At a legal Town meeting made the 10th 1768.

The Town & Districts being assembled made Choice of Col. James Prescott for their Representative in the General Assembly for the Year Ensuing. Then the Town proceeded and Choose Col. James Prescott for the Moderator.

Voted, That the Grammer School be kept six months in the middle of the Town the year Ensuing, and three months at the School House by Dr. James Stones, & three months at or near Lt. Josiah Sartell.

Voted, To raise the Sum of Seventy five pounds for the Schools, forty pounds for the Grammer School, the Remaind ex. to be laid out in Writing Schools to be kept in such places as cannot be accomodated by the Grammer School. Chose Elisha Rockwood Isaac Farnsworth Jon.a Stone Lt. Isaac Woods Oliver Fletcher Lt. Josiah Sartell and Dr. Prescott a Comtee to Proportion the School-money & see the same Seaporatly applyed for that purpose, & they are to observe the same Regulations with the last year. The Selectmen are to provide a Grammer School-master for the Ensuing year.

Voted, That the wid.o Miriam Lakin have the Sum of Eight Shillings in full Consideration for her being over Rated in years past, and that the Selectmen give order accordingly.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be Directed to make Inquiry concerning all persons that may, for the future, come to Dwell within this Town, and make Entry of all such together with the Notification given in Relating to such persons in a Book for that purpose, which book is to be purchased at the Expence of the Town.

Voted, That Jonathan Lawrance have Liberty to work out the whole of his highway Rate for this year, on his own Land between his house and the Road leading by Dr. Ware.

Voted, That Tim.o Moors Repair the upper Bridge, Capt. Sam.l Tarbell the Bridge over Woods ford way, Oliver Blood the Stoney Wading place Bridge & Jn.o Tarbell the Bridge over Squandcook River, for the year Ensuing.

Voted, To accept the Report of the Comtee that was Chosen to Seat the meeting house.

Voted, Chose Capt. Amos Lawrence Dr. Oliver Prescott Gn.l Benj.a Banuff jr. a Comtee to Let the pew which was lately owned by Lemuel Parker for one year, for the most it will fetch & take security for the same for the use of the Town.

Then the meeting was Dismissed.

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

May 1769.

At a Legal meeting of the Town of Dedham on May 23: 1769.

Voted & chose Col.o James Prescott Representative for the Year Ensuing.

Then the Town proceeded & chose Col.o James Prescott moderator.

Voted that the Grammer School be kept nine months in the Center of the Town & three months at the School house near Dr James Stones — Voted to Raise the Sum of Seventy five pounds for the Schools, Forty pounds for the Support of the Grammer School & the Remainder to be laid out in the Several angles of the Town in Reading & Writing Schools & chose Dr Prescott, Lt Josiah Sartell Lt Isaac Woods mr Elisha Rockwood mr Jon.a Stone for a Comitee to proportion the money accordingly, & they are Directed to Number the Children & see that the.d money is properly & Seasonably applyed for that purpose. — Chose the Select-men to provide a Grammer School-master.

Chose Jon.a Sawtell to Inspect the Bridge at Woods' Fordway — Capt. Joseph Shepley the Mony Wading place Bridge, Jas.d Tim.d Moors the upper Bridge, & mr Elisha Rockwood the Bridge over Squanocook River, for the Year Ensuing.

Chose Lt Isaac Woods Capt. Benj.a Bancroft & Lt Josiah Sartell a Comitee if they have a Discretionary power to either Sell or Lett the towns pew as they think best, & they are hereby Impowered to give a legal Title accordingly.

Then the Meeting was Dismissed,

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

May 1770.

At a Legal Town meeting May 21: 1770.

The Town and District of Shirley & Pepperell Chose Col.o James Prescott to Represent them in the great & general Court or assembly for the year insuing.

Then the Town proceeded & Chose Col.o James Prescott moderator.

Voted that the Grammer School be kept for the year insuing nine months in the Center of the Town & three months at or near Lt. Josiah Sartell's. — Voted that the Sum of Seventy five Pounds be assessed on the Several Inhabitants for the use of the Schools the year insuing, Forty Pounds for the use of the Grammer School & the Remainder to be laid out in the Several Skools of the Town in Reading and Writing Schools and Chose mess.rs Joseph Stone Elisha Rockwood, Isaac Woods, Joseph Farwell & Joseph Blood a Com.tee to proportion the money accordingly, & they are to observe the same method of Instructions as the last year. — Chose the Select men a Com.tee to provide a grammer School-master.

Chose Isaac Bowers to Inspect the Bridge at the Stony Wading place Jonathan Sawtell the Bridge at Woods ford way — Timothy Moors the upper Bridge — for the ensuing year.

Voted, [redacted] the Road, thro' mod.m Fowbridge Land should not be Shut up — [redacted]

Voted & Chose Jonas Cutter Lt. Josiah Sartell & ~~Col.o James Prescott~~ Capt. Joseph Skeple a Com.tee to View the Roads mentioned in the 5th article & they are to Confer with the people ~~Conferred~~ concerned &c. and Report at the next Town meeting what they think will be most for the Town's Interest in s.d affairs.

Voted that the Select-men either Sell or let the Pew lately owned by Lemuel Parker and act as they think best for the Town.

Voted to abate the Rates of Ebenr. Kemp David Kemp & Joseph Cozey in the Late Constable Job Shattuck's Rates.

Voted that the Town Treasurer wait upon s.d Shattuck for the Rates of John Lakin till the Town give further order.

Chose Col.o Prescott Lt. Josiah Sartell & Jonas Cutter a Com.tee for the purpose mentioned in the 8th article.

Voted to accept the Report of the Com.tee chosen to View the Road on the west side of Martin's Pond & their Report is Recorded page 237.

Voted to accept the Report of the Com.tee chosen to View the Road on the west side of the River — & ordered the same to be Recorded.

Then the meeting was Dismissed.

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

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May 1771.

At a Legal Town Meeting may 20th 1771. —
The Town of Deffiance of Shirley & Pepperell chose Colo James Prescott to Represent them in the great & general Court of this Province for the year insuing. — Then the Town proceeded & chose Colo James Prescott moderator for the more orderly carrying on of meeting.

Voted, That the Grammer School be kept nine months in the middle of the Town, & three at the School house by Dr James Stones, for this year.

Voted, That the sum of Eighty Pounds be Raised & assessed on the several Inhabitants of this Town for the use of the Schools the year insuing; forty pounds for the Grammer School & forty pounds to be layed out for Writing Schools in the Several angles of the Town. —

Voted, To Raise the Sum of Twenty Pounds for Repairing the Great Bridges, if needed for that purpose. —

Voted & chose the Select men for a Comtee to proportion the School money for the Several angles of the Town & say where the Schools shall be kept & they are to observe the same method of Instruction as the last year. They are also to provide a Grammer School-master. —

Voted & chose mr Tim.o Moors to Inspect the Upper Bridge Lt Rockwod the Bridge at Woods, fordway & Squaw brook, Lt Nath.ll Parker the Bridge at the Stony Wading place for the year insuing. —

Voted & chose Capt. Sheple mr Isaac Farnsworth & Lt Henry Farwell a Comtee to View the Bridge & River bank at the Stony Wading place & to Repair the same, with a Discretionary power. —

Voted & chose Lt Rockwood Capt. Tarbell & Lt Hez. Sartell a Comtee to View the Bridge & River banks at Woods, fordway, & to Repair them in such way & manner as they may think proper. —

Voted & chose Dr James Stone mr Joseph Stone Dr Zach. Longley Colo James Prescott & mr Jno Stone a Comtee to View the Road leading by Br. Ware's Tavern & (if they think proper) to sell a part of said Way, to Jos.a Lawrance & Dr Ware or to either of them, & make a title thereof for what they may think it is Reasonably Worth. —

Voted, To abate so much of the Rates of Abel Lawrance Esq.r Dec.d as Remains due in the late Constables Longley & Farwell's Rates. — Voted not to abate the Rates of William Rice, but that the Town Treasurer be Directed to wait upon Constable Longley for the same till further order &c.

Voted & chose Dr Josiah Sartell, Colo Jno Bulkley, Dr Oliver Prescott Lt Nath.ll Parker & Capt Joseph Sheple a Comtee to sell to Reuben Abbot a part of the Road as Requested in the 8.th article & make him a title to the same for what they may think it Reasonable &c —

Voted to abate the Rates of the wido Hannah Scott in Constable Job Shattuck's Rates only. —

Voted & chose Capt Sheple Capt. Amos Lawrance Lt Josiah Sartell Dr Prescott & Lt Nath.ll Parker a Comtee to View the Road across Broad meadows and Confer with the parties & make Report to the Town as soon as may be — Then the meeting was Dismissed — no Report of any Comtee being offered &c —

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk. —

11. To see if the Town will chose a Comte to Petition the great & general Court for some Relief from the great Expence this Town hath been & still is at in Supporting the great Bridges acrost the River in sd Town, and give them such Instructions as they may think proper.

And to act on each and all of the aforegoing articles, as the Town shall think proper. Dated at Groton aforesd 8th may, in the 12th year of his majesties Reign. A.D. 1772. By order of the Select-men

Recorded — Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

At a Legal Town meeting may 18th 1772.

The Town of Shirley & Pepperrell made choice of Colo James Prescott, to represent them in the great & general Court or assembly for the year insuing.

Then the Town proceed & chose Colo James Prescott moderator.

Voted, That the grammer School be kept nine months in the center of the Town & three months at or near Lt Josiah Sartell. for the year insuing.

Voted, To raise the Sum of Eighty pounds and that forty pounds be appeyed for the grammer School & forty pounds proportioned for the Several angles & chose the Select-men a Comte to proportion the School money for the out-Schools & they have the same Instructions that were given the Comte the last year & they are also to provide a grammer School-master.

Voted, To Build a Powder house to keep the Town Stock in & chose Lt Josiah Sartell Ensn moses Childs & Dr Oliver Prescott a Comte for that purpose, & they are directed to Build the same with Stone or Brick, in such way & manner & in such a place as they may think will be most proper for the Town.

Voted, That Lt Nathl Parker have Six months time allowed for him to provide fencing materials & then that Town way leading from John Groggs to his house be laid open again.

Voted, Not to open the Road on the westerly side of martin's pond: and that the Town will not allow Nathan Ames to mend sd Road instead of the money which he had Engaged to pay & and that Jonathan Lakin may hang a Gate across said way, near the house where he now Dwells for one year, he paying the Town two Dollars for that previledge.

Voted, Not to give the Comte that was chosen to Build the great Bridge any further Instructions

Voted, That Jno Lawrance have Liberty to Shut up that part of the Town way, as Requested in the 9th article, he keeping good Gates or Barrs, for one year only.

The Comte chosen to View the Road at unketen a Sett-Bridge made a Verbal Report, that they apprehend it will be for the publick Interest, to open sd Road so as to make a convenient Cart way on

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October 1772.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs — In his majesties name you are hereby required to assemble and meet at the publick meeting house in Groton aforesd., on monday the nineteenth day of october instant at one of the clock in the afternoon on sd. day, to act on the following articles,

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1. To choose a moderator for sd. meeting.
2. To raise such sum or sums of money, to pay the Revd. Saml. Dana his Salary dues and to defray other Town charges, as the Town may think proper, for the year insuing.
3. To choose a Comte. to Reckon with the Town Treasurer, and order them to Report at the next Town meeting.
4. To hear the Report of the Comte. that was chosen in may last, to examine the Town books, and stake out the Road decd. Blood=meadow, where the same went thro Lt. Ezra Farnsworths Land, and give them any other Instructions, or choose any other person or persons, and give them Instructions to settle the Dispute with said Farnsworth, or to act any thing relative to the Settlement of said road, through sd. Farnsworths Land, as the Town may think proper.
5. To see if the Town will make any special provision for the building a bridge over unketenasset brook, near to James Blood jrs. and say in what way and manner.
6. To see if the Town will agree with Caleb Wood, or any other person to make a good Cartway through unketenasset brook, where the same goeth over the road leading to Dunstable, and say what they will allow for the same.
7. To see if the Town will allow to the Society that belong to the School-house near John Nettings, to receive an order for that part of their money which they did not lay out within the year, and to say what time shall be allowed the Several Societies within=in the Town, to lay out their School-money for the future.
8. To see if the Town will abate the rates of John Bridges in the late Captaine Josiah Hobarts rates, or any part thereof.

and to act on each and all of the aforegoing articles as the Town shall think proper. — Dated at Groton aforesd. this fifth day of octr. A. D. 1772. in the Twelfth year of his majesties Reign, George 3d. King &c

By order of the Select-men,

Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

257. October 1772 — Jan.y 1773.

At a Legal Town meeting in Consequence of the aforegoing Warrant held at the publick meeting house in Groton ott. 19th 1772. &c —

Voted & Chose James Prescott Esq.r moderator. —

Voted To raise one hundred & Ninety pounds to pay the Rev.d Sam.ll Dana's Salary due & to defray other Town charges for the Year insuing —

Voted & Chose Dr. Joseph Sartell Amos Ames Dr. Oliver Prescott, Isaac Farnsworth & Col.o Jn.o Bulkley a Comte to Reckon with the Town Treasurer & to make report at the next Town meeting.

On the 4th article Voted and added to the Comte Col.o Bulkley and Nathan Hubbard, and the Comte have the same Instructions as they had before. —

Voted & Chose Lt. Isaac Woods Dr. Joseph Sartell & Mr. Job Shattuck a Comte to View the Bridge over Unketenasett Brook near James Bloods p.r and to make such repairs to s.d Bridge as they may Judge necessary. —

Voted and Chose Lt. Josiah Sartell Job Shattuck and Oliver Fletcher a Comte to let out to such person or persons as they think proper the making a good Cart way over Unkety Brook, & see that the same is faithfully done and performed within two years from this Time —

Voted To John Putting.s Quarter the money they expended in their School after the year was expired. — also Voted that all the money raised for the Several angles of the Town for the use of Schools, be laid out by the first day of July of the next year after it is raised and not afterwards. —

Voted they would not abate the rates of John Bridges. —

Then the meeting was Dismissed. —

attest James Prescott moderator. —

Recorded per Oliver Prescott Town Clerk. —

Middlesex ss. To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton Qualified by Law to Vote in Town Affairs &c In his majesties Name you are hereby required to Assemble and meet at the publick meeting house in s.d Town, on monday the Eleventh day of January instant at Twelve of the Clock on s.d Day, to act on the following Articles (viz.)

(23.)

1. To Choose a moderator for s.d meeting. —
2. To Enquire into and Consider of the matters of Grievance, which the People of North America and the Inhabitants of this Province, in particular, Labour under Relating to the Violation and Infringements of their rights and Liberties; and agree upon some Salutary & Constitutional method for Redress; & to give their Representative such Instructions as the Town shall think fit; and act any thing Relative to the aforegoing article as the Town may think proper. —
3. To see if the Town will give Liberty to Mr. Jn.o Bulkley to Erect and build a Tomb, in the publick burying place in said Town. —

and —

11. To see if the Town will exchange that Town Way leading by Job Shattuck's house and allow him to Shut up the same for that Road leading to Pepperell over Post Tree brook as the same is now Trodd, so far as s.d road goeth thro his Land, and act as they may think proper —

12. To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Abel Parker in the late Constable Job Shattuck's rates for 1768 & 1769. or any part there of and act as they may think proper —

And to act on each and all of the aforegoing articles as they shall think proper — Dated at Groton aforesd may 8th in the Thirteenth year of his majesties Reign A.D. 1773 —

By order of the Select-men for Groton —

Oliver Prescott Town Clerk —

At a Legal Town meeting may 17th 1773 —

The Town of Districts of Shirley and Pepperell made choice of Col.o James Prescott to represent them in the Great General Court or assembly for the year insuing —

Then the Town proceeded as followeth — viz —

Chose Col.o James Prescott moderator —

Voted that the Grammer School be kept nine Months in the Center of the Town & three months at the School-house near Dr James Stones —

Voted to raise one Hundred pounds for the use of the School — forty pounds for the Grammer School and Sixty pound to be proportioned for the Several Bridges of the Town —

Voted that the Select-men be the Comittee to proportion the School-money and see the same properly applied — and they are to provide a Grammer School-master for the year insuing —

Voted & Chose Tim.o Moore to inspect the upper Bridge, Jonathan Sartelle the Bridge at Wood ford way, & Oliver Blood the Bridge at the Stoney wading place for the year insuing —

Voted that Isaac Patch have Liberty to Shut up the road as requested in the sixth article —

Chose Col.o Prescott Lt Josiah Sartelle & Capt. Hath.l Parker a Comittee to run the Line between Groton & Dunstable as is proposed in the Seventh article, and petition the General Court for a Confirmation of the same accordingly —

Chose Dr Oliver Prescott Col.o James Prescott & Lt Josiah Sartelle a Comitte of Correspondence —

Voted, that Benj.a Shaw have Liberty to Shut up the road as requested in the Ninth article —

Voted that Jonathan Lakin have Liberty to hang a Gate across the road near his house for one year, paying the Sum of two Dollars in Labour under the Direction of a Surveyor for that Deffect of Roads —

Tuesday —

May 1773. September 1773.

Chose Capt. Shepley Capt. Nathll. Parker & Lt. Josiah Sartell a Comtee to search the Town Records and View the Roads as mentioned in the 15th article and draft a proper Vote and lay the same before the Town, as soon as conveniently may be, for the Exchange of sd. Roads.

Voted not to abate the rates of Abel Parker in the late Constable Job Shattuck, rates for 1768 & 1769. but the Town Treasurer is directed to wait upon sd. late Constable for sd. Parkers rates untill further order.

Voted to Excuse Silas Blood from serving Constable & to accept of Job Shattuck in his room, as was requested in the 3d article.

Then Lt. Ezra Farnsworth offered a Written proposal to refer the Dispute about the road across Broad meadow through their Lands &c to a Referrence &c & thereupon the Town Chose Lt. Henry Farwell Josa. Lawrence and Colo. James Prescott a Comtee to join with Lt. Ezra Farnsworth and his Son in choosing a Comtee to settle the affairs respecting the opening of the Road across Broad Meadow &c. Then the meeting was Dismissed.

Recorded per Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

Middlesex.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton Qualifyed by Law to Vote in Town affairs &c. In his majesties Name you are hereby (L.S.) required to Assemble & meet at the publick meeting house in sd. Town, on Tuesday the 7th day of Septr. next, at two of the Clock in the afternoon on sd. day, to act on the following Articles,

1. To choose a moderator for sd. meeting.
2. To raise such sum or sums of money for the paying the Revd. Samll. Dana his Salary dues, & to defray other Town Charges as the Town shall think proper.
3. To choose a Committee to Reckon with the Town Treasurer and order them to make report at the next Town meeting.
4. To see if the Town will allow the Society that belongs to the School house near Dr. James Stones to receive an order for that part of their money which they did not lay out within the Time allowed by the Town for the last year, & act as they shall think proper.
5. To Vote the Thanks of this Town to Lt. Josiah Sartell for his Generosity in providing a Genteel Velvet Cushion for the Publick meeting house in sd. Town, at his own Expence.
6. To hear the Report of the Comtee that was Chosen in may last to join with Lt. Ezra Farnsworth & Son, in choosing a Comtee or Referees to settle the affairs respecting the opening of the road across Broad meadow, and act any thing Relative to sd. Report and sd. Road, as the Town shall think proper.

7th

September 1773.

7th To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Isaac Corey Decd. for his forehead, in the late Constable Josiah Hobart's rates for 1770. and also abate the rates of Phineas Kemp in ye Constable Hobart's rates for 1770. and the rates of Simeon Foster & Ichabod Gillson in Job Shattuck's rates or any part thereof, and act as they may think proper —

And to act on each and all of the aforegoing articles as the Town may think proper — Dated at Groton aforesd. this 26th day of Augt. in the Thirteenth Year of his Majesties Reign Ann Dom. 1773.

By order of the Select-men for Groton —

Oliver Prescott Town Clerk —

At a Legal Town meeting Septr. 7th 1773.

Chose Lt. Josiah Sartell moderator —

Voted to raise one Hundred and Eighty pounds to pay Mr. Dana his Salary & other Town Charges —

Chose Dr. Oliver Prescott Lt. Josiah Sartell Isaac Farnsworth Jonathan Lawrance Converse Richardson Lt. Rockwood & Moses Childs a Comte. to Reckon with the Town Treasurer &c they are to report at the next Town meeting —

Voted that the Select-men Bill out to the Society near Dr. Stones one pound Eight Shillings and Eight pence to be allowed for School as tho they did not lay out their money seasonably according to the Town's former Vote —

Voted the thanks of this Town to Lt. Josiah Sartell for his generosity in providing a Genteel Velvet Cushion for the publick meeting house at his own expence, and that the Town Clerk make a proper Entry of the same in the Town Book —

Then the Comittee Reported in the following words viz —

The report of the Comte. that was appointed by the Town in may last to come into some agreement with Lt. Ezra Farnsworth & Son, about the road going thro their Land over the Causey to the meeting house That they agreed with ye. Farnsworths as was proposed at ye. meeting to Submit the matter viz. where the road shall go & how much Damages the ye. Farnsworths shall have, to the Determination of John Varnum Esqr. Colo. Jona. Wood & Capt. Joseph Reed who accordingly met on the 17th augt. 1773. heard the parties, viewed the premises and marked out the road which is bounded as followsth viz. Beginning at the County road going by Oliver Farnsworths near ye. Farnsworths house where the lane is now stood, beginning at the Corner of the Fence on the Northerly side of the lane so running by ye. Lt. Ezra Farnsworths house and so on Easterly thro ye. Farnsworths Land to a heap of Stones being the Corner of James Prescotts Land lately owned by Colo. Lawrance Decd. so on by ye. Prescotts Land to a Small Black Oak Tree marked, and from thence runeth Strait to a Stake in the fence near the Gate at the End of the Causey, the aforesd. marks all being on the Northerly side of ye. road, which road is

Turn over

May 1774.

At a Legal Town meeting may 9th 1774.

Chose Colo. James Prescott moderator for ye meeting.

Voted, That the Schools be kept in the same way and manner, as they were the last year. The Grammer School to be three months in the North part of the Town.

Voted, That the sum of, one Hundred pounds be raised and assessed upon the Several Inhabitants for the use of the Schools; the year insuing, Forty Pounds for the Grammer School and Sixty pounds to be proportioned for the Several angles of the Town according to the Number of Children.

Voted, That the Select men be the Comte to proportion the School money for the Several angles, and see that the same is suitably applyed &c and they are also to provide a Grammer School master.

Chose, Oliver Farbell a Fyfthing man for the year insuing.

Voted and accepted of Moses Chiddis Constable in the room of James Wood, for the year insuing.

Chose Asa Lawrance to Inspect the Stoney wading place Bridge, Timo. Moors the upper Bridge, Nehemiah Lawrance the Bridge at Wood Lordway.

Voted, Not to shut up the road at Cold Spring.

Voted, Not to give Liberty to Jacob Williams to hang a gate as was Requested in the 8th article of the Warrant.

Voted, That the wido. Lancie Parker have Liberty to keep the gates up Seven months from this day, and no Longer.

Voted, That the Town way on the west side of martins pond and the Town way from Jno. Woodys to Oliver Fletchers be laid open again.

Voted & Chose Dr. Jno. Woody jun. Capt Joseph Steple and Dr. Isaac Woods a Comte to View the Town way leading from David Greens to Benj. Worsters and they are to report to the Town what they think is best to be done about the same at the next Town meeting.

Voted, By the Inhabitants present that the wido. of David Prescott have Liberty to work out so much of the highway rates of her family, for one year, upon the Bridle way lately laid out from her house to James Woods, and that James Woody work out his rate for this year upon the same road.

Then the Town and District of Shirley and Pepperrell unitedly and Unanimously made choice of Col. James Prescott to Represent them in the General Assembly for the year Insuing.

Then the meeting was Dissolved.

Recorded P Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

3d Whereas the Town at their legal meeting in March last Voted that the sum of one hundred pounds be raised & assessed upon the Inhabitants of said Town, for the mending and keeping in good repair the highways &c in said Town the ensuing year, and as the Town have since been and still are obliged to be at so great Expence for the publick Safety: Therefore to see if the Town will give order that Notwithstanding said former vote the assessment be directed to assess the Inhabitants above said the sum of fifty pounds only of this said one hundred, for the repairing of said highways, and the other fifty pounds to be assessed for the defraying the publick charges that may arise in said Town — and act as they shall think proper.

4. To see in what way and manner the School or Schools shall be kept in said Town the ensuing year, and to raise such sum or sums of money for that or any other purpose, as they may think proper — and to choose a Com.tee to assess the same proportioned among the several Inhabitants and applyed for that purpose, and give them such Directions as they may think proper — and to choose Com.tee to provide a Grammer School master for the ensuing year —

5. To appoint some proper person or persons to inspect the Great Bridges for the ensuing year —

6. To choose proper persons to serve in such Town offices as are vacated by reason of such officers as were elected last March, being employed in the Army, and act as they may think proper —

7. To see if the Town will abate the rates of Ebenr Parker in the late Constable Nathan Hubbard's rates for 1769. or any part thereof —

8. To see if the Town will direct the Town treasurer to pay to Benjn Gardner Esqr the monies which he shall receive of Mr Constable Child which was assessed & committed to him to collect, to defray provincial charges &c — And to act on each and all of the aforegoing articles as the Town shall think proper —

Dated at Groton aforesd this 27th day May AD 1775.

By order of the Selectmen for Groton —

Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

At a Legal Town meeting June 5th 1775.

Chose Capt. Josiah Sartell moderator.

Chose the Selectmen a Com.tee to supply the Pulpit untill the further order of this Town.

Voted That the sum of Fifty pounds only be assessed for the repairing of the Highways &c the year ensuing, any former Vote to the Contrary Notwithstanding: and that the other fifty pounds of the Hundred raised last March be assessed to defray publick Charges &c —

Voted That the sum of Forty pounds be raised and assessed upon the several Inhabitants of this Town, for the use of the Schools for the year ensuing —

Voted That the Selectmen be a Com.tee to proportion the School money aforesd among all the Inhabitants of this Town & see that the same is seasonably and properly applyed for the Instruction of the youth, and that the whole be laid out in reading & writing School, under the approbation of the Selectmen aforesd —

Voted and chose Timo. Moors to inspect the upper Bridge, Joseph Hodgkins the Bridge at Woods Ferry, Oliver Blood the stone bridge, Blanchard Bridge for the year ensuing — Voted

At a Legal Town meeting may 20th 1776.
Voted & Chose Col.o Josiah Sartell Representative for the year ensuing. — Then the Town proceeded &
and Chose The Hon.le James Prescott Esq.r moderator.
Voted, That the Schools be kept in the same way and manner they were in 1774. Except the Grammer School which is to be kept three months in the South part of the Town within the year ensuing. — That one hundred pounds be raised & assessed for the Support of the Schools. — That the Selectmen be the Com.tee to proportion the School money and to see that it is Rightly applyed and to provide a Grammer School master for the year ensuing; and they are invested with a Discretionary power in the aforegoing matters.
Voted & Chose, James Prescott Esq.r Oliver Prescott Esq.r Jonah Sartell Esq.r a Com.tee to Supply the pulpit untill further orders.
Voted That the Sum of one Hundred pounds be raised & assessed upon the Several Inhabitants of this Town to Defray the Expence of the pulpit & other Town Charges.
Voted That the Com.tee be directed to desire Mr. Bigelow to Supply the pulpit for the present and that in the mean time they be on the Enquiry for some other Suitable preacher &c.
Voted & Chose Tim.o Moors to inspect the upper Bridge
Nehemiah Lawrance the Bridge at Woods ford way
Oliver Blood the Bridge at the Stony wading place
for the year ensuing.
Then the Town brought in their Votes for a County Register.
Voted to Dismiss the 7th article.
Voted That the wid.o Abigail Prescott have leave to work out her high Way rates as requested in the 8th article. — Then the meeting was Dismissed

Recorded by
Oliver Prescott Town Clerk

March 1785.

8th To see if the Town will Exchange a part of that Town way leading from Amos Stones to Weatherbees Mills Beginning at Dea. Prescotts line till it Comes to the County Road leading to Lunenburgh. & Choose a Com.tee to View and mark out the same and order their Report to be Entered in the Town Book for a final Establishment thereof.

9th To see if the Town will Exchang a part of the Town way leading from Benj.a Patches to Twigs line and Choose a Com.tee for that purpose and act any thing Relating thereto as the Town think fit

10th To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen in future to Exhibit to Cap.t Zach.a Fitch a list of the Names of Caleb Blood & Sam.l Henneway John Symonds & Jacob Gragg jun.r & such others as the Town may think fit with the Sums assessed ~~Either~~ that they are annually Rated to the Highways in s. Town to gather with his own highway Rates to Enable him to Keep the Great Bridg ~~in Repair~~ across Lancaster River near his House in Repair and direct him to Return the delinquents to the Assessors as other Surveyors and allow him to draw the money from the Treasurer for that purpose.

11. To See if the Town will allow Samis Bloods School Squadern and Oliver Fletchers School Squadern, to Lay out the arears of School money this present year for Schooling or either of them which they have omitted to lay out in the years, Since the year 1780 and act any thing relating to this article as the Town shall think fit.

12 To See if the Town will allow the Inhabitants on the west side of Broadmeadow from m.r Cooks to m.r Hezekiah Kemp, or so many of them as shall agree to Build a School house at their own Expence to Draw their proportion of School money in future and Cause the Same to be laid out at said School house. and act thereon as the Town shall See fit.

13. To See if the Town will make any alterations respecting the mode of warning people out of this Town and act any thing relating thereto as the Town think proper.

14 To See if the Town will Stop Building the work house and sell the Same at Vendue or move it into the middle of the Town.

15. To See if the Town will abate any part of Joseph Sheers rates, as he Supposes he has been over rated in this Town, and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

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Art. 10. Voted that the Select-men be directed to make a Surveyors List in usual form to Capt. Fitch, with the names of Capt. Zach. Fitch, Lt. Sam. Hemenway, Caleb Blood, Jacob Gragg Jr. Isaiah Eaes, John Simonds, and Oliver Blood, with the Sums which they are assessed to the Highways annexed to each of their names — to enable him to keep the Great Bridge across the river at Kemps Fordway in repair, and in Case of their Delinquency the Selectmen make the said Fitch an order on the Town Treasurer for such Sum as may be Collected from them, to be applyed for the purpose of said repairs. — — — — — — — — — — —

11. Voted that James Blood's Squadron have Liberty to Lay out the School money this year that was allow.d them for the years 1782 & 1783. also Voted that Oliver Fletcher's Squadron have Liberty to Draw and Lay out the money this year which was not laid out in the year 1781 — — — — — — — — — —

12. Voted that the Inhabitants on the west side broad-meadow have Liberty as set forth in the 12th article of the warrent. — —
Then Voted to reconsider the above Vote, and the article was Dismiss.d.

13. Voted that the Hon.ble James Prescott Esq.r Examin into the Law respecting People being warn.d out of Town, and report to the Town as soon as may be.

14. Voted to pass over this article. — — — — — — — — — —

15. Voted that the Selectmen and assessors Examin into the matter of Joseph Shed's being over-rated and report to the Town as soon as may be.

16 Voted not to abate the rates of Gabriel Lakin, and Josiah Lakin as mentioned in this article. — — — — — — — —

17. Voted to abate the rates of Silas Blood jun.r as borne on the late Constable David Woods List. — — — — — — — — — —

20. Voted to abate the rates of Lemuel Parker, what is now due on the Late Constable Wm. Nuttings List. and then Voted to adjourn the remaind.r of the articles in the warrent to the 4th day of April next at two o' Clock in the afternoon. — — — — — —

April 4th 1785 The Town met according to adjournment. — — —
Voted to raise the same Sum of money for the purpose of repairing the Highways this year, as was raised for that purpose the last year, which was £120. — — —

May 1785

At a Legal Town meeting may 9th 1785.

1st The Town made Choice of Ebenezar Champney Esqr to Represent them in the general Court the Ensuing year.

2d Then the Town proceed and Chose Ebenezar Champney Esqr moderator for the orderly carrying on the Town meeting.

3d article. Voted and Chose a Committee of Eleven persons to Consider of; and report at the adjournment of this meeting, in what way and manner the School, or Schools shall be kept in said Town the Ensuing year.

Chose
- Dr Isaac Farnsworth
- Lt Jo. Rockwood
- Mr Oliver Fletcher
- Mr Oliver Shed
- Majr Jo. Moors
- Dr Thos Farwell
- Mr Jonas Stone
- Capt Shadduck Blood
- Mr Caleb Woods
- Capt Job Shattuck
- Lt Abel Bancroft

Com^tee for the purposes afore^d.

Voted as Instruction to the Representative, that he oppose the return of the absentees into the Commonwealth, & with respect to the Division of the Counties that he act relative thereto as prudence shall Direct.

Voted to pass over the Remainder of the 3d article in the Warrent to the adjournment of this meeting.

4th article: Voted and Chose Mr Oliver Blood to Inspect the Stoney-wading place Bridge the year Ensuing. and Mr Nehh Lawrance to Inspect the Bridge at Woods's fordway (So Called). and Mr John Moors to Inspect the upper bridge near Simon Pages.

5th article. Voted, and Chose the Selectmen as a Committee to measure out, and apportion the Ground mention^d in this article, and Sell the Same to the Highest Bidder, and Give Deeds to the purchasers: the pews to be built uniformly by the purchasers under the Direction of the Selectmen.

6th Voted to abate the wid^o Hartwels rates as mention^d in the 6th article

Voted to pass over the matter of Elisha Corys rates.

Voted not to abate the rates of Josiah Larkin.

Voted that the Treasurer wait on the late Constable Wm Nutting three months from the date hereof, for the rates of Daniel Nutting jr and Thomas Gragg. Voted.

(22) December 1769 Jan.y 1790

At a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton December y 14 1769

1. Chose Capt Zach.h Fitch moderator.
2. Chose Oliver Prescott Esq.r Jamer Prescott Esq.r Joseph Sheple Esq.r Mr Isaac Farnsworth & Mr Jonar Stone a Commte to Consider what is Proper to be Done to Support the Bridges that Crosse the great River &c and ordered them to Report at the next meeting.
3. Voted to accept the List of Jurorsu
4. no Report on the forth article.
5. Chose Oliver Prescott Esq.r Joseph Sheple Esq.r & Mr Isaac Farnsworth a Commtt to Consider what is Proper to be Done about the New Provision Tax Committed to Capt Nathan Davis to Collect, and ordered said Commtt to Report at the next Town meeting.
6. Voted that the Treasurer Wait on Capt Nathan Davis for John Bridges Jorns During the Tourns Pleasure.
7. Voted to Pass over this article to the Adjournment of the meeting.
8. Chose Oliver Prescott Esq.r Capt Septha Richardson Mr Eph.m Nash Col.o Eben.r Woods Mr Isaac Farnsworth Maj.r Joseph Moors Mr Caleb Woods Mr Oliver Fletcher Joseph Sheple Esq.r Lt Joseph Rockwood Mr Jonas Stone Capt Job Shattuck & Mr John Sheple a Commtt to Consider what is Proper for the Town to Do about the Schools &c and ordered them to Report at the Adjournment of the meeting
9. Voted that the Treasurer Wait six months on Capt Nathan Davis for Amos Ames jun.r Taxes —

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first monday in Jan.y next at one of the Clock afternoon accordingly the meeting was adjorned.

Monday Jan.y y 4th 1790 the Town meet according to adjournment

10. Voted that the Treasurer Wait six months on David Woods for Daniel Nutting jun.r & Sam.l Bennett's Taxes
Voted that the Selectmen & Treasurer with David Wood Consider the matter of Ensign Eben.r Lakin's Taxes and Report at march meeting
Agreeable to the second Article in the warrant the Commtt Report Warbill, that the Town Choose a Commtt to Petition the Gen.l Court for to have a Lottery Granted for the Purpose of Supporting our Bridges that Crosses the great River and that said Commtt measure the Height Length & Breadth of said Bridges, and day the same before the Gen.l Court, also Chose Oliver Prescott Esq.r Mr John Park Dr Oliver Prescott jun.r Joseph Sheple Esq.r and Ens.n Moses Child a Commtt for the above Purpose —
Agreeable to the forth article in the warrant, Voted to accept the Report of the Commtt — Which Report was given back to said Commtt and they ordered to see the matter finally settled

(26) March 1790

3. Voted that swine run at Large the Ensuing year under the Restrictions of the Law.

4. Voted that the Highways, Town ways, Bridges &c be Repaired in the same way & manner they were the Last year and also Voted to Raise the Sum of one Hundred Pounds for that Purpose and ordered the same to be assessed.

5. Voted to accept the Report of the Comm.tee that was appointed to Reckon with the Town Treasurer, and also Chose Oliver Prescott Esq.r Ens.n Moses Child, & Capt. Septha Richardson a Comm.tee to Examine some notes that are Rolling in the Treasurers Hand, and ordered them to Report to the Town as soon as may be.

6. The Subscribers a Comm.tee appointed to take the Whole Number of Children in the Town of Groton, males under Twenty one & females under Eighteen years of age & not heads of families have attended the Business & find that their are in the Center District the following Number Viz)

Deacon Farnsworth's District	139
Capt. Sheple's District	68
Capt. Job Shattuck's District	54
Caleb Wood's District	52
James Blood's District	62
John Sheples District	12
Rocky Hill District	28
Eph.m Nash's District	46
Matthias Farnsworth's District	47
Jonas Stone's District	46
Mayj. Moore's District	39
West Side the River	66
Total	88
	750

Groton Feb.y 22.d 1790

Oliver Prescott
Joseph Sheple
Moses Child
Zachariah Fitch
} Comm.tee

The above Report was Read at the adjournment of the Town meeting which was the 22.d Day of March 1790, and Commited to Oliver Prescott Esq.r Ens.n Moses Child, Dr. Isaac Farnsworth, Capt. Joseph Rockwood, mr. Jonas Stone mr. John Sheple and mr. Nath.l Cumings, who are a Comm.tee Impowered & Directed to take this Report into further Consideration together with the requisition of the New law and Report a Place for the mode of keeping the Grammer & other Schools in the Town for the year insuing for the greatest advantage of the

youth & what may be necessary for the Town further to do to carry the same into Effect; and they are Directed to make their report at the next Town meeting in may.

Voted to Reconsider the Report of the Comm.tee that was appointed to Reckon with the Town Treasurer, Voted to Recommit the Report to the same Comm.tee and ordered them to Report at April meeting.

Chose major Joseph Moore Collector for the South Part of the Town, and he is to have one Penny one farthing on the Pound, and accepted Capt. Joseph Trufant, and Lt Wm. Bancroft, for his Bondsmen

Chose Mr. Francis Champney Collector for the North Part of the Town and he is to have four Pence on the Pound, and accepted major Joseph Moore and Capt. Nathan Davis for his Bondsmen

7. Voted to add the County Tax with the Town assessments for the future

8. Voted to Choose a Comm.tee to take the matter into Consideration Relative to a Request of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town, that Desire to be annexed to the Town of Dunstable.

Chose Oliver Prescott Esq., Lt Joseph Rockwood, Mr. Isaiah Eder, Ensn Moses Child, and Capt. Septha Richardson, and ordered them to Report at May meeting.

9. Voted to Choose a Comm.tee to see what is best to be done Relative to moving the workhouse

Chose Mr. Isaiah Eder, Capt. Septha Richardson & Lt Pelatiah Russell and ordered them to Report at may meeting

10. Voted to accept the Return of a bridle way through Solham wood land

Voted to adjorn the meeting to the First monday in April next

accordingly the meeting was adjorn.

April y 5 1790 the Town meet according to adjornment

11. Voted to Pass over this article

12. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen & Town Treasurer which is as follows Viz. we find that Ensign Ebenr Lakin Deceast was assessed in the Several Rate bills that was Committed to David Wood to collect the Sum of — — — — £13-14-7-3

Credit Given by Said Wood, £10-11-11-2

Remains Due Exclusive of Cost £3-2-8-1

Joseph Shed, Joseph Steele, Isaiah Eder, Benjn Page } Comm.tee

13. Voted not to abate the Rates of Ensn Ebenr Lakin Deceast as borne in John Gragg's List

Voted to abate the Rates of Ephm Parker as borne in the Late Constable Jona Farbell's List

Voted that the Treasurer wait on the Administrator of the Late Constable Jona Farbell Deceast for the Rates of Aaron Bigelow & Benja Beal till further order of the Town.

Voted that the Treasurer wait three months on Job Shattuck Junr. and Moses Chill for the Rates of Oliver Lakin.

Voted that the Treasurer wait Nine months on Thos. Bond for the Rates of Abel Farwell & Stephen [illegible]

Voted to accept Ephm Nash & Oliver Spaulding as Bondsmen for Francis Champney in Lieu of [illegible]

Voted to accept Ephm Nash & Oliver Spaulding as Bondsmen for Francis Champney in Lieu of [illegible]

Voted to [illegible] the meeting was Dismist. Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

April 1790

N. B. There are notes in the Treasurers hands from Twenty one Persons amounting to. — — — — — £ 84-14-5:5
and the Interest — — — —
also outstanding in Twenty one Late Constables & Collectors Lists ordered by the Town to remain untill their further order amounting to £ 107-18-3:1
and also some Philadelphia Iron which might be Sold —
the Town will Pass such Vote about the Premises as they may think fit —
the above was Read, accepted & ordered to be Recorded

4. Voted that the Treasurer wait on Capt. Davis for Nathan Ames Taxes till March next
5. Voted that the Selectmen give orders to the Back Constables for Daniel Nutting's Taxes agreeable to the Valluation of the money, then the meeting was Dismiss.

Recorded by Joseph Red Town Clerk

Middlesex ss, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in said County Qualified agreeable to the Constitution, to Vote for a Representative, and to such other Inhabitants as are Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs &c, you are hereby Notified & warned in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to assemble & meet at the Congregational meeting-house in said Town on Tuesday the fourth Day of May next at one of the Clock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following articles Viz.
1. To see if the Town will Choose some Proper Person or Persons to Represent them in the General Court the Ensuing year, and give him or them such Instructions as the Town shall See fit.
2. To Choose a moderator for to Regulate said meeting.
3. To hear the Report of the Comm^tee appointed to Consider what is Proper to be Done Relative to keeping the schools in said Town the year Ensuing, and act any thing thereon as the Town shall think Proper.
4. To see in what way and manner the School or Schools shall be kept in said Town the Ensuing year and Raise such Sum or Sums of money for that or any other Purpose as the Town shall See fit, and Choose a Comm^tee to Proportion the the School money for the Several angles

(32) May & June 1790.

Voted to accept the Report of the Commte appointed to Examine some notes in the Town Treasurers Hands &c. and ordered the same to be Put on file.

8. Chose Capt Richardson, Capt Sheple, & Lt Benja Lawrence a Commte to View the Pound &c.

9. Voted to Pass over this article.

10 Voted not to accept the Report of the Bridle way.

Voted to adjorn this meeting to the First monday in June at two of the Clock in the afternoon, with what is to be acted on the 3d & 4th articles. accordingly the meeting was adjd

June the 7 1790 the Town meet according to adjornment agreeable to the 3d article Voted not to accept the Report of the Commte, that was appointed to Consider what was Proper to be done Relative to keeping the schools in said Town.

Agreeable to the 4th article Voted that the Grammer School be three months in the Center of the Town two months in Dr Lawrence District, two months in Major Moors District, two months in Capt Sheples District, and the Remainder of the year to be Left Discretionary with the Selectmen — also Voted to Raise one Hundred Pound, for the Purpose of keeping the Schools in said Town the Ensuing year — and Chose the Selectmen a Commte to Proportion the School money for the Several angles of the Town — and also Chose the Selectmen a Commte to Provide a Grammer School master. also Voted to Raise fifty Pounds to be appropriated for to Pay the Town Debt — and ordered the above to be assessed.

Then the meeting was Dismiss

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

Middlesex ss — Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton — in said County, Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs &c —

(GREETING) You are hereby Notified and warned in the name of the Commonwealth aforesd to assemble and meet, at the Congregational meeting-house in said Town, on monday the Seventh Day of June next, at two of the Clock in the afternoon on said Day, to act on the following articles viz)

1. To Choose a moderator.
2. To Choose an assessor for said Town, in the Room of David Blodget

Dated at Groton aforesd this Twenty-ninth Day of May A.D. 1790

by order of the Selectmen

Joseph Shed Town Clerk

At a Legal Town meeting June ye 7 1790

1. Chose Lt Joseph Rockwood moderator
2. Chose Joseph Shed Assessor — then the meeting was Dismiss

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

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9. To see if the Town will repair their Publick meeting-house by New Painting And raise money for that Purpose and Choose a Committe to see that it is done in the Cheapest and best manner.

10. To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to Reckon with the three Senior Selectmen by Choice for the year Past who were Trustees by the last will and Testament of Josiah Sartell Esq.r late of Groton Deceast, for the managing that part of the real Estate of said Deceased where he Last Dwelt and was bequeathed to the Town; and see whether they have made the necessary repairs agreable to the intention of the Testator, and also Consider what further Repairs of the Buildings are Necessary to prevent the Lapse of the Legacy and report the Ballance due to the Town for the rents the year past.

11. To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to Prosecute for late Trespasses Committed on the Highways, Townways and to take Care of the Timber and Trees standing on the Same for the future.

12. To see if the Town will take into Consideration the Several School Districts in this Town and make any alterations as the Town shall see fit; and also Choose a Committee to Estimate the Several School-houses and repair them and make them Convenient for that Purpose and also Build new School-houses where it shall appear to be necessary and to act any thing Relative to this article as the Town shall think Proper

13. To see if the Town will Vote to Legally lay open as a Town way the old County Road, so Called, so far as it goes through land formerly Claimed by Wade & Currier Providing that Capt. Zach.h Fitch will prove at his own Expence said land to be the Towns Property and will indemnify the Town of Groton from any Cost or Charge that may arise by laying open said way, and act any thing Relative to this article as the Town shall see fit.

14. To see what Directions the Town will give Capt. Nathan Tarr with Respect to Nathan Ames' New Emission Tax, also with respect to Sundry Persons who Produce Will.m Farwell's Receipt in full for their Rate in said New Emission Tax but have no Credit in the Rate Bill.

15. To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Joseph Kemp, Benj.a Simpson Aaron Bigelow, Luther Flint, Bartlett Ramsdel, John Robbins Jr. Aaron Farnsworth, Levi Farnsworth, Roberson Lakin Jr. Elias.r Stacy, Jabez Holden and Henry M.c Neal, as borne in Joa. Stone's list, and act on all and Each of the foregoing articles as the Town shall think Proper, Dated at Groton aforesaid this Nineteenth Day of February A.D. 1791. by order of the Selectmen

Joseph Shed Town Clerk

March 1791

6. Voted to Pass over this article
7. Voted and Chose the Selectmen a Commt. to Consider the matter Relative to this article, and that they make Report the next meeting
8. This article acted upon the former meeting
9. Voted to Pass over this article
10 Voted to Choose a Commt. for the Purpose mentioned in this article Chose Mr. Isaiah Eder mr. John Steple Prs. Sam. Lawrence
11. Voted and Chose Lt. Joseph Rockwood Capt. Job Shattuck and Capt. Lach. Fitch a Commtt. for the Purpose mentioned in this article
12. Voted to Choose a Commt. of five for the Purpose mentioned in this article Chose Mayr. Aaron Brown Capt. Lach. Fitch mr. Jonar Stone mr. Willm. Nutting & mr. Jacob Patch.
13. This article Passed in the affirmative on Condition mentioned in the same
14 Voted that the Selectmen take up the matter Relative to Nathan Ames's New Emition Tax and that they Report to the Town the nex Town meeting
15. Voted that the Treasurer wait on mr. Jona. Stone for the Rates of Joseph Kemp three months, for Benja. Amsden three months for Aaron Biglow six months for Roberson Lakin 1 three month
Voted to abate the Rates of Jabez Holden and Henry M'Neal
Chose Capt. Job Shattuck Collector for the North Part of the Town and he is to have three Pence on the Pound and accepted Job Shattuck 1 and Ezekiel Shattuck for his Bondsmen
Chose Major Joseph Moors Collector for the South Part of the Town and he is to have three Pence three farthing on the Pound and accepted Mayr. Aaron Brown and Mayr. Amos Farnsworth for his Bondsmen
Chose Capt Job Shattuck Constable
Chose Mayr. Joseph Moors Constable
Then the meeting was Dismiss

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

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March 1792

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Joseph Moore Esq one of the Constables of the Town of Groton in said County . . . . . Greeting

You are in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required to Notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs (as are named on the list hereunto annexed) To assemble and meet at the Congregational meeting-house in said Town on Tuesday the Sixth Day of March next at Nine of the clock in the forenoon on said Day, to act on the following articles viz.

1st To Choose a moderator for the orderly Carrying on said meeting.

2. To Choose all such Town officers as are required by Law to serve in said Town the Ensuing year. And also a County Treasurer.

3. To see if the Town will give Liberty for Swine to run at large the Ensuing year, under the Restrictions of the Law.

4. To see in what way and manner the Highways, Townways, Causeways and Bridges in said Town shall be Repaired the Ensuing year, and raise such sum or sums of money for that Purpose as the Town shall see fit, and order the same to be assessed.

5. To hear the report of the Comm.ee appointed to reckon with the Town Treasurer and accept of the same if the Town shall see fit.

6. To see if the Town will determin in what way and manner they will have their Town meetings warned in future.

7. To see what allowance the Town will make Mr. Sam.l Ward for the Town way lately laid through his land, and also to see if the Town will order their Treasurer to wait upon Constable Moore for the Taxes now due from the said Ward untill further order, and act any thing relative to this article as the Town shall see fit.

8. To see if the Town will agree on a method of building & repairing School-houses in the several School Districts in said Town and raise money for that purpose and order the same to be assessed.

9. To Choose a Comm.tee to see what Constables & Collectors previous to the year 1790. are in a rear and have not settled with the Town Treasurer and Consider thereof and report what steps are necessary to be taken to bring them to a speedy settlement as they may think proper.

10. To see whether the Town will take the Portion of Isaac Pierce a noncompus Person and Lodge the same in the Town Treasury for his future support

March 1792

By his fees as Treasurer four pounds Seven Shillings and Ten pence £4:7:10-
By his paying Jane Eustice &c ..... 60 - - -
By Abel Wood's note given up by order of the Town ... 9:5:2-
By Jon.a Wood's note given up as afore 10:0:10:3
The whole Credit amounting to Six hundred & Ten pounds Eight Shillings & Eight pence three farthings £ 610:8:8:3.
So that there is outstanding in the said Treasurer and the Several Constables and Collectors hands for them to account for together with the notes in his office the sum of Seven hundred & thirty Eight pounds one Shilling & Elevenpence three farthings £738:1:11:3

And your Committee would further observe that there are sundry notes in the Treasurers office of no Vallue and recommend that some suitable persons be appointed to Examine the same and that the Treasurer be discharged therefrom. all which is submitted

Groton 1 march 1792.

Oliver Prescott
Joseph Shed
Zachariah Fitch } Committee

6. Voted that the Town meetings be warned in future as has been usual heretofore, by the Town Clerk: Posting them, by order of the Selectmen Eight Days, Including two Sabbaths.
7. Voted to Choose a Comm.tee to Confer with Mr. Sam.ll Wood relative to this article, Chose James Prescott Esq.r Capt. Joseph Sheple, and Mr. Jon.a Lawrance, Voted the Comm.tee Discretionary Power.
also Voted that the Treasurer wait three months on Constable Moore for said Wood's Taxes.
8. This article passed in the negative.
9. Voted to choose a Comm.tee to Examin into the accounts of the Constables and Collectors, previous to the year 1790 Chose Oliver Prescott Esq.r, James Prescott Esq.r & Joseph Shed, Voted the Comm.tee Discretionary Power.
10 Voted that the Portion of Isaac Pierce be Lodged with the Town Treasurer And the Treasurer Receipt Sam.ll Pierce for the same.
11. Voted to choose a Comm.tee to settle with Aaron Bigelow relative to this article: Chose Mr. Isaiah Eddes & Sam.ll Lawrance & Mr. Moody Chase and ordered them to report at the next meeting.
12. Voted to Impower the Comm.tee formerly Chosen, to Confer with Caleb Wood and others, And to report at April meeting.
13. Voted that the Treasurer wait on Francis Champney for the term of one year, for John Greggs Town Taxes.

March & April 1772

14: Voted and Chose Mr Isaiah Eder, Capt Zach: Fitch, Joseph Shed, Dn Sam: Lawrance & Dn Isaac Farnsworth a Comm to Seat the Congregational meeting-house, And also Voted that the Commtt refer to the last Seating for their Instructions.

15: Voted to abate the Tax of the Widow Dolly Prescott as mentioned in this article, and not to have her Tax any more at present.

Then the meeting was Dismist.

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

Middlesex ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Joseph Shed of Groton in Said County . . . . . Greeting

(L.S.) You are in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required to
(L.S.) Notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by
(L.S.) Law to Vote for a Governor, Lt Governor, Councellors & Senators,
(L.S.) And such other Inhabitants of said Town as are Qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs &c, To assemble and meet at the Congregational meeting-house in said Town on monday the Second Day of April next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon on said Day, to act on the following articles (Viz)

1. To give in your Vote for a Governor, Lt Governor, Councellors and Senators for the year Ensuing.
2. To Choose a moderator for the orderly Carrying on said meeting
3. To Choose an assessor in the room of William Swan Esq; And also Constables, and Collectors for the year Ensuing.
4. To see if the Town will Choose any more hogreeves to Serve in the Town the year Ensuing.
5. To hear the request of Isaiah Eder, Oliver Blood & Jacob Gragg, relative to their working out their highway Taxes in future and act thereon as the Town shall see fit.
6. To hear the report of the Commtt appointed to Seat the Congregational meeting-house and accept of the same if the Town shall see fit.
7. To see what method the Town will take for the Building & repairing there School-houses and Choose a Committee to determin how many are necessary and where they ought to be set and of what dimentions built for the best accommodation of the Inhabitants agreable to the Number of Children within the districts; and also Estimate the several houses as are already built so that equal justice may be done throughout the whole Town agreable to their pay & number;

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6. Voted that all the School Houses that are at present Erected or may become necessary to be built or erected be at the expence of the Town, that a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration the present division of the Town into Districts & Report such alteration in the same as may be expedient, appraize the several Buildings that are calculated to serve the respective Districts in which they are situated and all their necessary repairs to be paid & the Size & expence of such other buildings as may be found necessary to be erected & the places where they ought to be affixed in case such District dont agree upon a place among themselves, also report the most equitable manner of laying the Town such sum or sums as may be needfull for defraying the expence attending the procuring & furnishing said buildings; And refunding to the respective Districts that have buildings already erected their joint proportion in full manner so that each District may receive to their own use all the monies that may be assessed upon the District so that all the Houses that are or may be built be at the sole expence of the District in which said buildings are or may be erected &c — And also report what allowance ought to be made to such Individuals as neither are or can be furnished with Houses. Voted and Chose Capt. Zach.h Fitch Oliver Prescott Esq. Mr. John Shepley Jun. Sam.l Lawrence & Mr. Jonas Stone a Comm.tee for the above purposes

8. Chose Mr. Isaiah Eder Oliver Prescott Jr. Esq. & Mr. Sam.l Dana, a Comm.tee for the Purpose mentioned in this article

9. Voted to Pass over this article to the next meeting

10. Voted to accept the report of the Committee, which is as follows.

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee in March last — for the Purpose of making a Settlement with Aaron Bigelow, Respecting said Bigelow's keeping Isaac Pierce for some time past, beg leave to report — that in our Opinion Bigelow receive as a compensation the remainder of all Back Taxes as borne in the several late Constable and Collection lists up to the first Day of April 1792 — also that the Town receive said Isaac's Portion for the Benefit of the Town, being about thirty Pounds and Discharge Samuel Pierce for said Isaac's part of his late Fathers estate — which we Submit

Sam.l Lawrance
Isaiah Eder
Moody Chase
} Committee

Also Voted that said Bigelow receive fifteen Pounds of said Isaac's Portion and that the Treasurer receive the remainder for the Towns use.

11. Voted that the Comm.tee still Persist with Discretionary Power.

12. Voted that the Treasurer wait six months on Lt. Joseph Rockwood for James Bowers rates Voted to abate the rates of John Trowbridge Jr. Voted that the Treasurer wait six months on the heirs of Jon.a Torbell for Benj.a Beals rates. Then the meeting was Dismissd

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

May 1792.

Middlesex ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To Joseph Shed of Groton in said County Greeting.

You are in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required to Notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified agreeable to the Constitution to Vote for a Representative. And such other Inhabitants of said Town as are Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs: &c

To assemble and meet at the Congregational meeting-house in said Town on monday the Seventh Day of may next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon on said Day to act on the following articles viz.

1. To see if the Town will Choose some Proper Person or Persons to Represent them in the General Court the Ensuing year, and give him or them such Instructions as the Town shall see fit.
2. To Choose a moderator for to regulate said meeting.
3. To see in what way and manner the School or Schools shall be kept in said Town the Ensuing year and raise such sum or sums of money for that or any other purpose as the Town shall see fit. And order the same to be assessed; and Choose a Committee to Proportion the School money for the Several districts of the Town, and also Choose a Committe to Provide a Grammer-School master for the year Ensuing.
4. To Choose some Proper Persons to Inspect the Bridges across the great River the Ensuing year and instruct them as the Town shall see fit.
5. To hear the request of Moody Chase and his sons relative to their working out their Highway rates in future, and act any thing thereon as the Town shall see fit.
6. To hear the report of the Committee appointed by the Selectmen to lay out a Townway from Jeremiah Farmer, to Amasa Gilson and accept of the same if the Town shall think Proper.
7. To hear the memorial of a Number of the Representatives relative to Concord being made the Shire Town of the County; with the General Courts order thereon, and act any thing relative thereto as the Town shall judge Proper
8. To see if the Town will order their assessors to assess the County Tax that is now laid on said Town, and act any thing thereon as the Town shall see fit.
9. To see what Directions the Town will give the Selectmen with regard to Edward Adams and his family.
10. To see what Directions the Town will give their assessors with regard to their Taking the Valluation of said Town.
11. To see if the Town will give Capt. Zach. Fitch his Taxes or any Part thereof so long as he shall keep that Bridge near his house over Lancaster River in good Repair or act any other matter or thing Respecting said Bridge as the Town shall see fit.
12. To see if the Town will set off Caleb Wood & others that heretofore signed a Petition to be annexed to the Town of Dunstable with their Estates, or make any other lines for a division or say in what way and manner they shall be annexed to said Dunstable and act any thing about the same as they shall think fit.

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13. To see if the Town will abate the rates of Isaac Boynton Thomas Trowbridge, and What remains due from Samuel Gilson, and Benj^a Simson as borne in John Gregg's List. And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen by Nine of the Clock on said Day, fail not at the Peril of the Law, Given under our hands and Seals at Groton aforesaid this Twenty third Day of April A.D. 1792.

Oliver Prescott
Saml Rockwood
Francis Champney
Amos Farnsworth
} Selectmen of Groton

Return

Middlesex ss- Groton May ye 4 1792

In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town to attend at time and Place for the Purposes within mentioned; by Causing this warrant to be Posted Eight Days, agreeable to the Vote of said Town.

Joseph Shed

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

At a Legal Town meeting on the Seventh Day of May 1792.

1. Chose Maj^r Aaron Brown to Represent the Town in the General Court the Ensuing year
2. Chose Oliver Prescott Esqr moderator.
3. Voted that the Schools be kept in the same way and manner that they were the Last year. Voted to raise one Hundred Pounds for that Purpose, and ordered the same to be assessed. Also Chose the Selectmen a Comm^tee to Proportion the School money, and to Provide a Grammer Schoolmaster.
4. Chose Lt Benj^a Lawrance Lt Joseph Rockwood & Mr Jon^a Stone jr to take Care of the great Bridge the Ensuing year.
5. Voted that Moody Chase and his Sons and Simon Dealby have their Highway rates allowed them so long as they keep the great Bridge near Said Chases in good repair.
6. Voted to accept the report of the Comm^tee & ordered the Same to be recorded
7. the memorial of a number of the Representatives of the County of Middlesex war with the General Courts order thereon and the Town Voted that the Representative use his Influance in the General Court for to have the Town of Concord made the Shire Town of the County.
8. Voted that the Treasurer be Directed to Discharge the County Tax in the most Prudent manner
9. Voted to Dismiss this article
10. Voted to Dismiss this article

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11. Voted that the Selectmen be directed to give Capt. Fitch a Town order for the sum of two Pounds a year so long as he shall keep that Bridge near his house over Lunkester River in good repair, with the addition of his own and Caleb Bloods and Saml Hemenways Highway rates.

12. Voted not to set off Caleb Woods & others to the Town of Dunstable

13. Voted that the Treasurer wait on John Gregg one year for Benjamin Simson's rates, Voted to abate the rates of Thos Trowbridge Samuel Gilson & Isaac Boynton, also Voted that the Selectmen give the orders to the Town Treasurer. Then the meeting was Dismiss'd

Recorded by Joseph Red Town Clerk

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Joseph Red of Groton in said County ..... Greeting

You are in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs &c. To assemble and meet at the Congregational meeting-house in said Town on monday the seventeenth Day of September Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following articles (viz).

1. To Choose a moderator for the orderly Carrying on said meeting.
2. To Choose a Committee to Reckon with the Town Treasurer and Direct them to report as the Town shall see fit.
3. To see what encouragement the Town will give towards the support of an Academy or free School in said Town and pass such Vote about the same as the Town shall think proper.
4. To hear the report of the Committee Chosen relative to the School houses, and the report of the Committee Chosen to settle with mr Joseph Keys, for the support of Jane Boyden, and of the Committee Chosen to Examine the rates in the Treasurers office, and accept of all or Either of said reports, and act upon the same as the Town shall think fit.
5. To see if the Town will allow John Robbins David Farnsell & Joseph Wyeth to draw their proportion of the School money for the future and lay out the same in their own ways.
6. Whereas the Great Bridge at Woods ferryway needs Immediate repair Therefore to see if the Town will order one or more Arches to be built & the Bridge fully repaired & appoint some proper person to inspect the Business.
7. To see if the Town will raise any sum or sums of money to defray the Town Charges that have, or may arise in said Town, and act any thing thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Sep^tr 1792

At a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Groton Sep^tr ye 17 1792

1. Chose Aaron Brown moderator
2. Chose Oliver Prescott Esqr Aaron Brown Esqr Jaimes Prescott Esqr Mr Jacob Patch & Mr Isaac Farnsworth a Committee to Reckon with the Town Treasurer and to make report at marshmeset.
3. Past over
4. Voted to accept the report of the Committee Relative to School houses which is as follows.

The Committee appointed by the Town of Groton at their meeting on the 2^d Day of April 1792

To Consider how many School Dettricts are necessary to be made and to ascertain their boundaries and say where the several houses shall be Set &c have this day attended the Business and report as followeth to wit 1 That their ought to be Twelve dettricts that Jaimes Blood & others draw their proportion of the School money as heretofore, provided they lay out the same properly in the judgement of the Selectmen.

2. That the west side the river form one Dettrict & that the School house be Erected where the old one last Stood or as near as may be.
3. The west side of Broad meadow be a Dettrict & Bounded Beginning at Lt Wm Bancroft, and so on the road to Lt Levi Kemp, including Ambrose Lakin Ebenr Stacy & Converse Richardson and the widow Collier's farm, and that the School-house be and remain where it now Stand, —
4. That Major Moore's Dettrict begin at Mahel Wyman on the north and Jonathan Stone's Junr on the west — Amos Stone South and the road from Joseph Allen's to Jason Hemingway's including Jonathan Laurances farm; and that a School house be Erected where the old one now Stands —
5. Mr Jonas Stone's Dettrict begins at the widow Sibbel Stone's and includes Thomas Wood David Dwinnell and all the Families to Harvard line and that the School house be and remain where it now Stands.
6. Matthias Farnsworth's Dettrict begins at the house where Ebenr Nutting last dwelt on the north Colr Wood & Jimo Farwell & all the Inhabitants to Littleton line and that the School-house be & remain where it now Stands.
7. Ephraim Nash's Dettrict begins at Jonathan Pierce's & so on up the County road to the Boyden's lane & down the lane to include Amos Lane, Nathan Nutting & Jonas Green & on the South to include Isaac Laurance Jr & Jonathan Fish's and that a School house be Erected between Jonathan Page's & the house belonging to Phinehas Parker's

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8. Rocky hill Destrict Begins at Joseph Bloods and so on by Oliver Fletcher's to David Green's horse hill farm including Jacob Patch & Jonas Prescott on that road the wid. Derumple and James Woods, and all the Inhabitants over Cowpond brook and that a school-house be Erected near where Lt. Nath.l Sawtell now Dwells as being a Center for the Destrict.

9. Unkellynasett Destrict begins at Lt. John Woods' and so on to Dr. Marshall's farm & by Ebenr. Proctors & all the Inhabitants that lives between the Boundaries of Rocky hill destrict and Dunstable line and that a schoolhouse be Erected near Mr. Caleb Woods' as a Center.

10. Mr. John Sheple's Destrict begins at Jason Williams' and so on to Jeremiah Hobart's and includes Lt. Simeon Williams & Davis Chapman's on that side and Nath.l Blanchard Ezekiel Fletcher, Oliver Parker, Phinehas Parker Lt. Joseph Shed and Daniel Williams on that side and that a school house be Erected between the late Col.o Tartell's mansion-house and his Milling house

11. Capt. Job Shattucks Destrict begins at John Lawrance's new house & so on the County road to the River & by Isaac Lakins to Francis Worster's & from thence to Thomas Bennetts & from thence the road over Coldspring to the road first mentioned including Solomon Gilson; and that a School house be Erected on the most Convenient Ground between Ezekiel Shattuck's & James Bennetts for a Center

12. Mr. Jacob L. Parker's Destrict at James Sheple's; Including Willm. Farwell & Oliver Lakin and so on by John Gragg's to Jona. Pratts and from Wilder Sheple's to the River and the red road to include Willm. Milling & so up to Francis Champneys; and that a School-house be Erected as near Jacob L. Parker's as may be Convenient

13. The middle Destrict begins at Capt. Sheple's & so down the County road to Boyden's lane — and on Harvard road to Joseph Sawtells Junr. including Lt. Wait & Amos Davis — on the East as far as Oliver Fletcher Junr. — and the House where Benja. Parker lives by Eli Ames & Nehemiah Sherman — & Robert Ames — and Northerly includes Isaac Bowers & Joseph Sawtell; and that a new Schoolhouse be Erected where the old one now stands And Provided any person included in Either of the foregoing Destricts as they are now bounded is dissatisfied that he have Liberty to join any other Destrict at his own option; provided he give in his name to the Selectmen or Town Clerk; before the said houses are set up.

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Your Committee further report that the Sum of Three hundred and Sixty pounds be raised and assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Town for the Purpose of building School-houses to be laid out under the Inspection of a Comm^tt to be Chosen for that Purpose and that all the said houses to be Built within one year from this date and if any Destrict unites in building their own School-houses to the Satisfaction of the Comm^tt aforesd within the time aforesd that then they have orders for their money and where any destrict has already a house built sufficient in the judgement of said Comm^tt that they draw their money accordingly — that so Each Destrict may have the Benefit of their own money &c.

And if any Destrict shall neglect or refuse to build a School-house in manner & time as aforesd, the Comm^tt aforesd shall proceed to build their house & draw their money therefor.

And that the Collecting of the said Money shall be Postponed to the end of said year.

All which is Submitted — Zachariah Fitch, Oliver Prescott, John Sheple } Comm^tt

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And chose Oliver Prescott Esqr Pelatiah Russell Jon^a Keep Francis Champney & Aaron Brown Esqr a Comm^tt to see that the several School-houses be Erected.

5. Past in the Negative.
6. Past in the Negative.
7. Voted to raise three hundred & Sixty Pounds for the Purpose of Building School-houses in the Several Destricts of the Town. And also voted to raise two hundred Pounds for to Pay the Town Debts and ordered the same to be assessed.
8. Past in the Negative.
9. Past in the Negative.
10. Voted and Chose Captn Zach^h Fitch James Prescott Esqr & Dr. Sam^ll Lawrance a Comm^tt to view the Land as mentioned in this article and that they make their report to the Town the next meeting.
11. Past in the Negative.
12. Voted to abate the rates of Jon^a Prall as mentioned in this article

Then the meeting was Dismiss^d

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

7. To hear the list of jurors and accept of the same if the Town shall see fit.
8. To see if the Town pay Cald: wood for Collecting Taxes for the year 1792 and act thereon as the Town shall think Proper.
9. To see if the Town will make Town orders a tender to their several Collector for Town Taxes - in future.
10. To see if the Town will vote to have Major Moors' School Destrict remain as was voted by the Town in September last or Excuse said Destrict from building a house or act any thing about the same as the Town shall see fit.
11. To see what the Town will do about Edward Adams & his Family and Choose a Committee to settle with the Town of Lunenburg, or to answer the Complaint of said Lunenburg at the next march Term and act any thing about the same as the Town shall think Proper.
12. To see if the Town will abate the school Tax charged upon Simeon & Jonas Gilson for the Sartell farm.
13. To see if the Town will abate the rates of Jon.a Pratt in Collector Job Shattuck's rates for 1791.
14. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore Chosen, accept of the same and act any thing about them as the Town shall see fit.

And you are to make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one of the Selectmen by time of the Clock on said Day fail not at the Peril of the Law, Given under our Hands and Seals at Groton aforesaid this Eighteenth Day of February A.D. 1793

Oliver Prescott
Sam.l Rockwood } Selectmen for Groton
Amos Farnsworth

Return

Middlesex ss - Groton March 6.th 1793

By virtue of the within Warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town to attend at time and Place for the Purposes within mentioned, by Causing this Warrant to be Posted Eight Days agreeable to the vote of said Town

Joseph Shed

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

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9. Voted to make Town Orders a tender to the Several Collectors for Town Taxes in future.
10. Past over this article.
11. Chose Mr Timothy Bigelow to Defend the action brought against the Town by the Town of Lunenburg.
12. This article Past in the Negative.
13. Voted to abate the rates of Jon.a Pratt as mention in this article
14. Voted to accept the report of the Commtt appointed to Reckon with Mr Joseph Keys Guardian to Jane Boyden:

The Subscribers Chosen a Committee by the Town of Groton to Examine the accounts of Joseph Keys Guardian to Jane Boyden a person Noncompos mentis have attended to that Service and find his accounts for Boarding Cloathing &c furnished the said Jane from the 23.d of Sept.r 1790 to the 17th of Nov.r 1792 amounting to the Sum of Thirty one pounds Ten Shillings & Ten Pence, to be well avouched and have Certified the same to the Honble Judge of Probate for his allowance thereof.

In the account of Jos Keys as exhibited to us he Charged himself with the amt of the Inventy of personal Estate as the Same was returned into the Probate Office £ 6-16-0
with the Sum decind her by the Judge of Probate.
on the 16th of april 1792 ---------- 51:5:10
with the Intrest thereof 19 mo 5 Days ------ 4:15-4
£ 63:0-2
and he craves an allow of the above account ___ 31:10:10
Ballance in the Guardian hand ---------- £ 31=9=4
Nov.r 17th 1792

Which is Submitted by
Isaiah Edes
Oliver Prescott jun.r } Commtt
Sam.l Dana

Then the meeting was dismist
Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

April 1793

Middlesex ss- Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To Joseph Shed of Groton in said County ——— Greeting

you are in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required to Notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth. And such other Inhabitants of said Town as are Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs &c. To assemble and meet at the South meeting-house in said Town on monday the First day of April next, at nine of the Clock in the forenoon on said day to act on the following articles viz.

1st. To give in their votes to the Selectmen of said Town for a Representative for the First District to represent the People of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the united States.

2. To give in their Votes for a Governor, Lt. Governor, Councellors and Senators, for the year Ensuing.

3. To Choose a moderator.

4. To Choose Constables, & Collectors for the year Ensuing.

5. To see what Instructions the Town will give the Selectmen relating to Class Tax No. 6; and act any thing about the same as the Town shall think Proper.

6. To see if the Town will make any grant to Mr. Moody Chase, in money or any other way to enable him to rebuild the Bridge across Lonnaster river near his land, lately carried away by the freshet.

7. To see if the Town will order that the South Parish meeting-house be new painted & Repaired, provided the first Parish will allow the rents of the Sartell Farme for the year Ensuing to be appropriated towards the Expence and Choose a Committee to see the work is well done and act any thing upon this article as the Town shall think Proper.

8. To see if the Town will disannul that part of the 13th article of a report of a Committee respecting the dividing the Town into destricts for building School-Houses &c; which was made to & accepted by the Town Sept. 17- 1792, which is in the following words viz, "& provided any person included in either of the foregoing destricts as they are now bounded is dissatisfied that he have liberty to join any other destrict at his own option provided he give in his name to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before said Houses are set up; or act any thing about the same as the Town shall see fit.

9. To see if the Town will abate the Taxes of John Hadley, Saml. Gilson, Benjn. Bennett jun., Saml. Bennett, Benjn. Simson, & Benjn. Lawrance, as borne in Constable David Woods rates for the year 1792 or either of them or any part thereof.

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6. To hear the report of the Committee that was chosen to Inspect the building of the School-house within this Town & act any thing about the same as the Town shall see fit. And to see if the Town will order that sum of money which was raised & assessed for the the purpose of building the School-houses to be committed to the Collectors or any part thereof and to appropriate the same for that purpose and to be paid in Specie; And also raise any further sum of money for compleating the said School-houses and order that the same be assessed and pass such orders about the payment of the same as the Town shall think proper.

7. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to examine the Public Roads & Town-ways to prevent any future Encroachments on the same; and Instruct them to remove any fence or other obstacle that may heretofore have been planted to straighten or incumber the said Roads and give the said Committee any Instruction respecting the business, or pass any Vote on the subject as the Town shall think proper.

8. To see if the Town will sell the singing Pews and say in what way & manner or act any thing thereon as the Town shall see fit.

9. To see if the Town will abate the rates of Benj.a Beals as borne in the Late Constable Jon.a Farbells List for the year 1783.

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to one of the Selectmen by Vote of the Clerk on said Day, fail not at the peril of the Law. Given under our Hands and Seals at Groton aforesaid this Eighteenth day of February A.D. 1794

Oliver Prescott } Selectmen
Jon.a Rockwood } for
Amos Farnsworth } Groton

Return

Middlesex ss Groton March ye 4th 1794

By virtue of the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town to attend at time and place for the purposes within mentioned by causing this warrant to be posted Eight Days agreeable to the Vote of said Town

Joseph Shed

May 1794

At a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton on Monday the 12 day of May 1794

1. Chose Mr Timothy Bigelow Representative to Represent the Town in the General Court the Ensuing year.
2. Chose James Prescott Esq moderator
3. Voted that the Schools be kept in the same way & manner that they were the last year refering to a former vote.
Voted to raise one hundred & fifty Pounds for the purpose of schooling and fifty Pounds for the purpose of finding wood for the Schools and to be divided typical to the School money and ordered the same to be assessed. and chose the Selectmen a Committe to Proportion the School money and to Provide a grammer School-master.
Voted to raise two hundred Pounds for to build School-houses
also Voted to raise four hundred Pounds for to pay Town debts.
and ordered the same to be assessed.
4. Pass over. Voted to accept the following report
5. The subscribers a Committe appointed by the Town of Groton to take into consideration all matters relative to the building and finishing School-Houses in said Town &c upon the plan of each destricts building their own house have attended to the business & beg leave to report as follows.
1. That the first assessment be immediately committed for collection and the further sum of two Hundred Pounds be raised and assessed fourthwith.
2. That any destrict which is at present deficient in a House may (if the majority of such destrict make request to the Committee for building School-Houses by the first day of June) have time to the 1st of Septr next to build But that said Committee be directed to build a House for each destrict that shall not make request as aforesaid: as soon as conveniently may be.
3. That the money already assessed also all the money that may be hereafter raised & assessed for the purposes aforesaid be appropriated for that use only.
4. That each destrict who have or may contract with any Person to build a House in whole or in part shall immediately on the fulfilment of such contract give notice to the Town Treasurer & Collector the sum due by such Contract to the persons so Contracting
5. That the Town Treasurer & Collector be directed to receive of any person belonging to a destrict that has given notice of a Contract fulfilled as aforesaid Receipts to the amount of such persons tax given by the Contractor of his destrict in favour of said Treasurer

May 1794

6. That the second assessment so far as relates to any district that may build & compleat a House to the Town's acceptance may at the request of such district not be committed for collection but the Selectmen give order upon the Treasurer in such districts favour for the whole.

7. When any district's proportion of the first assessment may not be sufficient to build a House & the deficiency shall not be Equiel to their full proportion of the second assessment: such district may notify the assessors the sum they are thus deficient — The assessors on such Information are directed to make out a list of each persons proportion of such deficiency & annex the same to said districts full proportion of the said second assessment — and the Selectmen previous to the Commitment of such list are directed to write on the back of the same an order on the Treasurer in such districts favour to the amount of the overplus: with direction to the Collector to collect & pay into the Treasury the ballance due after such order is made. All which is Submitted by.

Oliver Prescott } Committee
Saml Rockwood
Pelatiah Russell

Groton April 1. 1794

6. Voted and chose Oliver Prescott Esqr, Aaron Brown Esqr & James Prescott Esqr a Committee for to sell Part of the Town Common Land, and that said Committee have Discretionary Power.

7. Past over

8. Voted Thos Trowbridge Liberty to remove the house as mentioned in this article

9. Voted to allow Saml Farwell Twelve Shillings, and that Thos Bond Pay the same and that it be allowed to said Bond out of his Last year's Highway Tax.

11. Voted that Mr Jon^a Stone have Liberty to shut up the road as mentioned in this article during the Town's pleasure, he keeping good gate, or draw bars and keeping the road as good as it now is

10. Voted to allow Capt Pitch fifteen Pounds for to Enable him to build a new Bridge.

12. Voted that Constable Moore take good advice relative to Peter Morton Jacob and that he Proceed accordingly.

13. Voted to accept the return of a road from John Simonds through Saml Kemp's Land &c which is Recorded in Book No 4 Page 91

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3 To see what method the Town will take to support their Poor in future, or act any thing relative to this article as the Town shall think proper.

4 To see if the Town will repair the monument over the rev: Caleb Trowbridge's grave it being nearly fallen down & choose some person to see it done.

5 To see if the Town will vote to have a School-house built between Samuel Gragg & William Shattuck for that District.

6 To see if the Town will order their Selectmen to put Aaron Browns order on Interest.

7 To see if the Town will direct their Selectmen and the Committee that is appointed to run the Town lines to make bounds between the Towns of Groton Dunstable and Pepperell and act any thing Relative to this & the foregoing articles as the Town shall think proper.

8 To see if the Town will order the new road to John Fletcher's laid open

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen by two of the clock in the afternoon on said day fail not at the peril of the Law.

Given under our Hands & seals at Groton aforesaid this Thirteenth Day of October A.D. 1794

Oliver Prescott } Selectmen
Francis Champney } for Groton

Return

Middlesex ss Groton Nov: 3d 1794

by virtue of the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town to attend at time and place by causing this warrant to be Posted Eight Days agreeable to the vote of said Town Joseph Shed

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

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Nov.r 1794

At a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton on monday the third Day of Nov.r 1794; the votes were brought in for a Representative for the second middle District to Represent the People of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States as followeth Viz.

for a Representative	No. Votes	for Representative	No. Votes
Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq.	24	Mr. Francis Champney	5
Hon. Samuel Baxter jr. Esq.	3	Mr. Jonathan Bigelow	1
Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq.	2	Joseph Shed	1

At the same meeting the votes were brought in for a County Register as followeth Viz.

for a Register	No. Votes	for a Register	No. votes
Mr. Samuel Bartlett	26	Dr. Abiel Heywood	13

2. Chose Aaron Brown Esq. moderator
3. Voted that Mr. Joseph Allen Aaron Brown Esq. & Deacon Sam.l Lawrence be a Commit.tee to Consider of some proper method to be adopted for supporting the Poor of the Town of Groton in future, who are to receive Proposals from any individual of said Town respecting their support & report at march Meeting
4. Voted that Dr. Sam.l Lawrence repair the monument over the Rev.d Caleb Trowbridges Grave.
5. article Dismiss
6. article Dismiss
7. Voted that the Selectmen of Groton & the Committee that is appointed to Take a plan of the Town of Groton be a Commit.tee to agree with the Selectmen & Committees of the Towns of Dunstable & Tyngsborough on bounds between this town & the said Towns and make bounds & Establish marks so as to Prevent if possible any future disputes Respecting said lines and to Lay a Transcript of the Same before the Town at some future meeting for their approbation & acceptance.
8. voted to Dismiss this article. then the meeting was Dismiss.t

Recorded by Joseph Shed Town Clerk

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April 1795

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(L.S.) To Saml Lawrance of Groton in said County - - Greeting
(L.S.) you are in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid
Required To Notify and warn the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law To Vote for a
Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth
and Such other Inhabitants as are Qualified by Law To
Vote in Town-affairs &c. To assemble and meet at the South
Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Sixth day
of April Next at one of the clock in the afternoon on
said day To act on the following Articles - - - - Viz

1. To give in their Votes for a Governor, Lt. Governor
Counsellors and Senators for the Year ensuing - - - -
2. To choose a Moderator for the orderly carrying on the Town
Meeting - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
3. To See what Method the Town will take To comply with the Law
for erecting Guide posts in said Town - - - - - -
4. To hear the request of Joseph Shed and others his Associates
relating To the Building a School House, and act any thing
as the Town think fit - - - - - - - - - - - -
5. To see if the Town will direct the Assessors To make the Late
County Tax immediately and Commit the same To the
Collectors To Collect - - - - - - - - - - - - -
6. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore chosen and
act thereon as the Town think fit
7. To see if the Town will direct that the work house be moved into any other part of the Town -
or see if the Town will sell the same or act any thing about it as the Town think fit
and you are to make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to one of the Selectmen by one of the clock on said day fail
not at the peril of the Law. Given under our hands and seals
this Twenty third day of March A.D. 1795 -

Oliver Prescott } Selectmen
Francis Champney } for Groton

Middlesex ss. Groton April 6 1795

By Virtue of the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and
other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to attend at time and place for
the purposes within mentioned by causing this warrant to be Posted eight Days
agreeable to the Vote of said Town Recorded Jos. Saml. Lawrance Town Clerk

April 1795

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton on Monday the Sixth day of April 1795 - the Votes were brought in for a Governor Lieut. Governor Counsellors and Senators as - — — — — — — followeth

	for Governor Votes	for Lieut. Governor	No. Votes
1. Hon. Saml. Adams Esqr.	62	Hon. Moses Gill Esqr. - - -	61
Hon. Oliver Prescott Esqr. -	1	Hon. Oliver Prescott Esqr. —	1

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No. Votes for Senators

			No. Votes
Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esqr.	49	Parker Varnum Esqr.	1
Ephm. Wood - - - Esqr.	45	Hon. Oliver Prescott Esqr. —	1
Timothy Bigelow - - Esqr.	52	Oliver Prescott Jun. Esqr. —	1
Zach. Wright - - - Esqr.	50	Dea. Saml. Lawrance —	1
Hon. Eleazr. Brooks - - - Esqr.	18	Mr. Francis Champney —	1
Hon. Loammi Baldwin - Esqr.	4	Jona. Hale Esqr. —	2

2. choose Oliver Prescott Jun. Esqr. Moderator - -

3. Voted to pass over this article -

4. Choose a Committee of three persons to view and take into Consideration all the Circumstances respecting the school district at Rocky hill and whether it is necessary to build a School house near Joseph Sheds providing they build upon their own expence and report at the next meeting the Committee were chosen as followeth Lieut. Winslow Parker - Nahum Woods and William Nutting - for that purpose - - - - - - - -

5. Voted that the Assessors be directed to Assess the County Tax with the School money Tax the present year - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Then the above Vote was reconsidered - - - - - - - - - - - -

6. no reports made from any Committee - - - -

7. Voted to sell the work house at Public Action in the meeting house at the meeting in may next, and the Town Clerk is considered as Vendue Master for that purpose

The meeting was dismissed

Recorded pr. Saml. Lawrance Town Clerk

May 6 1795

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(L.S.) To Saml. Lawrance of Groton in said County - - Greeting
(L.S.) you are in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required
To notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to the General
Court of this Commonwealth and such other Inhabitants as are
Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs &c. To assemble and meet
at the south Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the sixth day
of May next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon on said day to
act on the following Articles - - - - - - - (Viz)

1. To See if the Town will choose some proper person or persons to Represent them in the General Court the ensuing year - and give him or them such Instructions as the Town think fit - - - - - - - -
2. To give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for S. County -
3. for Collecting the Sentiments on the Necessity or expediency of revising the Constitution in order to amendments agreeably to the provision therein made - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
4. To choose a Moderator for to regulate said Meeting
5. To See in what way and Manner the School or schools shall be kept in said Town the Ensuing Year - and raise such Sum or Sums of Money for that or any other purpose as the Town shall see fit - and order the Same to be Levied - and choose a Committee to proportion the school money for the Several Districts of the Town - and also choose a Committee to provide a Grammer School Master for the Year Ensuing - -
6. To See if the Town will reconsider their Vote passed in Septr. 1792 Relating to Capt. Titcks annual allowence for the support of his Bridge
7. To See if the Town will direct the new School houses to be Built and furnished at the Town expence - without reference to particular Places -
8. To hear the request of Lieut. John Woods and act as they may think fit
9. To See if the Town will sell to Francis Champney the Common land before his house or any part thereof and act upon the Same as they may think proper

May 1795

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton on Wednesday the 6th day of May 1795 - -

1. Chose Timy Bigelow Esq. Representative to represent the Town in the General Court the Ensuing Year - — — — — — — — — — —
2. Voted for a Register of Deeds for the County as follows for Mr. Samuel Bartlett of Concord. No. 140 Votes 2. for Mr. Ebenezr. Stedman - No. 1. - - - - - -
3. for Collecting the Sentiments on the Necessity or expediency of revising the Constitution in order to amendments agreeably to the provision therein made for amendments No. Votes 72 — against the revision aforesaid 2 Votes -
4. Chose Oliver Prescott Jun. Esq. Moderator for said meeting -
5. Voted that the Schools be kept in the same way and manner they were the Last year - referring back to a former vote in 1790 - - Voted to raise one Hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of Schooling — and fifty pounds for the purpose of finding wood for the Schools - and to be divided equal with the School money - and order the same to be assessed — also Voted that the Selectmen be directed to Lease the County Tax immediately - - - — — and then chose the Selectmen a Committee to hire a Grammer School Master for the present year - also a Committee to proportion the School Money in said Town - - - - — — — — — — — — —
6. Voted to pass over this article - - -
7. Voted to pass over this article
8. Chose a Committee of Three persons as a Committee to view a road from John Woods house to Bare rock so call.d — Chose Capt. Richardson Jacob Patch and Capt. Fitch - and that they report at the next meeting
9. Voted to pass over this Article
10. Voted to pass over this article
11. Voted to accept the proceedings of the Committee that was chosen in Sept.r. Last to take a plan of the Town -
also voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen in april Last respecting the school District at Mockey hill - which is as follows — (Viz.)

We the Subscribers appointed in April Last a Committee to view and take into Consideration the Circumstances respecting the school district at Mockey hill and whether it is ~~necessary~~ necessary to build a School house near Joseph Sheds &c —

May 1795 –

hewing attended that Service report as follows – that it is our opinion that there be a district extending from the house of Oliver Fletchers Junr to the house of Ezekiel Fletchers Junr – inclusive – and on the other road Eli Ames Jonas Gilson & Ephraim Nutting also Nahum Woods wd Wido Dennemple and Caleb Woods Junr including Phineehas Parker and that the school house stand as near the center of said District as conveniently may be and that they draw their own school money – and that it is our opinion that a school house be built at the crotch of the roads leading to Lieut Ebenathan Sawtells near bear rock so call.d – so that the families near and beyond Cowpond brook may be accommodated by being annexed to said Squadron all which is Submitted by –

May 4th 1795 —

Winslow Parker
Wm Nutting
Nahum Woods —
} Committee

also Voted to accept the report of the Committee that was chosen in April last to view the road by Francis Champneys land near Martins pond – which report is as follows — — — — — — Viz —

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Town of Groton a Committee to view the road against Francis Champneys Land near Martins Pond have attended the Business and ask Leave to report that it is our opinion that it will be of Service to exchange part of the same {Viz} beginning at a Small Causeway near James Shepls Land and Turning South of a Large rock so on upon the side hill untill it comes near land of Isaiah hall then Turning into the old road the bounds being on the Northerly side of said way said road to be two Pole wide said Champneys paying twelve Shillings in highway work on said road all which is Submitted by

April 25th 1795 —

Joseph Shed
Saml Lawrance
Levi Kemp –
} Committee

12. Voted to pass over this article

13. Voted to chose a Committee of three persons to take into Consideration the propriety of selling of to the Town of Shirley Moody Chase Sam.l Chase and Simon Darby with their estates – Chose Maj.r Moors Col.o Prescott and Lieut Joseph Hobkwood the Committee for that purpose and the business done free of expence to the Town – – –

14. Voted to pass over this article –

Nov. Meeting 1796 –

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Saml. Lawrance of Groton in said County – – Greeting

(L.S.) you are in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required to notify and Warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote for Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth and such other Inhabitants of said Town as are Qualified by law to vote in Town affairs &c. to assemble and meet at the Public Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of Novr. next at one of the Clock in the afternoon on sd. day to act on the following Articles – ———— [Viz.]

1. To give in their Votes to the Selectmen of said Town for one Elector of President and Vice President of the United States —. also to give in their Votes for a Representative for the Second middle District to represent the People of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States –

2. To choose a Moderator for regulating said Meeting –

3. To see what measures the Town will take to repair the road by Sandy Pond and over Sandy Pond Bridge – or prevent said roads being laid under Water Spring and fall – by the flowing of the Meadow – Likewise to see what the Town will do respecting the Bridge by David Davis House ——————

4. To see if the Town will order their Collector not to call upon David Prescott Simson Prescott Ephm. Lawrance and Wm. Parker – for their School Taxes – also direct their Treasurer to pay David Prescott the remainder of the Taxes that was assessed upon his District for Building of School Houses in this Town to enable them to proceed in finishing their School House – also to see if the Town will grant the above persons with their Associates on the other Side Cow Pond Brook Liberty of drawing their proportion of School money for the future – – – – – – – – – –

5. To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to give Caleb Wood an order for his highway rate for 1795 and allow him in future to work out his highway rate annually on the Bridle road leading thro. his own Land under the direction of the Surveyor — —

Proceedings of Nov.r Meeting 1796 –

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants in the Town of Groton on Monday the Seventh day of Nov. 1796 – the Votes were brought in for Elector and Representative for the Second middle district to Represent the people of this Commonwealth in Congress of the united states as follows – (Viz)

1. For Elector } Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq.r 32 } For Representative
Hon. Eleazr. Brooks Esq.r – 3 } Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq.r 37
Hon. Ebenr. Bridge Esq.r – 14
Saml. Dexter Jun.r – Esq.r — 2

2. chose Timy Bigelow Esq.r Moderator

3. chose Doct.r Prescott senior Deac. Saml. Lawrance & Col.o James Prescott a committee to confer with Mr. Jonas Stone with respect to his right to flow the road by Sandy Pond and to ascertain the foundation of that right – and also to agree with Mr. Stone as to the mode of repairing said road, and what proportion of the expence thereof shall be defrayed by Mr. Stone and what by the Town and report at the next meeting –

also chose Mr. Jon.a Lawrance a committee to repair the bridge by by David Davis House so that it may last for the Present year – and that he bring in his account to the Selectmen for allowance – – –

4. chose Maj.r Amos Farnsworth Mr. Josiah Eckes and Doct.r P. Prescott Jun.r a Committee to examin into the matter of school House respecting those persons that live on the other side of Low Pond Brook so call.d – also to Look into all the Town votes that respect the district which formerly belong.d to Hockey Hill District and that they may be able to report at the next annual meeting

also Voted that the Selectmen draw an order on the Town Treasurer directing him to pay David Prescott and his associates their proportion of the School money voted to be raised in May last to be by them appropriated to the support of a School the ensuing winter or has been expended –

5. Voted that Caleb Woods have Liberty to work out his highway rates on his own Land under the inspection of the Surveyor during the Town pleasure also the Selectmen to give him an order for his highway Tax for 1796 –

6. Voted to raise the sum of one Thousand Dollars for Defraying Town Charges and the Selectmen are directed to Lay the same immediately –

March Meeting 1797 —

(L.S.) Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

(L.S.) To Samll Lawrance of Groton in said County — Greeting

you are in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required to Notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth and such other Inhabitants of said Town as are Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs &c to assemble and meet at the Public Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the fourth day of March next at Nine of the clock in the forenoon on said day to act on the following Articles — — viz

1. To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer —

2. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

3. To choose all such Town Officers as are required by Law to serve in said Town the ensuing year — Likewise an Ingerit for s. Town the year ensuing — — — — — — — —

4. To see if the Town will give Liberty for Swine to run at Large the ensuing year under the Restrictions of the Law — —

5. To see what method the Town will take to repair their Bridges acros the Nashua and Squannacook rivers and choose a Committee or Committees for that purpose — and give them such Instructions about the same as they may think proper — and also raise any sum of money — for that or any other purpose as they may think fit — and order the same to be assessed and paid into the Town Treasurer at such time as they may think proper — — — — — — —

6. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to reckon with the Town Treasurer and accept of the same if the Town see fit Likewise to hear the report of any Committee heretofore chosen and act on either of them as the Town sees fit and see what order they will give about the old Notes due to s. Town and act on the above articles as they think proper —

7. To hear the request of John Sheple and Jacob Williams with others respecting their School House — and School money — and act thereon as the Town think proper — — — — — — —

March Meeting 1797 —

8. To see if the Town will give Ebes Wood Liberty to work out his Highway tax from his House to John Johnsons in future under the inspection of the Surveyor — — — — — — — — — — —

9. To see if the Town will set off to the Town of Pepperell James Blood Levi Blood and Ebes Blood with their Families and estates or act as they may think proper — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

10. To see if the Town will set off to the Town of Shirley Joshua Longley Esqr farm in Groton which he lately purchased of Nathaniel Burbank — and act as they may think proper — — — — — — — —

11. To see if the Town will give Liberty to Philip Woods to set a Shop or Store on the Towns land between the work house and the School house near there — and act as they may think proper — — — — — — — —

12. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to give a Legal Title of the Work House to the purchaser thereof or act as they think fit.

13. To see if the Town will direct the Committee appointed to give a legal title of the work house direction to give also a Lease of the Land on which it now stands to the purchaser thereof for any limited time or act on this Article as the Town may think proper — — — — — — — —

14. To see if the Town will order any sum of money to be Granted Capt. Zach Fitch to enable him to repair his Bridge or act as the Town may think proper

15. To see if the Town will enquire of the Committee heretofore chosen to build the School houses — how far they have proceeded in the business — and dismiss s.d Committee if they shall think proper — and choose another in their room and act any thing as the Town may think proper — — — —

and you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the selectmen by nine o clock on s.d day in the morning fail not at the peril of the Law given under our hands and seals this twenty fifth day Feby A.D. 1797 —

Oliver Prescott } Selectmen
Francis Champney } for Groton

Middlesex ss. 25 Feby 1797 —

pursuant to the foregoing the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs are hereby notified and warned to assemble and meet at the time and place for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Sam.l Lawrence Town Clk.

Middlesex ss. 7 March 1797 —

by virtue of the above warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to attend at time and place for the purposes within above mentioned by causing this warrant to be posted eight days agreeable to the vote of said Town the above warrant notification & return recorded by Sam.l Lawrence Town Clk.

Report of School Houses at Rocky Hill District as follows viz)
The Subscribers appointed a Committee to examine into the matter of School houses so far as relates to the inhabitants over Cow Pond Brook, & to look into all Votes heretofore pass'd and matters relating to Rocky hill district — Also to hear the request of Nathan Woods and others & report thereon: have attended to the business and after due enquiry & diligent examination of all records & former Votes of the Town relating to the Subject have unanimously agreed to report the following — — — — — — — — — —

That as Saml Prescott and the Inhabitants over Cow Pond Brook, encouraged by a Town Vote at the Annual meeting in March 1798 giving them liberty to draw their proportion of School money as heretofore, have together with Wm Parker erected a School house, near the dwelling House of Ephm Lawrance and done much towards finishing the same: considering also, that these inhabitants now number 27 Children, and are likely to have that number encreased: — also their Great distance from any Spot that would accomodate Rocky Hill District: it is the opinion of your Committee that if the Inhabitants over Cow pond Brook together with Wm Parker aforesaid will compleat their house without further expence to the Town, that they be set off as a District — — — — — — — — — —

Nathan Woods and his Associates request that as their Children are principally Females, and too young to attend the Town Schools: that they have liberty to draw their own proportion of School money till such time as their Children can be sent to their District School houses — It is the Opinion of your Committee that their request be so far granted, that they have liberty to draw their proportion of School money for three years, provided that they conscientiously expend the same in schooling and pay their proportion of school Tax towards erecting and finishing the school Houses in the districts to which they respectively belong — as if no such privilege of private instruction had been Given them

In consequence of a Town Vote in march 1798 that Rocky hill school house be erected on the old Ground, a Frame has ben erected on that spot, and partly finished, considering that circumstance, as also, if David Prescott & others are agreeably to this report, formed into a District, the Ground where the old house stood, will be more central than any other, it is the opinion of your Committee that the School house at that place be finished without Delay — to accomodate all Rocky hill District — — — — — — — — — — — —

In the course of enquiry we find that Nathan woods & others, the Petitioners aforementioned did in the month of April 1795 Petition the Town with Joseph Shed & others, to have the Liberty of erecting a School house, and be set off as a District under certain conditions — in consequence of which a Committee was appointed and did report in May following in their favor which report was accepted and a new district formed, extending from the house of Oliver Fletcher Jun. to Ezekiel Fletchers Jun. including and on the other road Eli Ames Jonas Gillson and Eph.m Nutting — also Nathan woods wid.o Dennemple and Caleb Woods Jun. including Phinehas Parker — it appears that this new district are not unanimous in favor of any spot where to erect a house, and the s.d woods and his associates are greatly disappointed in their expectation with respect to the place finally pitched upon for the new house, and can be much better accomodated in the several Districts to which they formerly belonged. It is therefore the opinion of your Committee that they have liberty to unite with their former respective districts — which if agreed to by the Town will leave a very small district both with respect to number of families or children to Joseph Shed and his associates — therefore it is the opinion of your Committee that Rocky hill district should extend agreeably to the report of your first School Committee in Sept.r 1792 — excepting that David Prescott and others be set off as above expressed — and also that the Towns Vote in April 1793 be continued in effect, giving liberty for such as had joined said District previous to that date, to remain agreeably to the Vote last mentioned —

all which is Submitted by

Groton March 6 1797 — Isaiah Eddes, Amos Farnsworth, Oliver Prescott Jun. } Committee

Voted accepted & ordered to be recorded

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town in Nov.r last to view and Examine into the propriety of Exchangeing the road leading from Thomas Trowbridges House to nod Bridge for a road through land now Claimed by John Capel - have this day attended the business all parties having been duly notified — and are of the opinion that it will be of advantage to the people who live in the north and northeasterly part of the Town — if a way should be opened across said Capel Land of Two Poles wide - in Exchange for the Town way leading from said Trowbridges house to said Nod Bridge as far as the said road joins to his land untill it comes within Twelve rods of said Trowbridges House — provided their is no road already laid out from said nod Bridge to the Stony wading place (so call.d)

Groton 30th March 1797

Sam.l Lawrance
Oliver Prescott } Committee
Francis Champney

Which is Submitted by

read accepted and ordered to be recorded —

no report made by the Committee that was chosen to reason with the Town Treasurer and to estimate the expences of the Town the ensuing year —

Then Voted to Add two Selectmen to the number heretofore chosen — Chose Lieut. Sam.l Shockwood — and Maj.r Amos Farnsworth —

7. passed over by no vote on either of their Petitions for School money or removing their School House as mentioned in this Article —

8. Voted to Give Eber Woods Liberty to work out his highway Tax in future from his house to John Johnsons - under the inspection of the Surveyor during the Towns pleasure

9. Voted to Set off to the Town of Pepperrell James Blood Levi Blood and Eber Blood with their estates upon certain Conditions and the following Named persons were chosen for the purpose of reporting said Conditions to the Town at may meeting - (viz) ~~Col~~ James Prescott Oliver Prescott Jun. and Sam.l Dana Esqrs.

10 Voted that the Town consents that the Farm of Josiah Longley Esq.r which he lately purchased of Nathaniel Burbank should be annexed to the Town of Shirley

11. Voted to Grant Phillip Woods Liberty to put up a Store or Shop on the Town land between the work house and the School House near there — and to Continue said Shop or Store thereon during the Towns pleasure —

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May 1797

(LS) Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts — —
(LS) To Saml. Lawrance of Groton in said County — — Greeting
(LS) You are in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required
(LS) to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth and such other Inhabitants as are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs &c. to assemble and meet at the Public meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of May next at one o'clock P.M. on said day to act on the following Articles — — — — — — — — — — (Ens) — — —

1. To see if the Town will choose some proper person or persons to represent them in the General Court the ensuing year and give him or them such instructions as the Town think fit — —
2. To choose a Moderator for to regulate said meeting
3. To see in what way and manner the School or Schools shall be kept in said Town the ensuing year — and raise such sum or sums of money for that or any other purpose as the Town shall see fit — and order the same to be assessed — and choose a Committee to provide a Grammer School master for the year ensuing — —
4. To appoint some proper persons to Inspect the Great Bridges the year ensuing — — — — —
5. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore chosen and accept of the same if the Town see fit
6. To hear the list of Jurors and accept of the same if the Town see fit —
7. To choose a Surveyor of Highways in the place of Saml. Holden
8. To see if the Town will take the work house into their own hands again and continue it for their use — Provided that Doct. Prescott Tenn is willing to release the same agreeably to his proposals in Town meeting — — —
9. To see if the Town will direct the selectmen to make out the Surveyors lists, and the surveyors to return the delinquents to the assessors in the usual manner — the Vote of the Town passed in their last April meeting notwithstanding —

and you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the selectmen by one o'clock P.M. on said day — fail not at the peril of the law. given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of April A.D. 1797 — —

Oliver Prescott } Selectmen
Amos Fournaworth } for
Saml. Shattuck } Groton

Middlesex ss. 1. May 1797 —
By virtue of the foregoing warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs and to assemble at time and place for the purposes above mentioned by causing a warrant to be posted eight days agreeable to the vote of said Town
recorded by Saml. Lawrance Town Clk.

At a Legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants in the Town of Groton on Monday the first day of May — 1797 —

1. Choose Timy Bigelow Esqr. Representative to Represent them in the General Court the ensuing year —
the question being put whether the Town would choose more than one person to represent them in the General Court the ensuing year the Poll is 75 against it, 6 for it.

2. choose Timothey Bigelow Esqr. Moderator for s.d meeting.

3. Voted and ordered that the Schools be kept in the same way and manner they were the Last year referring to a former vote passd in the year 98 and that the sum of $500 be raised for Schooling $166 and 67 cents for the purpose of finishing Wood for the several Schools in s.d Town and to be devided equally with the School money —
also Voted to raise the sum of $1700 for building and repairing Bridges and defraying Town Charges and &c. and appropriated immediately with the School money and to be paid in by the first day of Jany next.

then Voted that the County Tax be paid into the County Treasurer by the Collector in future — — — — — — — —
Likewise choose the Selectmen a Committee to hire a Gramer School Master for the present year — also a Committee to proportion the School money in said Town — — — — — — — —

4. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to inspect the Great Bridges in said Town the ensuing year —

5 the Committee chosen in Nov. last to reckon with the Town Treasurer and to report at March did attend the Business and reported but the report was recommitted with an Addition of two persons to the old Committee which Committee was directed to report at April Meeting — but as yet hath never made no report which hath been satisfactory to the Town — — —
and the Town Voted to accept the report of the Committee which was offered in March last and ordered to be recorded which is recorded at the last in the proceedings of this meeting — with the report of the Committee respecting the burying Ground —

The subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town at their legal meeting in November last to settle with the Town Treasurer have this day attended that business and find that when the Treasurer was shifted on the fifth of March last there was then committed to him to Collect from the several Constables and Collectors together with Notes of hand from several persons indebted to the town the sum of Seven hundred ninety three pounds nineteen Shillings and three pence ½ — — — — — — — — — — £ 793-19-3-2

that there hath since been raised assessed and ordered to be paid into him as Treasurer six hundred & six pounds nine Shillings one farthing — — — — — — — — 606-9-0-1

That he hath paid of the Selectmen for the Support of the poor of this Commonwealth sixty pounds — — — — — 60-0-0-0

and rec.d of the Selectmen for the Support of the late Samuel Nichols and wife fourteen pounds eight Shillings & five pence — — 14-8-5-0

and rec.d of the Selectmen for the rents in part of the Sandell School farm three pounds eighteen Shillings — — — — 3-18-0-0

paid of Mr. Jeremiah Jewell as Interest on his note by the hand of Simon[redacted] Hagelow — — — — — — — 5-16-7-

amounting in the whole to fourteen hundred and eighty four pounds eleven Shillings & three pence three farthings — £1484-11-3-3

Equal in the present Currency to Dol.s 4948-55

and we find he hath since paid out by Town orders five hundred and forty seven pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence ½ — £ 647-17-7-2

and by his own fees as Treasurer five pounds eight Shillings — 5-8-

Total — £ 653-5-7-2

Equal in the present Currency to Dol.s 2177-60

So that there is a ballance remaining in his hands to account for to the Town the sum of Two Thousand Seven hundred & seventy Dollars ninety five cents — — — — — — — Dol.s 2770-95 cts.

and whereas there is a note in the Treasury signed by David Woods Esq.r and one signed by Thos. Trowbridge your Committee are of the opinion that they should be distroyed in the face of the Town and that the Treas.r be directed to receive the average from the Administrator of the late Capt. Oliver Parker and give up the note signed by him and that the Town Treasurer be discharged from the several sums accordingly — — which is submitted by —

Groton 27 February 1797 — Sam.l Lawrence, Isaiah Eddy, Sam.l Hochwood — Committee

recorded by Sam.l Lawrence Town Clk.

3. To see in what way and manner the schools in
said schools shall be kept in said Town the ensuing year,
and raise such sum or sums of money for that
or any other purpose as the Town shall see fit, and
order the same to be assessed and choose a committee
to provide a Grammar school master for the year
ensuing.

4. To appoint some proper persons to inspect the
great Bridges the year ensuing.

5. To hear the report of any committee heretofore chosen
and the return of any town ways that may be laid out
before said day and act of the same & order them to be recorded
as they think proper.

6. To hear the request of Solomon Frost & others respecting
the road by Sandy Pond Bridge and give such direc-
about the same as they may think fit.

7. To see if the Town will vote that Job Chatterton, Noah
Chatterton, Abigail Parker, Joseph Lord, Oliver Parker,
Daniel Williams Royal Blood, Ezekiel Fletcher Jun.
Phineehas Parker, Ingland Fletcher and Jabez Allen
draw their own school money in future provided
that they erect a school house at their own expense
and act any thing about the same as the Town think
proper.

8. To see if the Town will state the remaining part of the
Timber of Ezekiel Armitage as borne on the late con-
stable Wm Farwells List for 1781.

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to see if the Town will make Eador Fletcher any further allowance for his building the school House at the Rocky Hill.

10. To see if the Town will give Ephraim Lawrence, Isaac Nutting Jun. Amasa Gibson and Simon Gibson an order for their first installment of school houses as Town on Francis Champney list.

11 To see if the Town will order so much money to be laid out for the repairing of the County road between Capt. Richardson's and the Widow Buckley, as the amount of the delinquents in the several Surveyors lists for the last year under the Inspection of some suitable person as they may appoint.

12 To see if the Town will order so much of the road sold or laid open as belongs to the Town as lies between Isaac Bowers and the road leading from the meeting house across broad meadow and act any thing about the same as they may think proper.

13. To see if the Town will set that piece of road between Deacon Isaac Harmon's land and land of Pelleah Ruggles leading down to Fairbills footway so call. and act on the same as the Town may think proper.

14. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to receive & exchange any part of their land called the Sawpits Hobart Farm with Benj. Jaquith for the purpose of straitening the fence

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts — —

To Saml. Lawrence of Groton in said County — Greeting.

you are in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid required To Notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth — and such other Inhabitants of said Town as are Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs &c — To Assemble and meet at the Public meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the fifth day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon on said day to act on the following Articles — (Viz) —

1. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer —
2. To choose a Moderator for said meeting — — —
3. To choose all such Town Officers as are required by law to serve in said Town the ensuing year — Likewise an Agent for said Town the year ensuing — — — — — — — — —
4. To see if the Town will give Liberty for Swine to run at Large the ensuing year under the Restrictions of the law — —
5. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to reckon with the Town Treasurer — and to hear the report of any Committee heretofore chosen — and act as the Town think proper —
6. To see if the Town will abate the Highway Taxes of John Simonds for 1797 — 1798 and 1799 — he having had no road Confirmed to him — and act any thing about his highway Taxes as they think proper — — — — — — — — —
7. To see if the Town will set off Jairus Blood Levi Blood and Ebenezer Blood with their estates to the Town of Pepperrell or act as the Town think proper — — — — — — — — —
8. To see if the Town will direct the selectmen to hire a School master for Job Shattuck Jun. Deceased for the future —

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8th To see if the Town will sell that peice of road lying between land of Dr Isaac Farnsworth and land of Pelatiah Russell leading to Tarbells fordway so call^d as far as Capt Henry Farwells cross fence on the Lawrance field so called: also to see if the Town will give the remainder of S^d road as far as the River to Said Farwell in exchange for that peice of land now occupied by the Town on the westerly side of Woods fordway so called and act any thing about the same the Town may think proper. — — — —

9th To see if the Town will alter their present regulations with regard to their Schools or adopt new ones, or do and act any thing the Town shall think best relative thereto. — this article inserted by request. —

10th To see if the Town will abate the rates of John Woodard Leonard Parker Jonathan Proctor Isaac Hutting Jn^r and Oliver Lakin Dec^d as borne on Collector Job Shattuck Jn^rs lists for 1799 and 1798 also to see if the Town will abate the Taxes of Oliver Lakin Dec^d as borne in Francis Chamberlins list one of the late Collectors for Groton. — And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen by one of the clock in the afternoon of said day fail not at the peril of the law Given under our hands and Seals at Groton aforesaid this Eighteenth day of March AD. 1799. — — Thos Gardner } Selectmen
Job Shattuck Jr } for Groton

Middlesex ss March 19 - 1799
Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town of Groton qualified by law to vote for a Representative and in Town affairs are hereby notified and warned to assemble and meet at time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant — — — Saml Rockwood Town Clerk

Recorded by Saml Rockwood Town Clerk

Middlesex ss April 1st 1799
Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton qualified as therein mentioned to assemble and meet at time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by causing this warrant to be posted eight days previous to said meeting agreable to a vote of said Town for that purpose. — — Saml Rockwood Town Clerk

Proceedings of April Meeting continued

We find that Benj^a Tarbell stands charged with £7-10-8-2 and as the said Tarbell has become poor the Town will give their Treasurer such directions as they shall think proper. — — — — — — — —

all which is submitted by Isaiah Edes
Feby 18th 1799 — Joseph Shed } Com^tee
Jacob L. Parker

Voted to discharge Benj^a Tarbell the sum above mentioned

7th — Voted to pass over this article at the request of the petitioners. — — — — —

8th — Voted that this article be refered to the consideration of Aaron Brown Esqr Captn Zechariah Fitch Major Thos Gardner for them to report at some futer meeting what is proper to be done respecting the sales of said land. —

9th — Voted to pass over this article. — — —

10th — Voted to abate the Rates of John Woodward Leonard Parker Jon^a Proctor Isaac Nutting jun^r and Oliver Lakin Dec^d as borne in Collector Job Shattuck jun^rs lists for 1797 and 1798. also Voted to abate the Rates of Oliver Lakin Dec^d as borne on Francis Champneys list one of the late Collectors for Groton. — — — —

Voted to dissolve this meeting; which was dissolved accordingly. — — — — — —

Recorded by Saml Rockwood Town Clk.

Middlesex ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
To Samll Rockwood of Groton in said County
Greeting

(LS) In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble and meet at the Public meeting house in said Town on monday the twenty third day of Septr currant at one of the clock in the afternoon of said day to act on the following articles. - viz. — — — — — —

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting

2d To choose a Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer and direct them to report to the Town at their next annual Town meeting.

3d To hear the request of Capt Samson Farnsworth Caleb Symmes and others respecting the repair of the Schoolhouse in their district and pass such orders about the same as the Town may think fit

4th To see if the Town will allow the account of Jonathan Farwell for supporting Thos Colwell late of Groton decd or take any measures to settle the same with said Farwell

5th To see if the Town will discharge Capt Jas Bigelow and Capt Samll Dana from obligation to return the powder that were drawn out of the Town Stock when they were ordered to muster at Concord; also to see what method the Town will take to recruit their Stock of Ammunition

6th To see if the Town will accept of any road laid out by the selectmen or their order.

7th To hear the report of any Committee heretofore chosen and act on the same as the Town may think fit. — — — — — —

And you are to make return of this Warrant

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton qualified by law to vote in Town affairs &c. on monday the twenty-third day of Sept. A.D. 1799. — — —

1st Voted and chose Timothy Bigelow Esq. moderator.

2d Voted and chose Saml. Lawrance Esq. Aaron Brown Esq. Oliver Prescott Esq. mess. Isaiah Eder and Jacob L. Parker a Comtee to reckon with the Town Treasurer and directed them to report to the Town at the annual Town meeting in March next. —

3d After hearing the request of Capt. Simeon Farnsworth Caleb Symmes & others relative to repairing the School house in their district, voted that the Standing Comtee for building Schoolhouses in the Town be authorised to rebuild the chimney and make such other repairs on the School house in said district as they may judge necessary. — — — — — —

4th Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to settle accompts with mr. Jona. Farwell relative to his supporting Thos. Colwell Dec. in the best manner they may think fit. — — — — —

5th Voted that Capt. Timo. Bigelow and Capt. Saml. Dana be discharged from obligation to return the powder as mentioned in this article: also voted that the Selectmen be directed to collect the Town Stock of Ammunition together and see that the compliment be compleat according to law. — — — —

6th Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen relative to a road laidout by them through land of Saml. Pierce and Henry Farwell Jnr. which is as follows — —

Pursuant to a vote of the Town of Groton in legal Town meeting assembled on the 6th day of may last. We the subscribers have this day layd out a Town way two poles wide turning out of the Town way that leadeth by the house of Saml. Pierce beginning at a Stake nearly opposite said Pierces house and running easterly across Sd. Pierce's land about twenty two poles to a Stake: from thence easterly through land of Henry Farwell Jnr. (or the heirs of Timo. Farwell Dec.) to the northerly part of said Farwells barn and so on to a Stake by the barn

opposite

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9th Article To see if the Town will choose a Committee and empower them to terminate the misunderstanding between the towns of Groton, and Westford, relative to the dividing line between the two towns; and to establish some lasting meets, and bounds on the same.

10th To hear the request of Matthias, and Saml Farnsworth relating to their being set of with their estates from the Town of Groton, to be annexed to the town of Littleton, and act thereon as the Town may think proper

11th To see if the town will grant money and appropriate the same, for the erecting a suitable building for the fire Engine, and the purchase of buckets, fire hooks and other appendages for the same, and give such directions relating thereto, as they may think proper. —

12th To hear the request of David Prescott, and others, for a further grant of money, to enable them to finish their school house, and act as the town may think proper. — — — — — — —

13th To see if the town will give leave for Mr Stephen Munroe, to work out so much of his highway Tax in future as may be set to his Williams farm so called, on the private way between the same, and the road leading by John Sheple's house, or act any thing relating to they may think fit. — — — —

14th To see if the Town will abate the rates set to Capt Shattuck Blood, estate, for the years 1800 and 1801; and also the rates of Nath Adams, Nath Blanchard, John Bailey, Jesse Farmer, Widow Lydia Larkin, James Proctor, and Saml Bartlett, or any part thereof as borne on Capt James Lewis's Junr his list for the year 1800.

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen by nine of the clock in the forenoon of said day, fail not at the peril of the law, given under our hands, and seals at Groton aforesaid the fifteenth day of February A.D. 1802.

Oliver Prescott
Ebenr Hopkins
Richard Sawtell 2nd
John Sheple
} Selectmen for Groton

Recorded by Saml Rockwood Town Clerk

Proceedings of March meeting 1802

10th Article Voted to pass over this article until the adjournment of this meeting and this article stand open accordingly.

11th Voted to aprop[illegible]te a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars for the purposes mentioned in this article, under the direction of a Committee to be chosen for that purpose, voted and chose Saml Dana Esqr Capt James Lewis jnr Oliver Prescott jnr James Brazer and Thomas Gardner Esqrs a Committee.

12th Voted and chose Oliver Prescott senior Esqr Pelatiah Russell and James Brazer Esqr a Committee to view the school house near David Prescotts, and consider the expediency of annexing that district with Rocky hill, and direct them to report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting and that this article stand open accordingly.

13th Voted not to grant the request in this article.

14th Voted not to abate the rates set to Capt Shattuck Bloods estate, voted not to abate the rates of Nathl Adams, voted not to abate the rates of Nathl Blanchard, voted to abate the rates of John Bailey, Widow Lydia Lakin, Jesse Farmer, the poll tax of James Proctor, and the rates of Saml Bartlett, as mention in this article.

Voted to adjourn this meeting until the first monday in April next, at one of the clock in the afternoon of said day, to meet at this place

The meeting was accordingly adjourned

Recorded by Saml Rockwood Town-Clerk

Warrant for May meeting 1802

Middlesex ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Samuel Rockwood of Groton in said County — Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the ~~freeholders~~ male Inhabitants of the town of Groton, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for a representative to the general Court of this Commonwealth, to assemble and meet at the public meeting house in said Town, on monday the third day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon of said day, for the purpose of choosing one or more persons to represent them in the general Court of said Commonwealth the year ensuing, and give him or them such instructions as the town may think fit. — And you are alike required to notify & warn such of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town as are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble and meet at the same time and place to act on the following articles. — — viz —

1st — To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d — To see in what way and manner the schools shall be kept in in the town the ensuing year, and raise such sum of money for that purpose as the town may think fit. also choose a Committee to provide a grammar school master, and inspect the several schools in the house the ensuing year.

3th — To raise such sum of money to defray the town charges the ensuing year, as the town may think fit, and order the same to be assessed and collected.

4th — To see if the town will vote that Capt James Lewis, Capt James Lewis Jnr, Jonas Gilson, Nehemiah Whitmore, Ephraim Nutting, Amos Ames, Nahum Woods, and Jonas Green, shall be considered as belonging to Joseph Sheds school district in future provided sd district will agree on a place to set a school house and finish the same at their own expence, and act any thing relating thereto as the town think proper.

5th — To hear the report of the Committee chosen in March last to view the school house near David Prescotts, and consider the expediency of reuniting that district, with Rocky Hill district.

6th — To see if the town will choose a Committee to enquire if any person that did, or doth belong to the society of Shakers is likely to become chargeable to this town, and prevent the same if possible.

Voted to add four persons as a Committee with the selectmen to inspect the several schools in the Town the ensuing year chose James Brazer Esqr Oliver Prescott jnr Esqr mr Joseph Shed and Capt James Lewis jnr.

3d Voted to raise the sum of Seventeen hundred dollars, and order-ed the same to be assessed, and collected, to defray the necessary charges of the Town the year ensuing.

4th Voted and chose James Brazer, Saml Lawrence, & Oliver Prescott jnr Esqrs a Committee to take this article under consideration, and report their opinion to the Town at their next meeting.

5th Voted to pass over this article, there being no report from the Comte

6th Voted that the selectmen, be a Committee for the purposes mentioned in this article.

7th Voted to pass over this article, no report being offered by the Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting. The meeting was accordingly dissolved

Recorded by Saml Rockwood, Town Clerk

Warrant for November meeting 1802

7th To hear the report of the committee chosen in May last to consider of the propriety of enlarging Joseph Sheds school district, and act thereon as the town may think proper.

8th To see if the town will make Oliver Fletcher, any further allowance for his building Rocky hill school house: and act on this and each of the foregoing articles as the Town may think proper.

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the selectmen, by one of the clock in the afternoon of said day; fail not at the peril of the law, given under our hands and seals, at Groton, aforesaid this eighteenth day of october A.D. 1802.

Oliver Prescott
John Sheple
Richard Sawtell Jnr
} Selectmen for Groton

Middlesex ss November 23d 1802

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the male Inhabitants of the Town of Groton qualified according to the Constitution to vote for a representative to the general Court of this Commonwealth, and such other Inhabitants of said Town as are qualified by law to vote in town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to assemble and meet at time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Samd. Rockwood

Recorded by Samd. Rockwood Town Clerk

Middlesex ss November 1st 1802

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified warned the male Inhabitants of the town of Groton qualified according to the Constitution to vote for ~~for~~ a representative to the general court of this commonwealth, and such other Inhabitants of said town as are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble and meet at time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by causing this warrant to be posted eight days previous to said meeting agreably to a vote of the town for that purpose. Samd. Rockwood

Recorded by Samd. Rockwood Town Clerk

Proceedings of November meeting 1802

At a legal meeting of the male Inhabitants of the town of Groton quallified according to the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for a representative to the general Court of said Commonwealth on monday the first day of November A.D. 1802. the votes were then given in to the selectmen for a representative for Middlesex district, to represent the people of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States as follows. — — — viz —

for Hon^r Joseph B. Varnum Esqr forty four votes
for Hon^r Timothy Bigelow Esqr thirty five votes

At a legal meeting of such of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Groton as are quallified by law to vote in town affairs on the said first day of November 1802. —

1st Voted and chose James Brazer Esqr Moderator. —

2^d Voted and chose James Brazer Esqr, John Sheple, Saml Lawrance Esqr Major Amos Farnsworth, and Solomon Tarbell, a Committee to reckon with the town treasurer, and directed them to report at the annual townmeeting in March next. —

3^d Voted and chose Captn Jephthah Richardson, mr John Capell, and Lieut^n Pelatiah Rugell, a Committee to repair the Stony wading place Bridge, and voted them discretionary powers. —

4th Voted to excuse the militia officers from their obligations to replace thirty weight of powder in the town stock, which they received at the last annual muster more than the quantity which the town were obliged by law to furnish. —

5th Voted that the selectmen provide the legal quota of ammunition for the Train bands in said Town, and deposit the same with the town stock there to be inspected by the militia officers of said Town annually. —

Ammunition for Train-Band

6th Voted to grant the request mentioned in this article, voted that said Hospital be under the direction and inspection of a Comt^e voted and chose Saml Lawrance Esqr Timothy Spaulding, Rec^d mr Daniel Chaplin, John Capell, and Saml Rockwood Esq^rs for the above said purpose. —

7th Voted to accept the report of the Committee mentioned in this article and ordered the same to be recorded, which is as follows, on the next page. —

Proceedings of November meeting 1802:

The subscribers a Committee apointed in may last to take into consideration, the expediency of annexing to the school district of Joseph Shed, Capt James Lewis, Capt James Lewis junr, Jonas Gillion, Nehemiah Whitman, Ephraim Stutting, Amos Arnes, Nathan Woods and Jonas Green, have attended to this subject, and report it as their opinion, that the above named persons have leave to join the said school district, on condition that they, with such persons as now form said district, shall build a house at their own expence to the acceptance of the town or towns Committee for building school houses, providing also that Lemon Fletcher, and Joseph Bennett, be set to rocky hill distrect, agreably to their wish expressed to your Committee.

Samel Lawrance
James Brazer
Oliver Prescott junr } Committee

8th Article Voted to pass over this article.

The meeting was then dissolved

Recorded by Samel Rockwood Town Clerk

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Warrant for March Meeting 1803.

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(S) To Samuel Rockwood of Groton in said County
(S) Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town quallified by law to vote for a representative to the general court of this commonwealth, and such other Inhabitants as are quallified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble and meet at the public meeting house in said town, on tuesday the first day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon of said day, to act on the following articles. viz —

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

3d To choose all such Town officers as are required by law to serve in said town the ensuing year: likewise an Agent for the town the year ensuing.

4th To see if the town will give libetty for swine to run at large the ensuing year under the restrictions of the law: also to see if the town will restrict horses, and neat cattle of all kinds from runing at large the year ensuing.

5th To hear the report of the committee chosen in November last to reckon with the town Treasurer, and act thereon as the town may think proper.

6th To hear the list of voters for governor, senators, representatives &c revise and correct the same, agreably to the late law of the commonwealth.

7th To see if the town will take any measures to put out all such poor persons, as are liable to be maintained by the town, to one person for a year, or years.

8th To see if the town will order any thing to be done on the west side of the river, near Capell's Bridge, to repair the west abutment of the bridge and pass such orders about the same as they may think proper.

9th To see what measures the town will take to rebuild the bridge over Cow-pond brook, near the house of Capt Asa Lawrence

10th To hear the report of the committee chosen in March last to view the school-house near the house of David Prescott, and consider the expediency of annexing that district to Rocky hill district.

Warrant for March meeting 1803.

11th To see if the town will direct that William Dalrimple, and Peter Chase, be annexed to Joseph Shed's School district: also to see if they will annex Lieut. Ebert Hopkins, to Major Joseph Moors' school district.

12th To see if the town will give leave for Winslow Parker's school District to draw about eight dollars of money granted in the year 1801. any vote of the town to the contrary notwithstanding.

13th To see if the town will give leave for Michael Crosby to shut up that part of the old county road leading to Littleton, so far as the same runs through his land: or lies contiguous thereto.

14th To see if the town will give leave for Isaac Bowers, to shut up the old county road leading from Capt. Joph Thad Richardson's to Wilder Shepple's house, so far as the same lies contiguous to his land.

15th To hear the request of Matthias and samuel Farnsworth relative to their being set off from the town of Groton with their estates, and annexed to the town of Littleton.

16th To see if the town will make Oliver Fletcher and his son any further allowance or consideration for their building the school house at Rocky hill.

17th To see if the town will abate the rates of Samuel Bennett, what remains due as borne on William Nutting's list for the year 1780. and act on this and each of the foregoing articles as the town may think proper.

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the selectmen by nine of the clock in the forenoon of said day. fail not at the peril of the law: given under our hands and seals at Groton afore said the fourteenth day of February A.D. 1803.

Oliver Prescott
Ebert Hopkins
John Shepple
} Selectmen for Groton

Recorded by Saml. Shakwood Town Clerk

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Four thousand two hundred and twenty five dollars and twenty seven cents. — — — $ 4225-27

Groton 17 February 1803.

All which is submitted

James Brazer
Saml Lawrance
Amos Farnsworth
John Sheple
} Committee

6th Article The list of Voters mentioned in this article were read and corrected by the town.

7th Voted to pass over this article.

8th Voted that the selectmen be a Committee to repair the Bank and abutment on the west side the river at the Bridge near Mr Jno Lapell's house as mentioned in this article.

9th Voted that the selectmen be a committee fully authorised to let out the building the Bridge mentioned in this article at the Towns expence.

10th Voted not to accept the report of the committee mentioned in this article.

11th Voted to annex William Dalrimple and Peter Chase to Joseph Shed's school District: also Voted to annex Lieut Ebenr Hopkins to Major Joseph Moors' School district.

12th Voted to grant the money to Winslow Parker's school district as mentioned in this article.

13th Voted to pass over this article.

14th Voted and chose James Brazer, Oliver Prescott jnr Esqrs Capt Jephtha Richardson, Hon Timothy Bigelow, and James Prescott Esqrs a committee to take the subject matter of this article into their consideration and report to the town their opinion relating thereunto.

15th Voted that this article be referred to the consideration of Oliver Prescott jnr James Brazer and Hon Timo Bigelow Esqrs and to report their opinion to the Town.

Warrant for March meeting 1804.

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(L) To Samuel Rockwood, of Groton in said County — Greeting
(S) In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby
(L) required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabi-
(S) tants of said Town qualified by law to vote for a representa-
tive to the general Court of this Commonwealth, and such other Inhabitants as are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble and meet at the public meeting house in said town on Tuesday the sixth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon of said day, to act on the following articles. viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

3d To choose all such town officers as are required by law to to serve in said town the ensuing year: also an agent for the Town the year ensuing.

4th To see if the Town will give liberty for swine to run at large the ensuing year under the restrictions of the law: also to see if they will restrict horses and neat cattle of all kinds from running at large the year ensuing.

5th To hear the report of the Committee chosen in October last to reckon with the town treasurer, and act thereon as they may think proper.

6th To hear the report of the selectmen relative to the alteration of the town-way leading from Sandy-pond over land occupied by Mr. Aaron Bigelow, Benjamin Morse Jr. and Capt. Aaron Jewett, and act the same, or act any thing about said way, they may think proper.

7th To see if the town will choose a committee and impower them to see that the highways, and town ways, within the town, are laid open to their proper width, or give such instructions about the same as they may think fit.

8th To hear the request of Mr. David Prescott, and others relative to finishing the school-house in their District.

9th To see if the town will order a bridge to be built over Cow-pond brook, between Mr. David Prescotts, Nahum Woods's.

10th To see if the town will give leave to Mr. John Simonds to work out his highway tax for two years to come on the town way leading by Mr. Saml. Dodges barn to his house under the directions of the highway surveyor.

Warrant for March meeting 1804.

11th To see if the town will give leave for Mr Samuel Hartwell to work out his highway tax for two years to come on his own land between his house and the road.

12th To see if the town will make any further allowance to Mr Oliver Fletcher, for his building the school house at Rocky hill, any former vote of the town notwithstanding.

13th To see if the town will abate the rates of Nathaniel Adams, and Nathaniel Blanchard for the year 1800. and the rates of James B. Harris, for 1801. and the rates of Capt Asa Lawrence, and the guardians of Capt Shattuck Blood, Decd for 1800. and 1801. or any part thereof, as borne on Capt James Lewis jnrs lists.

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the selectmen by nine of the clock in the forenoon forenoon of said day: fail not at the peril of the law: given under our hand, and seals at Groton aforesaid this twentieth day of February AD. 1804.

John Sheple
Oliver Prescott } Selectmen for
Solomon Tarbell
James Lewis jr } Groton

Middlesex ss, February 24th 1804

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Groton qualified by law to vote for a representative to the general Court of this commonwealth, and such other Inhabitants of said town as are qualified to vote in town affairs, are hereby notified, and warned to assemble and meet at time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Recorded by Samuel Rockwood, Town Clerk.

Middlesex ss: March 6th 1804.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified & warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Groton qualified as therein mentioned to assemble & meet at time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned by causing this warrant to be posted eight days previous to said meeting agreeably to the vote of the town for that purpose

Samd Rockwood Town Clerk

Recorded by Samd Rockwood Town Clerk

Proceedings of March meeting 1804.

4th Article, Voted that swine, run at large under the restrictions of the law, untill the first day of September next. ~~voted~~
Voted to restrict horses and neat cattle of all kinds, from runing at large the ensuing year; excepting such cows as the selectmen may give licence for.

5th The report of the committee chosen to reckon with the town Treasurer, being read, was accepted and ordered to be recorded; which is as followeth. — towit

In pursuance of a vote of the town of Groton in Octr. last we have this day Reckoned with Mr. Joseph Sheed their ~~town~~ Treasurer, and find that at the last reckoning which was on the 17th Feb.y 1803. there was then out standing in his and the collectors hands for him to account for four thousand two hundred twenty five dollars and twenty seven cents. — $ 4225 ~ 27
That there hath since been committed to him by certificates from the assessors — 4100 ~ 52
that there hath since been committed to him by the selectmen of said town, cash received for the support of the states poor, three hundred forty four dollars & eighty eight cents — 344 ~ 88
By Peletiah Russell's note for — 5 ~ 42
by Joseph Sawtell 3d. note for — 6 ~ 94
by Jonas Trobridge note — 5 ~ 11
The Towns proportion of a stray cow taken up by Isaiah Hall. — 6 ~ 00
by cash recd. of the selectmen for the Sartell school farm for rents 1801 — 18 ~ 43
the over layings of the state & County Tax amounting to — 23 ~ 11
$ 8735 ~ 68

And hath since paid out on town orders three thousand three Hundred twenty four dollars and seventeen cents — 3324 ~ 17
his poundage included being $27 ~ 47
5411 ~ 51

So that there is a ballance out standing in his and the collectors hand for him to account for

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five thousand four hundred eleven dollars and fifty one cents — — — — $ 5411-51.

Groton 22d Feb.y 1804.

All which is submitted

Jacob L. Parker
James Brazer
Sam.l Lawrence
Amos Farnsworth
James Lewis jr.
} Committee

6th Article Voted to postpone the consideration of this article untill the next May meeting.

7th Voted to pass over this article.

8th Voted that Messr.s Noah Shattuck, John Johnson & Nehemiah Whitman, be a committee to take into consideration the request mentioned in this article, and report their opinion to the town at the May meeting.

9th Voted to pass over this article.

10th Voted that Mr. John Simonds, have leave to work out his highway tax, for two years to come, on the town way leading by Mr. Sam.l Dodge's barn, to his house, under the direction of the highway surveyor

11th Voted that Mr. Sam.l Hartwell have liberty to work out his highway tax for one year following on his own land between his house and the road, under the inspection of the highway surveyor.

12th Voted that Mr. Oliver Fletcher, be allowed to draw fifty dollars out of the town treasury by order from the selectmen infull compensation for his, and his sons, building the rocky hill school house, provided that so much of the said fifty dollars, ~~be first~~ as may be found necessary, be first applyed to discharge all his taxes now due to the several collectors.

13th Voted to abate the taxes of Nathaniel Adams, as mentioned in this article Voted not to abate to abate the rates of Nathaniel Blanchard,

turn over

Warrant for April meeting 1804

Middlesex ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(L)
(S) To Samuel Rockwood, of Groton in said County — Greeting:
(L) In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby
(S) required to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the said town of Groton, of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold estate within the commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any estate to the value of sixty pounds, to assemble and meet at the public meeting house in said town on monday the second day of April next, at one of the clock in the afternoon of said day, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Governor, senators & counsellors, agreeably to the constitution of said commonwealth. And you are alike required to notify and warn such of the Inhabitants of said town as are qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble and meet at the same time & place, to act on the following articles. —

Turn it

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting. —

2d To see in what way the highways, town ways, bridges & causeways in said town shall be repaired the ensuing year: and raise such sum or sums of money for that or any other purpose the town may think proper, and order the same to be assessed.

3d To see what allowance the town will make to Major Samson Wood, for collecting taxes for the years 1801. – 1802. & 1803. provided he clears and with the treasurer in due season, and asks for no further abatements. —

4th To see if the town will order a prosecution against those persons that were supposed to be concerned in the burning of the school house at the rocky hill, and to consider whether one schoolhouse cannot accommodate the rocky hill, and Mr David Prescotts, districts: and also to see if the town will order another school house to be built and choose any committee, and pass such votes & orders relating to this article as they may think proper. —

5th To see if the town will allow Capt. James Lewis, & Capt. James Lewis jnr. to work out the remainder of their last year highway taxes on the roads the year ensuing, any vote of the town to the contrary notwithstanding. —

6th To see if the town will set off Messrs John Woods, & John Woods jr. with their estates from the town of Groton, to be annexed to the town of Dunstable. —

7th To see if the town will give liberty for Mr Phinehas Parker to work out his highway tax the year ensuing on his own land between the road leading by Mr Noah Shattuck & West leading by Capt. James Lewis', under the direction of the highway surveyor. —

Turn over

Warrant for May Meeting 1804.

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

To Samuel Rockwood, of Groton in said County — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified according to the constitution of said Commonwealth to vote for a representative to the general Court; to assemble & meet at the public meetinghouse in said town on monday the seventh day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon of said day to see if the town will choose some proper person, or persons, to represent them in the general Court of said Commonwealth the year ensuing, and give him, or them such instructions as they may think fit; and you are alike required to notify and warn such of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town as are qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble and meet at the same time and place, to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d To see in what way and manner the schools shall be kept in the town the ensuing year, and raise such sum of money for that purpose as the town may think fit, and order the same to be assessed, also choose a Committee to provide a grammar school master, or masters, and inspect the several schools in the town the year ensuing.

3d To hear the report of the committee chosen in March last to take into consideration the request of David Prescott & others relating to the finishing their schoolhouse, and act thereon as they think fit.

4th To hear the report of the committee chosen in April last to take into consideration the expediency of reuniting the rocky hill, and Mr. David Prescotts' school districts, accept of the same, or act as the town think fit, also to see if the town will vote to build a schoolhouse in the Rocky hill district, raise any money for that purpose, or act any thing relating thereto they thinke best.

5th To see if the town will vote to allow Mr. Nehemiah Gilson and Nath.l Lawrance, their proportion of school money, with the priviledge to lay the same out in schooling where they can be best accommodated.

6th To see if the town will raise any sum, or sums of money to defray the town charges the ensuing year, & order the same to be assessed & collected.

7th To hear the report of the selectmen relative to the alteration of the townway leading from sandy pond, over land occupied by Messrs. Aaron Bigelow, Benjamin Morse jnr. & Dr. Aaron Jewett, accept of the same, or act any thing about said town way they may think proper.

8th To hear the request of Samuel Pierce, relative to the proposed alteration of the town way over land occupied by Aaron Bigelow & act thereon as they think proper.

turn over.

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9th – To see what measures the town will take to open the County road over land of Lieut. Winslow Parker & Elisha Tufts, choose any committee, raise any sum of money for that purpose, or act any thing relating thereto they may think proper. —

10th – To see if the town will choose a committee to view the County roads ~~roads~~ leading from Groton to Littleton & Westford, near Saml. Dana Esqrs Tavernhouse, and report to the town their opinion with regard to the expediency of procuring an alteration in said roads, and the probable expience attending the same. —

11th – To see if the town will rebuild the bridge over sandy pond brook, and repair the causeway near the same: also, to see if ~~they town~~ will rebuild the bridge over waste brook so called, choose any committees, or give any directions about said bridges they may think proper. —

12th – To see if the town will choose any proper persons to inspect the great Bridges the year ensuing. —

13th – To see if the town will join with the towns of Pepperill and Shirley, & petition the General Court for a grant of land in the district of Maine in consideration of the uncomon burden they have already borne, and must hereafter bear in supporting the bridges over the river Nashua, & choose a committee to prefer a petition, & do, & transact any thing relating thereto which they may think proper. —

14th – To see if the town will agree to take a less sum than was proposed by the selectmen for the damage done by the burning of the Rocky hill schoolhouse, charged upon William G. Farbell, and act any thing relating to this article they may think fit. —

15th – To see if the town will abate the taxes set to Lieut. Winslow Parker, for Phinehas Bleach's farms for the year 1800. —

16 To see if the town will prefix a day in the month of May, on which the town meeting shall be held annually, for the choice of representatives to the general Court of this commonwealth. and to act on this, and each of the foregoing articles as the town may think proper. —

And you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the selectmen by

Proceedings of May meeting 1804.

At a legal meeting of the male Inhabitants of the town of Groton, qualified according to the constitution of the commonwealth to vote for a representative to the general court of said commonwealth, on monday the seventh day of May AD. 1804. Votes for the following persons were given in sorted and counted according to law. — towit

For Hon: Fim^o. Sigelow Esqr one hundred & twenty seven votes — 127

for Saml. Dana Esqr. one hundred & two votes - 102

for Lieut. Joseph Rockwood three votes — 3.

The question being put to see if the town would ballot a second time for any other person to represent them in the general court the ensuing year, it passed in the negative —

At a legal meeting of such of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town as are qualified by law to vote in town affairs on the aforesaid seventh day of May AD. 1804. proceeded as followeth. — towit

1st. Voted and chose James Brazer Esqr. Moderator

2^d. Voted that the schools be kept in the town the ensuing year in the same way and manner they were the last year, Voted to raise the sum of one thousand dollars to be laid out in schooling in the same manner as the last year and ordered the same to be assessed & collected. — Voted & chose the selectmen a committee to provide the grammar school masters for the year ensuing

Voted and chose Mr. William Nutting, James Prescott, & James Brazer Esq^rs in addition to the selectmen a committee to visit & inspect the several schools in the town the ensuing year. —

3^d. No report was made by the committee; the town voted to pass over this article. —

4th. The report of the committee mentioned in this article being read the town voted to accept thereof and ordered the same to be recorded, which is as followeth. — viz —

The Subscribers a committee appointed by the town of Groton to take into consideration the expediency of uniting Rocky Hill and David Prescotts school districts & report whether one school house cannot accomodate both the sd. districts, have attended this service, and after full consideration and mature deliberation, do report that in

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their [illegible]ion the aforesaid districts may be seperated without any considerable inconvenience to any, except to David Prescott, & Oliver Wright, at the eastern extreme, & to Joseph Bennet & Lyman Fletcher at the western extreme of said districts, & that the house will best accomodate the said districts if planted on rising ground a few rods west of a place called Bear rock — & it is the opinion of the committee that the old farm or the families in the dwelling house of Ezekiel Fletcher, be set to John Shepley's district. All which is submitted

Groton May 7th 1804.

Jacob L. Parker
Oliver Prescott Jnr
James Lewis Jnr } Committee

The town then voted & chose Capt James Lewis Jnr, Mr Jacob Patch, & Lieut Elnathan Sawtell, a committee to build a school house in the Rocky hill district agreably to the above report.

5th Voted that Mr Hezekiah Gilson, & Mr Nathaniel Lawrence be allowed to draw their proportion of schoolmoney for the present year, with the privilege to lay the same out in schooling where they can be best accomodated.

6th Voted to raise the sum of two thousand dollars to defray the necessary town charges the ensuing year, and ordered the same to be assessed & collected.

7 Voted to accept the report of the selectmen mentioned in this article and ordered the same to be recorded, which is as follows, viz

Groton November 4th 1803.

We the subscribers three of the selectmen of the town of Groton, this day altered the town way laid out in December 1792 leading from the county road near sandy pond through land belonging to the heirs of Saml Pierce deceased, and land of Benjamin Morse Jnr and Deacon Aaron Jewett, til it comes to the town way that leadeth by Joseph Wyeth's, as followeth, to wit Begining ~~at the county road~~ against sandy pond at the lane leading from the county road to the westerly end of the house where Aaron Bigelow now dwells, and from thence on a straight line to the west end of the upper ~~house~~ or easterly house belonging to Benjn Morse Jnr, so on from said house as straight as may be convenient, part of the way on the side of the hill and part just on the brow of the hill till it comes to land of Dr Aaron Jewett, about one rod to the westward of the northerly end of said Jewetts stone wall, and so on down the hill approaching nearer said wall as may be convenient

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12th Voted that the selectmen be a committee to inspect the great bridges the year ensuing.

13th Voted & chose Saml. Dana Esqr. Lieut. Joseph Blackwood, and Timothy Bigelow Esqr. a committee to join with any committees from the towns of Pepperell & Shirley, and petition the general court for a grant of lands in the district of Maine in consideration of the uncommon burden they have already borne, and must hereafter bear in supporting the bridges over the river Nashua.

14th Voted that the selectmen take security of Saml. Dana Esqr. & Mr. Job Shattuck jnr. for one hundred dollars in full for the damage done by the burning of the Rocky hill school house, charged upon William G. Farbell.

15th Voted to pass over this article

16th Voted that the town meetings for in this town for the choice of Representatives to the general court of this commonwealth, shall in future be holden on the first monday in the month of May annually.

May meetings when to be held

The meeting was then dissolved.

Recorded by Saml. Blackwood Town Clerk

Warrant for a Town Meeting in June - 1804

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts } Middlesex ss.

LS

To Mr. Abel Farnsworth one of the Constables for the town of Groton in said County —— Greeting -

LS

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton (agreeable to the list of voters herewith committed) qualified by Law to vote in town meetings, to assemble & meet at the public meeting-house in the first Parish in

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to contain the name of at least one Inhabitant of each District, for choosing Representatives to the Congress of the United States, established by a law passed March 10th 1802. — — — —

— Also, to give in their Votes for a Representative for Middlesex district, to represent the people of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States. — — — — — — —

And you are also required to notify and warn such of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town, as are qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to assemble and meet at the same time and place, to act on the following Articles — — — viz

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting. —

2d To choose a Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer, and direct them to report at the Annual Meeting in March next.

3d To take measures that the several School-districts within the town, be properly bounded, numbered & designated, and to adopt some proper method to ascertain an enumeration of all Children following, viz, Males above four, and under twenty one Years of age, females above four, and under Eighteen Years of age, and provide for a periodical return to the Selectmen, of such enumeration, and to regulate the expenditure of the Money granted by the town from time to time and hear the report of the School-Committee upon these Subjects for the support of Schools or act upon this Article as they may deem expedient. — — —

4th To abate the rates of Oliver Blood 3d as borne on Collector Woods' list for 1803, or any part thereof, if they think proper. — — —

5th To direct the Town Treasurer to wait one year on Collector Capt. Ezekiel Shattuck, for David Hazzen's Taxes, or act upon this Article as they may see fit. — — — — — — —

And you are to make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to one of the Selectmen, by one of the Clerk in the Afternoon of said day, fail not at the peril of the Law, given under our hands and Seals at Groton aforesaid, this twenty second day of Oct. A.D. 1804 —

John Shepley
Solomon Tarbell
James Lewis Junr
} Selectmen for Groton

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Junr Town Clerk.

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Votes were also given in for a Representative for Middlesex District, to represent the people of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, ~~which~~ which being sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made, were as follows — — — viz

For the Hon. Timothy Bigelow Esq. — No. 113.
Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq. — 94.
Rev. Samuel Kendall — — 1.

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, on Monday the fifth day of November A.D. 1804. — —

1st. Voted and chose James Prescott Esq. Moderator. —

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the twenty fifth Inst. then to meet at this place at two o'clock in the afternoon —

The meeting was accordingly adjourned — —

Recorded pr Oliver Prescott Junr. Town Clerk

Monday 26th. November 1804. —

The Town met agreeably to their adjournment, and chose John Shepley Clerk pro. tem. — & he was sworn before Timothy Bigelow Esq. to the faithfull discharge of that trust. —

2d. Chose Dorr. Prescott. Capt. James Lewis Junr. James Brazer Esq. James Prescott Esq. & Dr. Joseph Rockwood a Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer — — — —

3d. Voted to pass over the third article — as no report was prepared —

4th. Voted to abate the taxes of Oliver Blood 3d. the whole of them in 3d. Wood's list — — — — — — — — — —

5th. Voted ~~that~~ the Town Treasurer wait one year of Collector Shattuck for David Hazzen's Taxes — — — — — —

Voted ~~that~~ this meeting be dissolved — John Shepley —

Recorded by Oliver Prescott. Town Clerk —

Warrant for March Meeting — 1805.

Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

To Oliver Prescott of Groton in said County Greeting —

LS

In the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth and such other inhabitants as are qualified by law to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble and meet at the public meeting-house in said Town on Tuesday the fifth day of March next, at nine of the Clock in the forenoon of said day, to act on the following articles — — — — viz

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1. To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting —
2. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer —
3. To choose all such Town Officers as are required by law to serve in said Town the ensuing year; also an agent for the Town the year ensuing — — — — —
4. To give liberty for swine to run at large the ensuing year under the restrictions of the law, if they see fit; also, to restrict Horses & Neat-Cattle of all kinds from running at large the ensuing year, if they think proper. —
5. To hear the report of the Committee chosen in Nov. last to reckon with the Town-Treasurer, & act thereon as they thinks proper. —
6. To take measures that the several School-districts within the Town be properly bounded, numbered and designated; & adopt some proper method to ascertain an enumeration of all Children following, viz. males above four & under ~~eighteen~~ twenty one years of age, females above four & under eighteen years of age, and provide for a periodical return to the Selectmen of such enumeration, and to regulate the expenditures of money granted by the Town

from

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from time to time for the support of Schools, and hear the report of the ~~the~~ School-Committee upon these subjects, accept the same, or act upon this article as they may deem expedient —

7. To grant money for the purpose of erecting a stone bridge over South-brook so called near Matthias Farnsworth's house if they see cause —

8. To accept the School-house lately built in the district of Capt. James Lewis, if they think proper —

9. To abate half the taxes set to Samuel Gray for John Robbins's place in Collector Woods's list for 1803, if they judge best —

10. To hear the request of William Shattuck respecting the taxes assessed upon his poll & personal Estate for the year 1802, & committed to Collector Ezekiel Shattuck for collection, and abate the same if they see cause —

And you are to make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen by nine of the Clock in the forenoon of said day — fail not at the peril of the Law — Given under our hands & Seals at Groton aforesaid the Eighteenth day of February A.D. 1805 —

John Sheple
Solomon Tarble
James Lewis Jun.
} Selectmen for Groton

Middlesex ss. Feb. 21st 1805 — Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Groton qualified by law to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth, & such other Inhabitants as are qualified to Vote in town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to assemble and meet at time and place, & for the purposes above mentioned — Oliver Prescott

Middlesex ss. March 5th 1805 — Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified & warned the qualified Voters as therein mentioned to assemble and meet at time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by causing this Warrant to be posted eight days previous to said meeting including two Sabbaths, agreeably to a Vote of the town for that purpose — Oliver Prescott

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk

Amounting in the whole to the sum of Nine thousand nine hundred & seventeen Dollars and thirty one Cents — } 9917..31

And that he hath since paid out upon orders drawn upon him by the Selectmen, the sum of three thousand two hundred and twelve Dollars and fifty one Cents — 3212..51

also upon orders drawn by the Committee for building a School-house in Capt. Lewis's district — } 87..61

his Percentage on the above sums amount to — 27..50

3327..62

Leaving a balance in his, if in the Collectors hands for him hereafter to account for, as Treasurer, the sum of six thousand five hundred and eighty nine Dollars and sixty nine Cents — } $ 6589..69

All which is submitted — Groton March 1st 1805.

Oliver Prescott
James Brazer
James Lewis Jun.
Joseph Rockwood
James Prescott } Committee

6th Voted to pass over the sixth article in the Warrant, until the adjournment of this meeting — — — — —

7th Voted to grant twenty Dollars for the purposes mentioned in the seventh article, provided the same be expended under the direction of Capt. Sampson Farnsworth, who is the Surveyor of high-ways for the district.

8th Voted to accept the School-House lately built in Capt. Lewis's district.

9th Voted to abate one half the taxes assessed upon Samuel Grass for John Robbins's real Estate for 1803

10th Voted to abate such taxes of William Shattuck, as are mentioned in this article, upon condition he produces to the Selectmen, satisfactory evidence of his having payed taxes upon his poll & personal Estate for that year in the State of New-Hampshire —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next, to meet at this place at one of the Clock in the afternoon of said day — The Meeting was accordingly adjourned

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk

Adjournment of March Meeting - 1805.

April 1st 1805 —

The Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to the Choice of Collectors and Constables — viz —

Voted and chose Abel Farnsworth Collector of Taxes for the Southerly part of the town as the town is usually divided who agreed to collect the same free of expense, & presented Timothy Bigelow & James Brazer Esq.rs as his Bondsmen who were accepted by the town —

Voted and chose Maj.r Sampson Woods Collector of Taxes for the Northerly part of the town as the same is usually divided & voted to give him one Cent upon every Dollar he shall collect & pay in to the Treasurer within one Year from the date of his respective Warrants — Timothy Bigelow and James Brazer Esq.rs were presented by him as Bondsmen for the faithfull discharge of the trust who were accepted by the town —

Voted & chose Abel Farnsworth & Maj.r Sampson Woods Constables for the Year Ensuing —

There being no report prepared upon the 6th Article in the Warrant, it was Voted to pass the same over —

The Meeting was then dissolved —

Recorded by
Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.

Warrant for May Meeting — 1805

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Middlesex ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

To Oliver Prescott Esq of Groton in said County — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonw aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn such Inhabitants of said Town of Groton as are qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court, to assemble and meet at the public Meeting House in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next, at one of the Clock in the Afternoon of said day, to choose some person or persons to Represent them in the General Court of sd. Commonw the year ensuing, and give him or them such instructions as they may think fit; and you are alike required to notify and warn such freeholders and other inhabitants of said town as are qualified by law to Vote in town affairs, to assemble and meet at the same time and place, to act on the following articles — viz —

1. To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting —

2d. To determine in what way and manner the Schools shall be kept in the town the ensuing year, & raise such sum of money for that purpose as the town may think proper, & order the same to be assessed — Also choose a Committee to provide Grammer School-Masters, & inspect the several Schools in the town the year ensuing —

3. To raise such sum or sums of money to defray town charges the ensuing year as they may deem expedient, and give orders relative to assessing and collecting the same —

4th. To choose some proper person or persons to inspect the great Bridges the year ensuing —

5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen relative to the way & manner of warning town-meetings in future, and act upon the same as they may think proper —

6th. To hear the report of the Committee chosen at April Meeting at the request of Aaron Bigelow, & act thereon as the town shall see cause —

7th. To hear the request of Oliver Blood Junr. "that the road leading from the County road to the house of Thomas Trowbridge be discontinued" and

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At a legal meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Groton, qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonw. on Monday the forth day of May A.D. 1805 — for the ~~purpose~~ purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative to the General Court the year ensuing, which being counted & sorted by the Selectmen were as follows — For Hon. Timothy Bigelow, Esq. — 143 Votes
Samuel Doria Esq — 90 Votes
amounting to the number of two hundred and thirty three the Hon. Timothy Bigelow Esq. having a majority was declared to be duly Elected —

The question being then put, if the town will choose any other person to represent them in s^d General Court the year ensuing — It passed in the Affirmative —

Votes were accordingly Brot in to the Selectmen & by them counted and sorted, & were as follows. — —
For Joseph Moore Esq — 130 Votes
Scattering Votes — 9 — making the whole number one hundred and thirty nine Votes —
Joseph Moore Esq. was therefore declared to be elected —

At a legal meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the s^d town of Groton qualified by law to Vote in town affairs on Monday the s^d forth day of May, A.D. 1805.

1. Voted & chose Hon. James Prescott Esq. Moderator. —
2. Voted that the Schools be kept the ensuing year within the town, in the same way and manner as they were the last year — Voted to raise the sum of One Thousand Dollars to be laid out in schooling & appropriated in the same manner as the last year, & ordered the same to be assessed.
Voted & chose the Selectmen a Committee to provide the Grammer School-Masters for the year ensuing —
Voted and chose James Brazer Esq. Joseph Moore, Esq. James Prescott Esq., William Nutting, Josiah Hall, Lt. Joseph Rockwood, Samel Lawrance Esq. and Deacon Amos Hamsworth a Committee in addition to the Selectmen & Minister to visit and

and inspect the several Schools within the town the ensuing year —

3. Voted to raise the sum of fixteen hundred Dollars to defray necessary town charges the ensuing year, and the same was ordered to be assessed and collected. —

4th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to inspect the great Bridges the ensuing year. —

5th Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, upon the subject of "the most suitable way of manner to be adopted by the town in warning their town meetings for the future" and ordered the same to be recorded —

which report follows —

The Selectmen having been appointed a Committee to consider the way and manner of calling town meetings in future —

Manner of calling Town-Meetings in future —

Report that all town meetings in the town of Groton shall be hereafter summoned by a Warrant under the hands and Seals of the Selectmen or a major part of them for the time being, directed to one of the Constables of said town, thereby requiring such Constable to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified as the law directs, to assemble and meet at the time and place and for the purposes in such warrant mentioned, by posting up a true copy thereof in some conspicuous place, at the public meeting-house in said town, Eight days at least prior to such meeting including two Sabbaths; (or by giving personal notice to such Inhabitants four days at least prior to such meeting, if the Selectmen or the major part of them for the time being, on special occasions, shall so direct.) and returned by such Constable to the Town Clerk or to the Selectmen with his doings thereon, at or before the time appointed for such meeting; which Warrant it shall be the duty of such Constable to serve and return as thereby directed — Groton May 6th 1805 —

Oliver Prescott
James Lewis Jun
John Shepley
Abel Tarbell
Calvin Boynton
} Selectmen for Groton —

6th as the Selectmen had not opportunity to prepare a report upon the 6th article, Voted that James Prescott Esq, Joseph Stone and Deacon Amos Farnsworth be a Committee to take the subject of

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

Middlesex ss. —

To Sampson Woods one of the Constables for the Town of Groton in said County —— Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town of Groton qualified by Law to vote in town affairs, to assemble & meet at the public Meeting-house in said town on Monday the Eighteenth day of November next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles — —— viz —

1. To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting —
2. To choose a Committee to reckon with the Town-Treasurer, and direct them to report at the annual meeting in March next.
3. To take measures that the several School-districts within the town be properly bounded, numbered and designated, and adopt some proper method to ascertain an enumeration of all children following, viz, Males above four and under twenty one years of age, females above four and under Eighteen years of age; & provide for a periodical return to the Selectmen of such enumeration; and to regulate the expenditure of Money granted by the town from time to time for the support of Schools; and hear the reports of the School-Committee upon these subjects, accept the same or act upon this article as they may judge best.
4. To choose a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining the bounds of the Town's Common near & about the Meeting-house; and determine if they will lease any part thereof for a lumber-yard, or act upon this article as they may think best. —
5. To see if they will alter the present mode of choosing Surveyors of high-ways, and determine the manner of their Election in future, or act respecting this article as they may think fit —
6. To determine what repairs shall be made in the Centre-

School

Proceedings of November meeting 1805

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton, qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, on monday the Eighteenth day of November A.D. 1805 — — — — — — — —

1. Voted & Chose Hon. James Prescott Moderator. —
2. Voted & Chose Lt. Joseph Rockwood, William Nutting, Saml. Lawrance and James Brazer Esq.rs, and Capt. Ezekiel Shattuck a Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer — Lt. Joseph Rockwood was excused serving upon this Committee at his request, & Doctr. B. Prescott was appointed in his room —
3. The Town not being as yet fully collected, Voted to pass by the third article for the present. — — —
4. Voted & Chose Hon. James Prescott, Oliver Prescott, and James Brazer Esq.rs a Commtee to ascertain the bounds of the Town's Common, & report upon the subject matter of this article at next Town meeting — — —
5. Voted to pass over the fifth Article — — —
6. Voted that the Selectmen erect a Chimney in the Centre School-house, & cause such repairs to be made therein as may be necessary, at the expense of the Town —
7. Chose Capt. James Lewis Jun.r Solomon Carleton and Maj.r Sampson Woods a Committee to provide Stone for building a Stone Bridge over the Brook near Wm. Tarbell's, also for one or two sluice ways (as they may judge merit usefull) near Bancroft's Tan-house — Voted that they let out the Stone to the ~~highest~~ lowest Bidder —
8. No person appearing from the proprietors of the proposed Turnpike &c - Voted to pass over this article — — —
9. Voted to instruct the Town Agent to oppose the laying out of a road from Justice Longley's mills to Jonas Stones, if the County Committee should report in favor of one. —

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10. Voted to abate the Taxes of the Wido. Crouch as mentioned in this article.

The Town then took into consideration the third article; upon the subject matter in said article, the School Committee made a lengthy report, which was accepted by the town, and the same was ordered to be recorded. — which follows. viz. —

Art. 3. Schools.

The Committee, appointed to visit the schools and superintend the education of the Youth, finding that frequent changes of the limits of the School districts have produced great uncertainty, which tends constantly to doubt, error & misunderstanding, and having carefully examined the records and proceedings of the town, relative to schools, are of opinion, that that department of town police is materially defective, and ought to be revised; and, therefore, report that it is highly expedient to adopt the following regulations. — — — —

Preamble

12. Districts defined & numbered

Art. 1. That there shall continue to be twelve School-Districts in the town, except as hereinafter mentioned, defined by the limits and boundaries hereinafter expressed, and to be henceforward called and known by the numerical denominations following.

Dist. No. 1.

School District No. 1. Beginning at the Causeway near to and northerly of Capt. Jephthah Richardson's tavern, thence running southerly and southeastwardly as the County road goes, to the Brick-yard near Abel Prescott's land; extending northerly to the guide post in the crotch of the roads northerly of the house where Isaac Bowers now lives; westerly towards Jonathan Farwell's to the northeast corner of the Farnsworth's land; easterly to the crotch of the roads near where Jonas Gilson now lives; also down the back road from the meeting-house by Peter Ames' house to Nehemiah Whitman's farm, and on the Harvard road to the lane south of the dwelling house of Joseph Fairfield 2d, and on the road by the dwelling house of Rufus Moore to Jonathan Fisk's farm; including the inhabitants on both sides

sides of said roads, except Joel Lawrance. —

District No. 2. — No. 2. — Beginning at the crotch of the roads near the dwelling-house of Ebenezer Hopkins, thence running Westerly by Deacon Amos Farnsworth's house to Page's Bridge so called; thence, as the County road goes, to the crotch of the roads near Morgan place, so called; thence by Major Moors' & Levi Stone's to the crotch of the roads south of John Fisk's house; thence towards Groton Meeting-house, as the road goes, till it comes to the lane, north of Joseph Allen's house, called Rufell's lane; including the inhabitants on both sides of said roads and within said limits, and also the occupants of the farm owned by Joel Lawrance, where he now lives. —

District No. 3. — No. III. Beginning at the crotch of the roads Westerly of William Bancroft's house, near where Ebenr. Hopkins now lives, thence running Northerly as the road goes, to Capt. Levi Kemp's, including said Kemp's farm, and extending from said William Bancroft's house to the Causeway, called Swell Bridge, and thence as the road goes by Amos Davis' to the road aforesaid; and extending easterly by Ezra Farnsworth's to Broad-meadow, & from Jonathan Farwell's towards Capt. Richardson's to the North-east corner of the Farnsworth's land; & from said Kemp's to Timothy H Newman's Shop; including all the inhabitants on both sides said roads, & within said limits, except said Newmans. —

District No. 4. — No. IV. Including that whole section of the town, which lies on the Westerly side of Nashua river — —

District No. 5. — No. V. Beginning at the guide ~~board~~ post in the crotch of the roads between Silas Parker's and Isaac Bowers', thence running northerly as the road goes, by Job Shattuck's to Swanox place, where Jonathan Pratt lately lived, & from the Causeway near Capt. Richardson's tavern, by Wilder Shepley's to Capell's Mills, at the Bridge over Nashua River, and so down the river to include William Nutting's farm and the inhabitants on the Nod-road, so called, & on the road from said William Nutting's to Silas Parker's & thence by James Shepley's to Martin's Pond, including the inhabitants on both sides of said roads and within said limits, and also William Farwell's farm, and the farm where Oliver Lakin lately lived, lying Easterly of said limits. —

No. 6.

District No. 6. **No. VI.** Beginning at the Naumox place, so called, and theme running northerly, as the County road goes by John Lawrence's to the River, & theme, as the road goes by Lemuel Lakin's and Ebenezer Prentice's to Dunstable line, & so by Dunstable line to Thomas Bennett, and by the road leading over wild-spring, so called, to said Naumox place; including Capt. Simeon Williams' farm, lying near said limits, and all the inhabitants on both sides of said roads, and within the limits aforesaid. — —

District No. 7. **No. VII.** Beginning at the gravelly hill on Dunstable road, near the Presbeterian Meeting-house, theme running easterly, as said road goes to Dunstable line, & bounding northerly on the limits of School district No. 6, and including all the inhabitants on both sides of said road, & within the limits aforesaid, and also including Ezekiel Fletcher's farm, so called, lying southerly of said road. —

District No. 8. **No. VIII.** Beginning at a little brook, or stream, between Joseph Bennett's house, & the house of Job Shattuck 3d, theme running easterly and northerly, as the road goes, by the farm where Oliver Fletcher lately lived, to Dunstable line; theme running easterly by Dunstable line, southerly by Tyngsboro' line, & westerly by Wefford line, to the road leading by David Prescott's house, & so on by said road leading by Timothy Woods' house to Baddacock brook; including all the inhabitants on both sides of said roads, & within said limits, and also including Eber Woods' farm on the north, & Pelham Woods' farm on the south of said limits. — —

District No. 9. **No. IX.** Beginning at the crotch of the roads west of Jonas Gilson's house, theme running northerly, as the road goes, to Martin's Pond; theme running easterly, as the road goes, by the Widow Susanna Shed's house to the little brook, or stream, between the houses of Joseph Bennet and Job Shattuck 3d, theme running southerly by the house of Phinehas Parker over baddacock brook to Nahum Woods' house, including said Parker's farm, and said Woods' farm; theme to Jonas Green's house, including the land whereon he now lives; theme to Amos Ames' house; theme to Nehemiah Whitman's house, as the road goes, including said Ames' farm, & said Whitman's farm; theme to the place of beginning, including all the inhabitants on both sides of said roads, and within said limits. — —

District No. 10. **No. X.** Beginning at the brick-yard, near Abel Prescott's land, theme running southeasterly, as the County road goes, to Littleton line, and easterly, as the County road goes, to Wefford line, and northerly down Borden's lane to Amos Ames' farm, & northeasterly as the town way

way goes, by the widow Nash's house, & the house where John E. Ross now lives, over brown loaf brook to a place, called the saw-mill dam; and running from said County road at Stephen Farrar's tavern, southerly & southwesterly, as the road goes, till it comes to Rufus Moore' farm, including all the inhabitants on both sides said road, and within said limits. —

District No. 11. **No. XI.** Beginning at Snake-hill, so called, thence running southeasterly, as the road goes by Sandy-pond, till it comes to the County road near Aaron Bigelow's, thence running westerly, as said County road goes, to a small house where Oliver Blood 3d now lives, including the land which he now occupies, and running from said Bigelow's easterly, as the County road goes, to Littleton line; and running northerly from the school-house at said County road, near where Caleb Symmes now lives, as the town way goes, by Elisha Young's to Rocky hill, so called, near Tobacco pipe plain; including all the inhabitants on both sides of said roads and within said limits; & also including the occupants of the farm lying easterly thereof, formerly owned by Daniel Farwell; and also including all the inhabitants living southerly of the County road aforesaid to Harvard line. —

District No. 12. **No. XII.** Beginning at the crotch of the roads near Morgan place, so called, thence running southeasterly, as the County road goes, by Stone's saw-mill, so called, to the small house, where Oliver Blood 3d now lives, & from said Saw-mill southerly, as the County road goes, to Harvard line; including all the inhabitants on both sides of said roads, & living southerly & westerly thereof, to the lines of ~~Shirl~~ Harvard & Shirley; and also including all the inhabitants living on the road leading from the crotch of the roads south of John Fisk's house to Stone's Mill, & on the road leading from the crotch of the roads aforesaid, to John Park's house, and all within the limits aforesaid. —

Priviledges of persons not included in any School-District. — **Art. 2d** It is to be understood, that Garnet Blood, Ebenezer Blood, Levi Blood, Nathaniel Lawrance, and Nehemiah Gilson are not comprehended in any School-district, but that whenever they, or either of them, their heirs, successors or assigns, shall produce satisfactory evidence to the Selectmen, that the share of the money granted by the town for the support of

of schools, respectively apportioned to them, as herein after provided, shall have been duly expended in the education of their children, or those under their care, agreeably to the direction of the Selectmen, at any time within two years from the time of such apportionment, and notice given thereof, in that case, they shall respectively be entitled to be reimbursed by order of the Selectmen, each his proportion as aforesaid, until prohibited by the town.

Situations of School-Houses Established.— Art. 3d. To prevent alterations of the school-districts, and ensure, as far as possible, permanent accomodations to the inhabitants thereof, the situations, where the several school houses now stand, are accordingly established and determined, & not to be changed under any pretence whatever, without express permission of the town; and those, that may hereafter be erected, shall be under like restrictions —

School-houses numbered &c. — Art. 4th. The Selectmen shall immediately cause the School-houses in the several districts to be designated by the appropriate number of the districts aforesaid, being painted conspicuously upon the door fronting to the road, or otherwise in the most conspicuous manner; and at all times thereafter any expense incurred to repair & preserve said numbers, shall devolve on the Districts respectively, to be deducted from their several proportions of the School fund by the Selectmen, unless they shall, otherwise, voluntarily defray the same.

Districts to preserve their No.—

Districts to choose a Clerk &c. Art. 5th. The inhabitants of each School District, qualified to vote in town affairs, shall assemble at some convenient place in the month of February, or March, annually, and oftener, if necessary, and at their annual meeting shall choose a Clerk and such other officers and Committees, as they may think expedient, and the Clerk shall be sworn in the same manner, as town officers are, and it shall be his duty to keep a fair record, in a book provided by him, at the expense of the district, for that purpose, of all the transactions and proceedings of said district, & shall certify the same, when thereunto required.

Enumeration of Children. Art. 6th. The inhabitants of the several School-Districts shall cause a just and true enumeration of all male children above the age of four years, and under the age of twenty one, and all females, above the age of four years, and under the age

age of eighteen, resident in such district on the first day of September, to be taken annually, in the month of September, with the heads of families, to which they shall respectively belong, and to be recorded in their Clerk's book, who shall transmit an attested copy thereof to the Selectmen, on or before the first monday of October annually, upon failure whereof, the Selectmen shall be fully authorized, at their discretion, to apportion the share of the school fund, to which such School district, or districts, would be entitled, among the other School districts, which shall comply with this regulation —

District-Clerk to transmit an attested Copy thereof.

Districts forfeiture for his neglect.

And those heads of families, who are not comprehended in any School-district, shall return to the Selectmen, upon oath, if required on or before the first monday of Oct. annually, the number of children, male & female, within the ages aforesaid, who shall be under their care on the first day of September; otherwise, the Selectmen may, at their discretion, apportion such persons share of the School fund among such School districts, as shall make returns of such enumeration, as aforesaid. —

Families not included &c. to return like enumeration &c. —

Art. 7th. It being the indispensible duty of the town to employ "a Grammar school master of good morals, well instructed in the Latin, Greek, and English languages, and, in addition thereto, a school-master, or school-masters, of good morals, to teach children to read, write, and to instruct them in the English language, as well as in Arithmetic, Orthography, & decent behaviour, for such term of time, as shall be equivalent to twelve months, for each of said Schools, in each year", and provide for their support; the Selectmen shall, therefore, on or before the first monday of October annually, determine, as nearly as may be, what sum of money will, in their opinion, be adequate to the support of such Grammar school for the said term of twelve months; and the Selectmen shall, accordingly, deduct and reserve such sum, at least, out of the general fund, raised by grant of the town, annually, for the support of schools, and they shall apportion the residue of such general fund, among those School-Districts, wherein the Grammar-School is not kept, or established, and among those persons, not included in any School-District, according to the enumeration of children,

School-fund how apportioned.

Liveson

herein before mentioned, and give notice thereof, by posting up an advertisement, at some public place, or places, in the town on or before the first Monday of November annually. — and whenever any fund, or sum of money, raised by grant of the town, shall be specially limited to the support of Schools, other than those herein above described, the Selectmen shall apportion such special fund, or sum, among all the School districts, and those persons, not included in any School-District, according to the enumeration aforesaid, and give notice thereof, as aforesaid, any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding. —

Fund for a Woman's School &c how apportioned

Art. 8th. That the advantages of the Grammar-School may be extended to the greatest possible number of Individuals, & be enjoyed, as equally as may be, the said School shall be kept in School-District No. I. four months, in No. II. No. III. and No. V. two months, respectively, in each Year; and the residue of the Grammar-School fund, reserved, as aforesaid, shall be appropriated to the support of a Grammar-School in such district, or districts, as the Selectmen in their discretion, shall deem just & reasonable, and best promotive of the instruction of Youth, agreeably to the true intendment of Law. —

Grammar-School, where kept. —

Art. 9th. The Selectmen shall annually, and seasonably every Year, procure and employ the Grammar School-Master, or School-Masters, for the town, qualified as the law requires, and, in behalf of the town, shall contract with such School-Masters for their services, and provide for their payment, accommodation and support, and do whatever else to them may seem fit and requisite to keep and maintain such Grammar-School. —

Selectmen to provide for Grammar-Schools. —

Art. 10th. Each School-District shall be allowed, and freely authorized, to procure & employ a School-master, or School-mistress, for such district, qualified as the law requires, and contract with such Master, or Mistress, for his or her services, and provide for his, or her accommodation and support, & be entitled to receive, by order of the Selectmen, the share of the School fund, belonging to such District, by virtue of a due apportionment thereof, as aforesaid, and may do whatever else shall be necessary for the maintenance of such school; provided such district shall produce satisfactory evidence to the Selectmen of the qualifications of such Instructor before entering on the said business, and obtain their approbation thereof. —

Districts to provide for their Schools.

Art. 11.

Art. 11th. It shall be the duty of the several School-Districts annually, to expend in the education of the Youth, within their respective limits, the whole of their respective shares of the School-fund, apportioned to them in manner aforesaid, by employing an Instructor, qualified as aforesaid, and approbated by the Selectmen for that purpose. — And if any School-District, or Districts, shall fail so to expend such share, or proportion, for the space of one full Year from & after such apportionment shall be made, and notice thereof given, as aforesaid, the same shall be forfeited to the other Districts, and the Selectmen shall, thereupon, as soon as may be, apportion such Districts share among the other School-districts which shall have complied with the regulations aforesaid; saving always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to allow any District to have or receive any part or share of the School-fund, unless such District shall produce evidence of the Instructor's qualifications, and obtain the approbation of the Selectmen, as aforesaid. —

Districts shall expend their share of School-fund.

forfeiture for neglect. —

Art. 12th. The Settled Minister and the Selectmen of the town for the time being, together with seven other suitable & discreet men, of sobriety of manners, shall be a committee to visit the several Schools in the town, which seven persons shall be chosen, by Ballot, at the same town meeting, when the Selectmen shall be chosen, and the said Committee may appoint a Clerk, & such other Officers, as they may think expedient; and the said Clerk shall record all the proceedings of said Committee, & be the keeper thereof, and all papers and documents to them belonging, & shall certify the same, when thereunto required. — And the said Committee shall be empowered to make such reasonable rules and regulations, not repugnant to law, or Vote of the town, as they may think necessary for the orderly conduct

School-Committee how appointed.

their power and duty. —

conduct and government of the several Schools, and conducive to proper discipline and due subordination; and communicate, from time to time, such instructions to the several schools, and Instructors therein, as they shall determine best, to promote the welfare of the Youth, and diffuse the blessings of education.— And all questions, relative to the government of the schools, and the qualifications of the Instructors, shall be considered and determined by the said Committee, as to them shall seem fit.— and it shall be the duty, & special province of said Committee to visit the several schools, on such occasions, and make such inquiries and examinations, relative thereto, as they shall judge expedient and beneficial.—

to determine relative to government, qualifications &c

to visit the Schools &c

Art. 13th. The Selectmen shall furnish the Clerk of each School-District with a copy of these regulations, attested by the Town Clerk, as soon as conveniently may be, at the expense of the Town; And also with a copy of the abovementioned Committee's instructions attested by their Clerk; and the said District-Clerk shall immediately record the same at length in his book of records, which copies, so furnished, shall be returned to the Selectmen, as they shall direct.— And it shall be lawful for the Selectmen to withhold any Districts share of the School fund, untill such copies shall be, from time to time, returned, pursuant to their direction.

Selectmen to furnish copies &c to Districts.

District-Clerks to record the same.—

Copies to be returned.—

All which is submitted by the Subscribers.

Novr. 10th 1805.—

Dan. Chaplin
James Prescott
James Brazer
Oliver Prescott
Saml. Lawrance
Wm. Nutting
Amos Farnsworth
John Shepley
Abel Tarbell
Calvin Boynton
} Committee

The Meeting was then dissolved.—

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk.—

Warrant for March Meeting — 1806.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. —

Middlesex: — To Abel Farnsworth one of the Constables for the Town of Groton in said County — Greeting,

In the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify & warn the Freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth & such other Inhabitants as are qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs, to assemble and meet at the publick meeting house in said town on Tuesday the fourth day of March next at nine o Clock in the forenoon of said day to act on the following articles — viz

1. To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting —
2. To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer & for a County Register. —
3. To choose all such officers as are required by Law to serve in said town, & an agent, for the Year ensuing. —
4. To give liberty for swine to run at large under the restrictions of the Law; and restrict Horses and neat-cattle from running at large, the ensuing Year, if they think proper. —
5. To hear the report of the Committee chosen in November last to reckon with the town Treasurer. —
6. To hear the report of the Committee chosen November last, for the purpose of ascertaining the bounds of the towns Common &c. — also of the Committee chosen for the purpose of viewing the road leading from the County road to Thomas Trowbridge's and determine the expediency of discontinuing the same; — also, of the Committee chosen at request of Aaron Bigelow relating to further assistance in fencing the new road &c; also, of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of building a Stone bridge over James's brook, near the house where Lt Jonas Farnsworth lived, previous to his decease. —
7. To determine what repairs shall be made in the School House of District No. 2. to render the same more commodious and comfortable. —

Warrant for March Meeting – 1806 –

8. To hear the request of the inhabitants which compose School-district No. 11. and grant such sum or sums of Money towards building them a School-house, or for repair of the Old house, as they may judge best –

9. To hear the request of Edward Smith of New-Salem, and make him such allowance for his time and extra trouble in Zeba Blood's matter as they shall think proper –

10. To hear the request of Frederick Boldt respecting his payment heretofore of taxes upon his Poll, and make him such consideration therefor as they shall judge proper –

11. To hear the request of Isaac Farnsworth Jun. and abate his Poll tax for the year 1804, as borne in Collector Abel Farnsworth's list for that year –

12. To determine in what way & manner they will repair the great Bridges –

13. To abate the taxes of the following persons as borne in Collector Ezekiel Shattuck's lists – viz – of John Clough for 1802 & 1803. Nathaniel Hobart for 1802, 1803 and 1804. – Capt Asa Lawrance for 1802 & 1803 – Amasa Gilson for 1802, 1803 & 1804. – Nathaniel Brown Jun. for 1803 & 1804 – Jonathan Sheple for 1803 & 1804 – John Buckman for 1803 & 1804 – Sylvester Newton for 1804 – Oliver Fletcher his highway tax for 1804. – Ezekiel Fletcher his high-way tax for 1804 – also Benjamin Parker's tax for 1804. – and act upon this or any of the aforementioned articles as the town may think proper.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up a true Copy thereof in some conspicuous place at the public meeting-house in said town, eight days at least prior to said meeting, including two Sabbaths, agreeably to a Vote of the town passed May 1805, and make return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or one of the Selectmen by nine of the Clock in the forenoon of said day – fail not at the peril of the Law – Given under our hands and Seals this Seventeenth day of February A.D. 1806.

Oliver Prescott
John Sheple
Abel Tarbell
Calvin Boynton
} Selectmen of Groton

Proceedings of

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth & such other Inhabitants as are qualified by law to Vote in town affairs on Tuesday the fourth day of March A. 1806. —

1. Voted and chose Hon. James Prescott Esq. Moderator. —

2. Votes were given in for a County Treasurer as the Law directs and were as follows — viz — No.
For the Hon. Ebenr. Bridge Esq. Seventy five Votes — 75
John. L. Tuttle Esq. thirty seven Votes — 37

Votes were also given in counted & sorted as the Law directs for a County Register, & were as follows — viz —
for Samuel Barrett Esq. One Hundred & fourteen Votes - 114. -

3. Voted and chose Oliver Prescott Esq. Town Clerk — sworn

Oliver Prescott, John Sheple, James Lewis Junr., Abel Tarbell, Calvin Boynton } Selectmen

• John Johnson, • Lt. Joseph Rockwood, • Jacob L. Parker, • Job Shattuck Junr. } Fish-reeves sworn

• John Sheple, • James Prescott Esq, • Lt. Solomon Tarbell } Assessors sworn

• Joseph Stone, • Thomas Hubbard Junr., • Stephen Farrar, • Imley Parker } Fence-viewers sworn

• Lt. Solomon Tarbell } Treasurer. sworn
James Brazer & O. Prescott Esq.rs were accepted as his Bondsmen —

James Prescott, James Brazer, Saml. Lawrance, Thomas Gardner Esq.r, Wm. Nutting, Doctr. Joseph Mansfield, Joseph Stone } School-Commtee.

• Levi Stone, • Jesse Stone, • Jonas Gilson, • John Sheple, • Saml. Peirce, • Majr. Sampson Woods, • Thomas Blood, • Abel Tarbell } Surveyors of Highways sworn

• Winslow Parker, • Job Shattuck Junr., • Rufus Moor, • Walter Dixon, • Noah Shattuck, × William Shattuck, • Stephen Bennett

Choice of Collectors postponed to the adjournment of this meeting —

Hon. Timothy Bigelow Esq. Agent for the Town

× Jacob. L. Parker Esquire, Saml. Kemp, • Noah Shattuck } Tythingmen

× at adjournment Wm. Shattuck was excused on account of sickness. & Jacob. L. Parker chosen in his stead.

in continuation —

said report was accepted by the town, so far as relates to the expediency of erecting said stone bridge — The town upon this subject further Voted & chose Major Sampson Woods, Capt. James Lewis Jun. and Dr. Solomon Carleton a Committee, with instructions to let out the said Bridge to the lowest bidder, but not to obligate the ~~town~~ Contractors to erect sd Bridge & compleat the same, previous to Sept. 1st 1807. —

7. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to view the School-house in District No. 2. & make such repairs therein as they may think expedient —

8. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to view the School-house in District No. 11. & report to the town what is proper to be done respecting the same — — —

9 Voted to pass by the Ninth article. — —

10 Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Assessors, for them to act upon the same as they may think just —

11. Voted not to abate the taxes of Isaac Farnsworth Jun. — — — — —

12. Voted & chose Capt. Zacheriah Fitch, William Livermore and Nehemiah Russell a Committee, to repair & rebuild the Bridge at Woods's ford-way, which has been damaged & part thereof destroyed by the late flood, — with discretionary powers —

13. Voted to abate the taxes of Capt Asa Lawrance for 1802 & 1803, also the taxes assessed upon the poll & personal Estate of John Buckman for 1804. — The other parts of this article were passed by. —

The Meeting was then adjourned to the first Monday in April next, then to meet at this place at 2 o'clock P. M. —

Oliver Prescott Town Clerk

March. 24. 1806.

Wm. T. Brazer. Clerk of School Dist. No. 1.		sworn
Ebenr. Hopkins	2	sworn
Doctr. Joseph Mansfield	3	sworn by S. Lawrance Esq.
Abel Farwell	4	sworn
Wm. Nutting	5	sworn
Saml. Hartwell	6	sworn
Josiah S. Willimas	7	sworn
Jonathan Pentell	8	sworn
Capt. James Lewis Jr.	9	sworn
Dr. Stephen Farrar	10	
Caleb Symonds	11	
Joseph Stone	12.	sworn

by reason of said road, & the one half of said sum to be paid to said Aaron Bigelow Jun. when he shall request it and the other half thereof when he shall produce satisfactory evidence to the Select-men that the said fences upon said road are made and com-pleated, all which is submitted by

Groton April 7th 1806. —

James Prescott
Amos Farnsworth } Committee
Joseph Stone —

5th Upon the Eighth article, the Selectmen who were appointed in March to view the School-House in District No. 11. and directed to report to the town what is proper to be done respect-ing the same, did report verbally — "That the School-house in said District was not worth repairing, but if the S. District will exhibit to the town such plan of a New School-house, and contract with a suitable person to take the old School-house & erect a new one agreeably to said plan, at such price, as will meet the approbation of the town, in such case, that S. district be authorized to build a new-School-house, in the place where their old house now stands; & if the same be compleated to the acceptance of a Committee to be chosen by the town, that the amt. to be agreed upon as aforesd. be paid to said District, or person thus contracting with them; provided however that no Orders be issued by the Selectmen upon this Account, previous to the expiration of two Years from next September" — which report was accepted by the town. —

Mr. William Shattuck, having been chosen a Surveyor of high-ways the Year ensuing, but on account of his being now sick is excused from serving in that office, & the town at this time made choice of Jacob. L. Parker in his stead, who took the Oath of that office —

The Meeting was then dissolved

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk

Warrant continued. —

Pleas. that one or more work-houses be erected at the expence of the County, & take such measures to effect the object as they may think proper.

5. To hear the request of Daniel Nutting, & make him such an additional allowance for the support of his late Parents as they may think proper. —

6. To appoint a Committee to enquire whether the bridges over the Nashua River in this town cannot be constructed and maintained with less expence than heretofore, & report a plan of construction with an estimate of the expence for that purpose. —

7. To provide for the support of the Bridge over Nashua river & the roads near Capt. Zach.h Fitch's in future, & rescind the contract of said Fitch existing between him & the Town relative to that subject, if justice & the parties shall be found to require it. —

8. To hear the request of the Inhabitants of School-District No. 10, & order such repairs to be made in their School-house as may be tho't proper — Or act on this or any of the aforementioned Articles as they may find expedient —

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting up a true Copy thereof in some conspicuous place at the public meeting house in said town eight days at least prior to said meeting, including two Sabbaths, agreeably to a Vote of the town passed May 1805; & make return of your doings thereon to the town Clerk or one of the Selectmen by one of the Clerk in the afternoon of said day — fail not at the peril of the Law — Given under our hands & Seals this twenty fourth day of March A.D. 1806. —

Oliver Prescott
James Lewis
Abel Tarbell
Calvin Boynton
} Selectmen for Groton

Middlesex ss. April 7th 1806. — Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified as therein mentioned to assemble & meet at time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned, by causing a true Copy of this Warrant to be posted eight days previous to said meeting including two Sabbaths, as therein directed —

Sampson Woods Constable

Recorded by Oliver Prescott Town Clerk —