederic Brownell Selectman

Perry Davis

Geo. H. Gifford of Westport

Attest Geo. H. Gifford Town Clerk

County
Treasurer

1850

Voted to adjourn To Saturday The
twenty seventh instant at 10 O'clock P.M.
Attest Geo. H. Gifford Town Clerk

Also Voted before they adjourned
to set off Weston C. Sabins from
School District No. 13 to School
District No. 15

Adjournment
Meeting
Saturday April 27. 1850. Agreeable
to adjournment from the first instant
the inhabitants of the Town of Westport
met and transacted the following bus-
iness

Report
Accepted
Voted To accept the selectmens rep-
ort and that a copy of it be filed in
the Town Clerk's Office

Voted That the selectmen settle with
the Treasurer and report and have their
report printed and circulated the
same as last year

Report
Accepted
The report of the Commissioners on
Public and Town Landings was read
by the Chairman of the Commissioners
Voted To accept the report of the Lan-
ding Commissioners

Landing
Commissioners
Voted That Frederic Brownell,
Abraham Macomber, William P. How-
land and Varnum Macomber be
the commissioners of the Public and
Town Landings with the Town Treas-
urer and the Treasurer was sworn to
duties of that Office

Voted That it is the pleasure of the
Town that J. P. Gifford remove his
buildings from the Landings forthwith
unless he will take a lease of the same
of the commissioners

1850

Voted That the commissioners on Public
Landings be requested to make complaint
to the grand jury as soon as practicable
of all trespassers on the Public Landings
in said Town whose cases are not the sub-
ject of legal compromise and will not
lease and pay rent for the same as required
by the commissioners

Voted That Harvey W. Kirby and
Deborah Kirby be allowed to work their
proportion of the highway tax for the year
ensuing on the way that leads from one road
to another said way passes near the dwell-
ing house of said Harvey W. Kirby

Voted To accept the report of the sch-
ool committee and that it be placed on
file in the Town Clerk's Office

Frederic Brownell and George H. Gifford
were sworn agreeable to an act passed in
the year 1850 concerning taking valu-
ation This year

Voted That the selectmen ^{do} what
they think it best for the Town con-
cerning a Salamander Safe for the
use of the Town

Recorded by me

Geo. H. Gifford Town Clerk

The following is the annual Return
of the names of all the Persons enroll-
ed in the Militia in the Town of
Westport for the year 1850 The whole
number enrolled being 428

Atkins Daniel B.
 Allen Frederic
 Allen William G.
 Allen Thomas Jr.
 Allen Samuel G.
 Allen Timothy G.
 Allen James
 Allen John
 Allen Charles
 Anthony John L.
 Allen Cornelius J.
 Allen Abner
 Allen Thomas J.
 Allen Daniel
 Anthony Isaac A.
 Adams John R.
 Allen Israel
 Allen Gideon
 Allen

Briggs John
 Brownell Philip H.
 Brightman John
 Brightman Sanford
 Bennett Adaniram
 Butts George W.
 Brownell Alexander
 Bradley David S.
 Brightman John H.
 Brightman Elias P.
 Brightman Leander
 Brightman Elihu
 Brownell Andrew W.
 Brownell Ezra P.
 Brownell Isaac S.
 Brightman John 2^d
 Brownell James H.
 Brower Oliver

Brownell Daniel
 Brownell George H. B.
 Brownell James
 Bailey Oliver
 Brownell Uriah
 Booth Isaac
 Booth Square
 Briggs George
 Bessie Peter S.
 Bassett Joseph S.
 Brightman Restcome
 Brightman Leonard
 Borden Holder
 Brownell Giles C.
 Briggs Peleg J.
 Brownell George A.
 Brownell George J.
 Bractley William
 Borden Thomas
 Borden John
 Bliss J. M.
 Baker Charles
 Baker Edward W.
 Baker John R.
 Brightman Rufus
 Brownell George R.

Chace William
 Cornell William A.
 Cornell James
 Cornell Stephen H.
 Cornell Job
 Cornell George L.
 Crapo George D.
 Cornell Weston M.
 Carroll Charles
 Chiddell Timothy B.

Cornell Joshua H.
 Cornell Jacob
 Crossman Frederic
 Craw Charles M.
 Crapo Daniel
 Chace Gideon R.
 Coggeshall Stephen
 Chace Jonathan
 Chace Jonathan 2^d
 Chace Charles
 Carr Thomas D.
 Chace William W.
 Cornell Solomon

Dyer Henry
 Dyer Abraham
 Davis Thomas W.
 Davis Watter
 Dyer Warren
 Davis Allen
 Davis Edmund
 Devoll John
 Devoll David 2^d
 Devoll Philip H.
 Dean John
 Davis Peter
 Devoll George
 Davis Abiel
 Devoll James P.
 Davis Abner J.
 Davis Alfred C.
 Davis Benjamin
 Davis Charles R.
 Dyer Canaan
 Davis Adrian
 Devoll Edward
 Dring Thomas
 Devoll Alexander

Dana Charles

Fisher Charles
 Frolove Clark Jr.
 Fuller Benjamin
 Francis Hiram
 Farnum George
 Frolove Barney
 Frolove Joseph

Gifford Jason
 Gifford Charles
 Gifford Benjamin
 Gifford George B.
 Gifford Giles R.
 Grinnell Eben
 Gifford George H.
 Gifford Christopher R.
 Gifford Richard J.
 Grinnell William
 Gifford Alexander B.
 Gifford Peleg H.
 Gifford Edwin B.
 Gifford Elihu B.
 Gifford Jonathan P.
 Gifford Weston
 Gifford Philip
 Gifford Thomas B.
 Gifford Charles F.
 Gifford Joshua W.
 Gifford Alfred
 Gifford Albert A.
 Gifford Benjamin R.
 Gifford Frederic
 Gifford Philander
 Gifford Elijah Jr.

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~~Gifford William 2^d~~
 Gifford Samuel H.
 Gifford Abraham R.
 Gifford Stephen B.
 Gifford Samuel
 Gifford Lysander
 Gifford Christopher C.
 Gifford Thomas W.
 Gifford William H.
 Gifford William H. 2^d
 Gifford John Tasker
 Gifford Henry H.
 Gifford Henry J.
 Gammons Matthias
 Gifford Andrew
 Gifford Nathaniel
 Gidley Frederic
 Gifford Humphrey A.
 Gifford George 2^d
 Grinnell John
 Grinnell Asa
 Gifford Edward S.
 Gifford John A. 2^d
 Gifford Lemuel
 Gifford Peleg C.
 Gifford Stephen

Hicks Alexander
 Howland Loeth
 Hicks Barney
 Howland William P.
 Howland Stephen R.
 Howland Alexander R.
 Howland Benjamin
 Handy William W.
 Hathaway Charles H.
 Howland Isaac

Howland Stephen R.
 Howland Peleg C.
 Hott William H.
 Hedge Mortimer
 Hathaway Albert
 Howland William
 Howland David S.
 Hazard Edward B.
 Hammond William
 Kett Humphrey
 Howland Solomon
 Hopkins William

Kirby Perry
 Kirby Nathaniel
 Kirby Tillinghast
 Kirby Edmund
 Kirby Stephen P.
 Kirby Harvey W.
 Kirby Abner
 King Alfred
 Kirby George W.
 Kirby Uriah
 King Ephriam S.
 Keith Adna P.

Levere Arnold B.
 Lawton Abraham
 Lawton Perry
 Lawton David
 Lawton Edwin
 Lawton Robert
 Lawton Sideon
 Lawton Eli P.
 Lawton Uriah
 Little Preserval

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Lawrence Andrew
 Little Charles
 Lawton George B.
 Lawton John
 Lawton James
 Lawton Russell

Macomber Pardon
 Macomber Leonard
 Mosher Charles
 Mosher George M.
 Mosher Israel
 Mosher Lorenzo D.
 Manchester Abraham E.
 Manchester Barton B.
 Manchester William P.
 Manchester Borden
 Macomber Simeon J.
 Macomber Israel
 Macomber John 2^d
 Macomber John D.
 Macomber Alexander
 Macomber Kestome
 Manchester Wanton
 Mosher Luthon
 Manchester George L.
 Manchester James W.
 Manchester William W.
 Macomber Otis
 Mosher Daniel
 Mosher John
 Mosher Robert
 Macomber Ezra
 Macomber Andrew
 Macomber Lebedee B.
 Macomber Richard
 Macomber Ezra 2^d
 Macomber Moses

Mosher Joseph Jr.
 Manchester Charles 2^d
 Macomber George H.
 Macomber Richmond
 Macomber John C.
 Macomber Abraham
 Mosher Benjamin
 Mosher William A.
 Macomber Alexander H.
 Mayhew Benjamin J.
 Macomber Andrew H.
 Macomber Shuston
 Macomber George B.
 Manchester Kestome
 Manchester George D.
 Manchester William C.

Mooring Jonathan
 Regus John P.

Potter Nathaniel
 Potter Joshua Jr.
 Palmer Henry
 Pike Perry
 Potter Charles
 Potter Frederic P.
 Potter Abner
 Potter Pardon G.
 Potter Abner J.
 Pottey Potter
 Pottey John J.
 Pottey Isaac
 Pottey Abner J.
 Pottey Holder J.
 Pottey Pardon 2^d
 Pierce Jonathan Jr.

Potter Isaac P.
Pierce George
Peckham Edward
Petty George

~~Records Holders~~

Reed Willard
Reed Caleb
Reynolds Malichi

Shaw Franklin
Stocum Willard
Stade Edwin
Shearman Daniel
Sampson John
Snell Henry
Smith Henry
Sabins Stephen
Sowle Oliver
Sowle Charles P.
Sowle Benjamin
Shearman James H.
Shearman Justus
Shearman Peleg
Stocum Andrew
Stocum Stephen
Stocum David C.
Sowle Russell
Sanford Silas B.
Sanford Caleb J.
Sisson Charles
Sisson Gideon
Sowle John H.
Snell Humphrey W.
Shearman Wilson
Shearman Thomas B.
Sanford David J.

Sanford Peleg S.
Sanford Thomas
Sabins William H.
Sabins Gideon B.
Sabins Philander G.
Stocum Benjamin
Shepherd John
Shearman Hempton
~~Shearman Anthony~~
Simmons Reuben
Sabins Weston C.
Sisson Alden J.
Sowle John
Sowle Henry Jr.
Shaw Benjamin J.
Seabury Albert
Snell Daniel D.
Sowle William
Sisson George
Sanford Philip
Simmons Eber
Seabury John
Sowle Abel Jr.
Shearman Abner
Simmons George W.
Snell Lyman
Simmons Benjamin
Sisson Daniel H.
Sayles John A.
Sowle James
Sowle Robert
Shearman William D.
Sherman Philip
Snell Moses
Sisson Stephen J.
Sowle Isaac
Snow James L.
Sowle Pardon

Tripp Luthon D.
Tripp Andrew
Tompkins Isaac
Tripp Clark
Tripp Benjamin J.
Tripp James J.
Tripp Nathaniel
Tripp William R.
Tripp Lyoni
Tripp Emerson
Tripp Oliver
Tripp Benjamin P.
Tripp Nathaniel 2^d
Tripp Charles
Tripp Pardon
Tripp Holder
Tripp David R.
Tripp George
Tripp Ivory
Tripp Stephen Jr.
Tripp John M.
Tripp Francis
Tripp Abner D.
Tripp John C.
Tripp Jeremiah D.
Tripp Uriah B.
Thomson Joseph
Thomson Jeremiah J.
Tripp Alden
Tripp Edmund Jr.
Tripp Jonathan
Tabor Joseph
Tripp Ellis
Tripp Daniel
Tripp William
Tripp Abner J.

Tripp William H.
Tripp Pardon
Tilton Francis W.
Tripp Charles H.
Tripp Weston J.
Tripp James H.
Tripp Alexander A.
Tripp David R.

Wilcox Preserved
Wordell Christopher
Wing John J.
Wood Lorenzo D.
White Peleg S.
Wing George W.
White George B.
Wood George H.
Wood Alexander
Wood Nathan W.
Wood Lawton
Wordell Gershom
Wordell Elkanah
Whalon John R.
Whalon James M.
Waite Reuben
Waite Daniel H.
White Holder Jr.
Wing Ezra
Winchester Nathaniel W.
Wordell Edmund
Wordell Richard
Wing Frederic A.
Wing Perry
Wilcox Bradford
Wordell John
Wordell Humphrey
Whalon Henry
Wing Charles

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The foregoing list recorded by me

May 9. 1850

Geo. H. Gifford Town Clerk

Westport Aug. 19. 1850. Then personally appeared William H. Gifford and made oath to the faithful discharge of his duty as surveyor of Highways

Before me

Geo. H. Gifford Town Clerk

Bristol SS To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol

G R C C T I N G.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House on Monday the eleventh day of November next it being the second Monday of said month, at ten O'Clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for three Senators, on one ballot for the district of Bristol for the year ensuing

And also to choose one Representative to Represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

And also To give in their votes for a representative in the Congress of the United States for the ninth District

on the same ballot with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators

And also at the same place and on the same day at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles:

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2^d To see if the Town will accept and allow the several Highways as resurveyed and laid out by the Selectmen

3^d To see if the Town will order the Selectmen to purchase a Salamander safe for the Town records

4th To know the minds of the Town in regard to Resurveying the Highways and putting up Stone Monuments

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in four or more public places in said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said Meetings

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of the meetings aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of October in the year one thousand Eight hundred and fifty

Frederic Brownell Selectmen
Geo. H. Gifford }
Perry Davis } Westport

Town
Meeting
Warrant

Warrant
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Bristol SS Westport November 11th 1850
 Pursuant to the within warrant I have
 notified the Inhabitants of said Town to
 meet at the time and place and for
 the purposes within mention by causing
 copies of this warrant to be posted up
 one at Westport point, one at the Town
 House and one at the head of Westport
 River and one at Brownels Corner so
 called in said Westport, ten days prior
 to the date hereof

Jonathan Pierce Jr
 Constable of Westport

At a legal meeting of the qualified
 voters of the Town of Westport held at
 the Town House in said Town on Monday
 the Eleventh day of November for the
 purposes expressed in the foregoing
 warrant, Votes for the following named
 persons were given in sorted, counted
 Record and declaration thereof made
 as required by the constitution
 whole number of ballots two hundred
 and nineteen 219

For Governor

Stephen C. Phillips	fifty three	53
George N. Briggs	seventy eight	78
George S. Boutwell	Eighty five	85

For Lieutenant Governor

John Reed	seventy eight	78
Amasa Walker	fifty four	54
Henry W. Cushman	Eighty four	84

For Senators

John Dagget of Attleboro had

Seventy Eight votes 78
 William Tucker of Dartmouth had

Seventy Four votes 74
 John Earle Esq. of Swansea had

Seventy Eight votes 78
 Lyman W. Dean of Attleboro had

one hundred and thirty eight votes 138
 George Austin of Swansea had

one hundred and thirty eight 138
 William C. Taber of New Bedford had

one hundred & thirty eight 138

For Representative to Congress
 Orrin Fowler of Fall River had
 one hundred & six 106

George B. Atwood of Taunton had
 Twenty two votes 22

Edward P. Little of Marshfield had
 Eighty Four votes 84

For Representative to General Court
 Frederic Brownell one hundred
 and twelve votes 112

Stephen Howland	sixty nine votes	69
George H. Gifford	thirty	30
Christopher A. Church	one	1
Pelcy H. Gifford	one	1

At the afternoon meeting called in the
 foregoing warrant

Nathan Wood was chosen Moderator

Voted To accept the several Highways
 as reported by the Selectmen
 (The said reports Recorded in Book B.)

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Voted to indefinitely postpone the third and fourth articles in that part of the warrant for the afternoon meeting

Voted to adjourn sine die

Attest Geo. H. Gifford Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are ~~hereby~~ directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Westport on Monday the seventh day of April next at ten O'Clock in the fore noon then and there to act on the following Articles:

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2^d To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3^d To hear the report of the selectmen, Landing Commissioners & school-committee and act thereon
- 4th To raise such sums of Money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same
- 5th To determine the manner of repair

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ing the Highways, Town ways and Bridges the ~~ensuing~~ year ensuing

6th To bring in their votes for County Treasurer

7th To know the minds of the Town in regard to resurveying the Highway and watering place from the foot of the lane so called westerly to Horseneck point

8th To see if the Town will refund to Cyrus Wheeler the amount paid into the Treasury by him for a Pedlars Licence

9th To see if the Town will appropriate any Money for repairing the Briggs road so called

10th To bring in their votes for Register of Deeds

11th To see if the Town will pay Gershom Wordell for land taken in resurveying the Highway to make it wider opposite Joshua Wordell's

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at three or more Public places in the said Town ten days at least before the time for holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this fifteenth