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EXETER RECORDS

1638-1694

TRANSCRIPT  
of the  
FIRST BOOK OF RECORDS  
of the  
TOWN OF EXETER, N.H.

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A Division of the vplands From the Cone against  
Rocky poynt to the Creeke next on this Side Mr Hiltons

- 1: Imp<sup>r</sup>. Mr Stanjon 27 acers 135 poole, one end butting upon the river Eastward & the other end running vp into the majne six scoore poole in Length.
- 2: Mr Grosse 28 acres 140 poole butting as afforesayd
- 3: Goodman Walker 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 4: Goodman Mower 22 acers 110 poole butting as aforesayd
- 5: Thomas Louett 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 6: William Wentford 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 7: Goodman Coole 12 acers 60 poole butting as aforesayd
- 8: Edward Rishworth 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 9: Robert Smyth 6 acers 30 poole butting as aforesayd
- 10: Goodman Littlefejd 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 11: Goodman Winborne 7 acers & 40 poole butting as abouesayd
- 12: Jeremiah Blackwell 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 13: George Raborne 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 14: Goodman Dearborne 10 acers 50 poole butting as aforesayd
- 15: Mr Needum 12 acers 60 poole butting as aforesayd
- 16: Goodman Elkin 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 17: Goodman Crane 8 acers 40 poole butting as aforesayd
- 18: Goodman Littlefejd 21 acers butting as aforesayd
- 19: Thomas Weight 6 acers 30 poole butting as aforesayd
- 20: Jams Wall 10 acers 90 poole butting as aforesayd
- 21: Mr Pormott 14 acers 70 poole butting as aforesayd
- 22: William Wardell 10 acers 50 poole butting as aforesayd
- 23: Goodman Compton 12 acers 60 poole butting as aforesayd
- 24: Thomas Wardell 12 acers 60 poole butting as aforesayd
- 25: Goodman Pettit 6 acers 30 poole butting as aforesayd
- 26: Goodman Willix 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd
- 27: Goodman Bulgar 4 acers 20 poole butting as aforesayd

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Rob. Booth  
Sept 26, 1670

28:Mr Morris 33 acersbutting as aforesayd

29:Mr Wheelwright 80 acers butting as aforesayd

30:Robert Read 9 acers & 50 Poole butting as aforesayd

31: Abner

32:Mr Storr 20 acers 100<sup>G</sup> poole butting as aforesayd

33: Griffine Mountegue 10 acers 50 poole butting as aforesayd, bought by  
Mr Edward Hillton of Thomas Croly, Thomas X Crolys marke, witnes  
Richard Bullgar

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Att a towne meeting upon the eight & twentyeth day of Sept  
there was granted to Leiftenant John Gilman that parcell  
of upland lying between Griffin Mountaue lot abovesaid and the  
Creek which divided between Mr Hiltons land and the Towne of Exeter

Wee whose names are underwrytten, being lot layers to the  
Towne of Exeter, have taken a veiw of the lotts, betwene the  
parting brook of Mr Hiltons and the towne of Exeter, begining our  
station at the towne syde of the 29th lot which was granted to  
Mr Wheelright and measured through it and left 80 acres, and  
through Robert Reade lot 9 acres and fyfty pole, and Mr Stors  
lot twenty acres one hundred pole and Griffin 10 acres &  
fyfty pole which was the last lot, and then lays the rest to John  
Gilman Senior, according to what was granted in begining at the  
high way, marking a sloping white oak on the right hand  
marked with H and so ~~ke the xxixth xxxkwxaxtooke~~ our station eastward  
downe to Jonathan Things meadow & marked a tree, and then run a line  
\* six score rod west, & marked a tree in a little swamp\*, & so from  
thence a north line till we met Mr Hiltons line upon the hill on the  
north side of the brook and marked a great white oake layd out by  
Ralph Hall for Exeter.

I, Edward Gilman, was at the laying out of this land when  
Lieutenant Hall and my uncle Folsom layd ~~out~~ it out for my uncle  
Gilman, witness my hand,

Edward Gilman

\* From this point the description is taken from a copy of the  
original document made about 1700. See page 18 of the first part  
of Town Records, Volume two.



A note how the marshes were diuided in the First diuission next ~~the~~ the Towne, the quantity being 14 acers

- 1: Imp<sup>r</sup> to Goodman Smart one acre & 26 poole bee it more or lesse,
- 2: To Goodman Coole  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre & 13 poole bee it more or lesse,
- 3: To o<sup>r</sup> pastor 8 acers 3 quarters bee it more or lesse,
- 4: To Goodman Mountegue lacre 26 poole bee it more or lesse,
- 5: To Mr Storr 2 acers 3 quarters bee it more or lesse,

Theire is also diuided 14 acers to ye Sayd partys at Lamprone Riuer & the Same p<sup>r</sup> portion to each party as aboue Sayd,

In the Sécond Diuission 19 acers on this sid Mr Hiltons is diuided & six acers on Lamprone Riuer, as Followeth,

- 1: Imp<sup>r</sup> to James Walls one acre & 54 poole bee it more or lesse & halfe an acree at Lamprone Riuer,
- 2: To Mr Morris 7 acres bee it more or lesse & 2 acres 40 poole at L: Riuer,
- 3: To Goodm: Willson 3 acres 28 poole bee it more or lesse & 1 acre a Lam: Riuer,
- &
- 4: To Mr Grosse 6 acres 50 poole bee it more or lesse & 2 acres a Lam: Riuer,

In the Third Diuission 18 acres on this side Mr Hiltons & six acres at Lamprone Riuer diuided & giuen as before as followeth

- 1: Imp<sup>r</sup> to William Hilton 2 acres & 40 poole bee it more or lesse & 120 poole at Lamprone Riuer
- 2: To William Mower 2 acres & 40 poole bee it more or lesse & 120 poole at L: ~~Riv: xxRiuer~~
- 3: To John Compton 12 acrs be it more or lesse & 120 poole at Lamp: riuier
- 4: To William Wardell 120 poole bee it more or less & 120 poole at Lamp: Riuer
- 5: To MR Stanjon 8 acers more or lesse & 2 acers & a halfe at Lamp: riuier
- 6: To Mr Needum 3 acers bee it more or lesse & 1 acre at Lamp: Riuer

In the 4th Diuission 19 acres on this side Mr Hiltons & 14 acers at Lamp: Riuer diuided & given to them that haue noe cattle, & to euery man an equall p<sup>r</sup> portion wch comes to euery one an acer & a halfe.

Theire is a small parcell about 2 acers of marsh bee it more or lesse wch was giuen to William Winborne thar lyeth betwixt Mr Needums march & theire marsh W wch had noecattle betwixt this and Mr Hiltons.

A note of what medows have bene found by Sundrey of ye Inhabátants of Exeter since the order made in ye 21 da of Agust: 43:

found by Samuel Grenfeld and Nathaniel Boulter two parcels lieinge westward from ye towne by estimation 19 akars Apece found ye first of May 1644

found by Robart Bouth one parcil westward from ye towne by estimation 30 Akars which is in the towns hands to be lotted out if Mr Whelwright does not coom to live ~~ix~~ at Exeter again.

found by Jams Walls & Ralph Hall 2 parcills both of them by estimation 3 Akars.

ye 8th of June 46

Goodman Smart hath granted unto him formerly wch was not booked all the marsh wch ys att Stony Brooke on both sides of the brooke: and ther is 4 Akars of upland wch lyeth on both sides of the sd marsh wch Goo(dman) Smart bought.

*To Ruth's Hand*

*copy of 1707*

Certaine ord<sup>rs</sup> made at the Co<sup>te</sup> houlden  
in Exeter the 4th day of the first weake  
in the 10th Month, 1639

Imprimis. That Mr Edward Hilton his vpland ground is bounded in Breadth from the Creeke next from his house towards Exeter on the one side & a Certaine point of Land ov<sup>r</sup> against Captaine Wiggins his howse between the Mash and the vpland that his bounds one the oth<sup>r</sup> side and it is to extend into the maine the same distance in Length as it is in Breadth, and that he shall have all the meadows w<sup>ch</sup> hee formerly ocupied from his howse to the mouth of Lamprell River.

2<sup>d</sup> Lye That all the Meadowes wch belonge unto the Toune of Exeter, leying betweene the Townes and Mr Hiltons howse, as Likewise the Meadowes from Lamprell River unto the head of the little Baye shall bee equally devided into fouer parts whereof the 4<sup>th</sup> p<sup>te</sup> shall be devided by Lott to such of the inhabitants of the Towne of Exeter as have noe Cattle or fower Goates, and the profit of the haye wch growes thereupon shall bee devided amongst them wch have the other pt<sup>s</sup> ontill such tyme as they have Cattle of there owne or that they sell the Grounds to those that have Cattles.

3<sup>d</sup> Lye That the three oth<sup>r</sup> pt<sup>s</sup> shall bee equally devided amongst those that have Cattle, to each head of Cattle there pportion to bee devided to each of them by (lott) wch devisions are to bee made betwixt this and the next Co<sup>te</sup>.

4th Lye That all the inhabitants of the Towne of Exeter shall have yr vpland lotts for planting laid out by the Riv<sup>r</sup> betweene Stony Creeke and the Creeke on this side Mr Hiltons, according to the num<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> psons and Cattle, in equall pportion wch pportion is to be devided to them by lott, except such psons as live one the oth<sup>r</sup> side the Riv<sup>r</sup> and Will. Hilton and Goodm. Smart who are to have the lotts one the oth<sup>r</sup> side the Riv<sup>r</sup> where the Toune shall bee thought most Convenient, By o<sup>r</sup> Rul<sup>r</sup> Needam and Mr Starre deputeis to this purpose.

5th Lye That whosoever shall Carry themselves disorderly un-reverently in the Co<sup>te</sup> Towards the Magistrates or in y<sup>r</sup> p<sup>r</sup>sence shall bee lyable to such a Censer as the Co<sup>te</sup> shall thinke meete.

The first day of 8th m. 1640

It is ordered and Agreed vpon by the inhabitanc of the Towne of Exeter that noone shall fell Aney Oke timber w<sup>th</sup>in halfe A mile of Aney part of the Towne, Except it bee vpon there pticular lott or for building or fenceing, vpon the penialltie of (each tree?) five shillings.

Its ordered by the Inhabitance of the Towne at A (meeting) that whose<sup>er</sup> shall Absent themselves from Towne (meeting) (after) due warning shall for each offence forfeit--

Orders made by the Co<sup>te</sup> held at  
Exeter the 6 Day of the 12 Mo.  
1639

That noe man shall sett fier upon the wood, to the  
destroying of the feed for the Cattle, or to the doing of any  
oth<sup>r</sup> hurt und<sup>r</sup> paine of payeing the damage that shall  
insue thereby, after the midle of the 2 month.

That every man shall fall such trees as are in his lott  
being offensive to any oth<sup>r</sup>. And if aft<sup>r</sup> due warninge  
any shall refuse, to pay halfe a Crowne for every  
tree that is soe offensive.

That every action that is tryed the pty that is  
Cast in it shall pay to the Jury foure shillings

Orders made by the Co<sup>te</sup> held at  
Exeter the 6 day of the 1 mo<sup>th</sup> (1639-40)

That noe wines or stronge watter shal be Sould  
by retaile to the English but by thomas Wardle.

yt is ordered that whosoeuer shall dige a saw pitt &  
shall not fill it or Cover it, shal be liable to  
pay the damage that shall com to man or beast thereby.

yt is ordered that all the Swine that is not cared (carried)  
doun the riuer by the 4 day of the 2 month,  
the owners shall be liable to pay the damage  
that shall befall any therby

That all grounds woods & such pr<sup>e</sup>viliges as  
appertaine to the towne such inhabitans as ~~haue their lotte~~  
haue their lotts small or great in the bounds of the  
towne shall be liable to pay such comon Charges as the  
towne shalbe at, according to theire proportion of  
ground Catles or other preuilidges they doe inioye in ye towne  
whither present or absent.

- 5. It is furder ordered that euerie man that is an inhabitant in the towne shall haue free libirtie to trade with the Indians in any thing exsept it be powder shot or any ware like weapons or Sacke or other Stronge watters according to the former order. and as for prizes of what Corne there shalbe traided with them shall not exceed foure Shillings the bushell.
- 6. It is here recorded that Anthonie Stanyon hath satisfied the Cort Conserneinge the offence giuen by hime to our Ruler Nedham.

An ordered & inacted law

That if any person or persons shall plot or practise eyther by Combination or otherwise the betrayeing of his Contrie or any prinsipall part thereof into the hands of any forrainge state, Spanish Duch or french, Contrarye to the Allegiance we p fesse & owe to our Dread Souveraigne lord Kinge Charles his heires & successors it being his majesties pleasuer to ptect vs his loyall Subiecta, shalbe punished with death.

if anye person or persons shall plot or practise Trecherche treson or rebellion, or shall reuile his majestie the lords ~~anoynted Souveraigne lord kinge Charles his heires & successors~~ anoynted Contrarye to the Allegiance we professe and owe to our dread Souveraigne lord kinge Charles his heires & successors (ut supra) shalbe punished with death.

Numb.16  
 Exo. 22.28  
 1 Kings, 2.8.9.44.

It is inacted for a law constituted & made & consented unto by the whole assembye at the Cort sollomly meet together in Exeter this 9 day of the 2 moneth Ano. 1640.

Orders mayd by the Cort at Exeter houlden  
the secund day moth 9th, 1640

Imp<sup>r</sup> yt Edward Rishwoorth is chosen by order of Cort to be Secritery  
to the Cort to looke to the booke & to enter all such actions are brought  
and to have 12d layd downe at the entring eury action.

2ly Its likewise agreed upon yt the lands yt are layd outt according  
to the former order both for theire butting, bounding & p portion are  
now confirmed & ratifyd in the cort Rowles.

3ly It is a lawe mayd yt if either pson or psons shall by any means  
draw sids, to make comotions or seditions in these o<sup>r</sup> Jurisdic-  
tions hee shall pay tenn pounds & stand liable to the further  
Censure of the Court.

4ly Its agreed upon that the Milner shall take for his wast & towle  
5d of meale, & wt euer is wanting more is to be mayd good by  
him, & hee to stand lyable to the Corts censure upon Just & suffi-  
cient testimony of the same.

5ly Its agreed that all pitts & hooles are to bee filled up &  
trees remoued, w<sup>ch</sup> ly neare the way within a fortnitts tyme or else they  
are to pay 10<sup>s</sup> & bee lyable to the Censure of the Court.

6ly That all Creeks are free, only hee yt maks a ware therein is to haue  
in the first place the benefitt of it in Fishing tyme & soe others may  
sett a ware either aboue or below & enjoy the same liberty.

It is agreed upon by the Inhabitants of Exeter ~~that~~ <sup>t</sup> eury man shall Fence  
the next spring a generall fence eury man an equall p portion accor-  
ding to the quality of ground lyng within the fence by the middle of the  
secund moenth w<sup>ch</sup> will be 1641: and wt damage can be mayd to  
appear for the want of a sufficient Fence hee yt ows it is to make  
it it good, & if the sayd Fence bee not sett vp at the day appoynted  
eury day after hee yt is behind hand herein shall pay Five Shillings a day

Orders mayd & agreed vpon at Exeter houlden this 3<sup>d</sup> day  
moenth 12th 1640.

Its agreed vpon yt Mr William Hilton is to enjoy those two marshes in  
Oyster River w<sup>ch</sup> formerly he hath had possession of & still are in his  
possession & the other marsh w<sup>ch</sup> Mr Gibbies doth wrongfully detayne from  
him with the rest of those marshes w<sup>ch</sup> formerly hee hath mayd use of soe  
fare forth as they may bee for the publique good of this plantation,  
And soe much of the upland adiorning to them as shall bee thought  
conueiyent by the neighbors of Oyster Riuer, w<sup>ch</sup> are belonging to this  
body.

It is further agreed vpon yt vpon o<sup>r</sup> former agreement eury one shall fence  
his p portion of ground & if any refuse, whoseuer will fence it shall haue  
the

Whosoever

use of it till they bee fully satisfyd, if it bee ould ground, & if it bee new hee shall have it for his payens

ere As it was formerly agreed vpon in generall y<sup>t</sup> all the Toune should generall fence & w<sup>n</sup> they come to fence prticularly others should doe as much for them in fencing as they did for y<sup>r</sup> outsids w<sup>ch</sup> vpon farther consideration is not thought equall y<sup>r</sup>fore now it is agreed yt w<sup>n</sup> wee come to fence in particular y<sup>t</sup> it must bee putt to the consideration of two indifereit men w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> fence is worth by those w<sup>ch</sup> fenced the out side, is to bee mayd good unto them again by such as it appertains two.

Its likewise agreed that whoseuer buyes the Indean ground by way of purchase is to tender it first to the towne, before they are to make p per use of it in prticular to themselves.

Orders mayd by the Court at Exeter, moenth First,  
day the 12th 1640 (1641?)

Imp<sup>r</sup>. where as the high wayes by vertue of a forme<sup>r</sup> order were to bee in breadth 3 pole at the least, yet notwithstanding they are straytned in diuerse places, wee doe therefore here againe order that they should bee rectifyd & mayd the full breadth as aforesayd, betwixt this & the middle of the secund moenth wch shall be in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord 1642, & alsoe such ground as is taken in contrary to order, to bee rectifyd within the sayd tyme.

Orders mayd by the Court at Exeter d: 30: m: First, 1641

It is agreed vpon y<sup>t</sup> all the Swine aboue  $\frac{1}{2}$  a yeare ould and vpwards are to bee sent downe into the great bay by the 10th day of secund Moenth, & w<sup>t</sup> Swine are found in the towne after y<sup>t</sup> tyme aboue yt age, w<sup>t</sup> hurt they doe in a sufficient Fence, there owners are to make it good.

Its further agreed ~~that~~ y<sup>t</sup> according to former orders y<sup>t</sup> all are to haue y<sup>r</sup> fences finished of y<sup>r</sup> home lotts by the middle of y<sup>e</sup> next moenth, or otherwise to stand to y<sup>e</sup> perill y<sup>t</sup> may ensue.

Its agreed that none but inhabitants of the towne shall palnt w hin the townes libertys w hout there consent.

Whereas the freemen of Exeter haue mayd choyse of ~~Thomas~~ Mr Richard Bulgar to bee Leefetenant of y<sup>e</sup> band of Souldgers in Exeter, & pr sented to y<sup>e</sup> Court houlden at Exeter d:30: moenth First 1641, I the Ruler of the sayd plantation doe <sup>ratify</sup> confirme the sayd choyse & doe further grant y<sup>t</sup> the sayd Mr Richard Bulgar shall bee enstauled & confirmed Leefetenant by the freemen y<sup>e</sup> next trayning day.

Nicholas Needham

An order mayd by the (Court at Exeter, d: 10th.m: 4th 1641

Its ordered ~~that~~<sup>yt</sup> Goodman shall allow the Indeans one bushell of corne for y<sup>r</sup> labor & wch was spent by y<sup>m</sup> in replaynting of y<sup>t</sup> corne of y<sup>r</sup>s wch was spoyld by his corne, (evidently wrongly written for swine--transcriber) & hee to make up y<sup>r</sup> lose at haruest, according as y<sup>t</sup> corne may bee iudged worse then there corne wch was nev<sup>r</sup> hurt.

Whereas the freemen of Exeter haue mayd choyse of Thomas Wardell to bee Sargiant of the band of Souldgers in Exeter & pr<sup>s</sup>ented to y<sup>e</sup> Court houlden at Exeter d: 30: moenth First 1641, I the Ruler of the sayd plantation do confirme the sayd choyse & d(oe further) grant yt the sayd Thomas wardell shall bee enstaled by the the next trayning day.

Nicholas Needum

An order mayd at the Court at Exeter the last day of June 1641 it is agreed vpon that thar shall be none accusations deulged or spread abroad of aney parson or parsons but what thare be proued by the mouth of to or three witnesses for ~~that~~ they that shall so doe shall be liable to the Court Sensur this is not in poynt of damidegs of trespas but in point of slanders in a mans good name.

(There follow on this page three paragraphs containing only the beginnings of lines and furnishing too little material for a guess as to the meaning of the paragraphs. The lower right hand corner of the page has been torn out. The last paragraph contains lines of the greatest length and runs thus:)

Orders mayd by the Court houlden  
It is agreed y<sup>t</sup> Darby feild & Thomas  
to bee for Towns men, to dispose of  
shall bee,



(The lower left hand corner of this page has been torn out. What is typed below has been recovered from the page itself and from the copy of the records made by Edward Smith, in accordance with the vote of the town passed March 11, 1678. This copy by Edward Smith is to be found on pages 1-28 of the second town book.)

The Elders Oath, y<sup>e</sup> 4th Day, 5th M<sup>o</sup>, 1639

You shall sweare by the great and dreadfull name of the high God maker & Govner of heavem and earth and by the Lord Jesus Christ y<sup>e</sup> Prince of the K ings and Rulers of the earth that in his name and feare yo<sup>u</sup> will Rule and Governe this his people according to the righteous will of Gods Ministeringe Justice and Judgm<sup>t</sup> upon the work<sup>ers</sup> of iniquity and Ministering due incurridgm<sup>t</sup> and Countinace to well doers--protecting of people so farre as in you by the helpe of (God) lyeth, from forren Annoyance and inward disturbance that they may live a quiett and peacable life in all godlyness and honesty. Soe God bee helpful and gracious to you and yors in Christ Jesus.

The oath of the People

Wee doe here sweare by the Great and dreadfull name of y<sup>e</sup> high God maker and Gouvern<sup>r</sup> of Heaven & earth and by the Lord Jesus Xt y<sup>e</sup> King & Savior of his people that in his name & fear wee will submitt o<sup>r</sup> selves to be ruld & gouerned by, according to y<sup>e</sup> will & word of God and such holsome Lawes & ordinances as shall be derived theire from by o<sup>r</sup> honr<sup>d</sup> Rulers and y<sup>e</sup> Lawfull assistance with the consent of y<sup>e</sup> people and y<sup>t</sup> wee will bee ready to assist them by the helpe of God in the administracon of Justice and p<sup>r</sup>servacon of peace with o<sup>r</sup> bodys and goods and best endeauo<sup>r</sup>s according to God, soe God protect & saue us and o<sup>r</sup>s in Christ Jesus.

Cort at Exeter mth: 5: d: 10th 1642

The Censure of the Court against Thomas Weight for contentious Carages & speeches against both y<sup>e</sup> Court & the magestrate wch hee is y<sup>t</sup> hee is to bee fined 20<sup>sh</sup> & to pay all Court charges besids, & his liberty to bee taken away as hee is a freeman.

Its agreed y<sup>t</sup> all mane<sup>r</sup> of cattle are to haue keepers a days & are to bee looke to of nights & kept vp, if any damage come by any, answerable satisfaction mst bee mayd.

It is ordred by the Court houldne att Exeter the 6th day of the third m<sup>o</sup> 1643 That m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Rashley shall haue giuene vnto him for A house lott that peece of Land wch lyeth betweene Grifing Mountegue his lott and M<sup>r</sup> Stanyon his Creeke, Conteyneing 14 or 16 Akers be more or lese, only excepteing 2 Akers and A halfe for A loot for Grifing Mountegue next to the Creeke.

It is farther ordred by the Court Above Named that Thomas Wardall William Winborne Samuell Walker and Robert Reade shall haue libertey and Athoretay to searche into the howse or howses of Aney p son or p sons wi(thin our) Jurisdictiones And to take into theire Custodey (and make) sale of Aney such Corne as they shall find in ther (houses) which is more then the ptie or pties shall haue ne(ed) of for theire one Families till haruist next prouided th(at) the pties Above Named make good pay for the sd Co(rne) and as good A pryce as it is ginerally sould for in (the) Rioure and theire pties to dispoose of such Corne taken by them vnto such poore people as stands most in ne(ed) of it for the best pay they Can Make and att the fir(st) price wch the pties Above named bye it att.

3<sup>d</sup> 19 day (44)

Its agreed that the townsmen shall procure a bridge over Lamprill Riuar.

Its left to the 3 townsmen to purchase Mr Whelwrights house with all lands belonging ther unto for the towne.

It is agreed that all dogs shall be Clogd and sid lind\* in ye day and tid vp in the night and if any dogs shall be found trespassing in the lots they that shall finde them may showt them or follow them to the house to which that dog doth belong and Charge 5<sup>s</sup> vpon the oner of that dog or bitch which shall be leued by order from the townsmen & halfe the fine to faul to towne and halfe to the partie that takes that dog and the trespas to be Judged by tow men and the trespas to be paid for.

Samuell Grenfel Chosen to kepe the a sufisient ordenarey and draw wine and strong waters and trad with the Indans and Sargant Wardall hath libartie to draw of his wine that is in his hands or Samuell grenfeld to take his wine of his hands.

when we Caul a generall meting men to haue 3 days warning.

Its agreed that the trained bands minds should be knowne and if they (give t)her hands to be procured to the Genrall Court for the Restablishing of leftenant Richard Bullgar in his formar ofis and Sargant Wardall to procure the like libartie and both to be sent to the Court. would

Found by Robart Hatharcie Thomas Jones & Richard Bullgar tow peeces of (medow the) fift of Agust 1644 which lieth halfe waye vp y<sup>e</sup> fresh (river and on)e both sides of it beinge beinge y<sup>e</sup> same broke which goodman (-----) medow lieth westward from Exeter sune 2 miles be it (more) or les which is by estemation 10 Akars be thay mor or les provided y<sup>t</sup> thay do not exced 20 Akars.

Richard Bullgar doeth Asigne his part of y<sup>e</sup> aforsaid medow to Robart Hatharsay witnes his hand

Richard Bullgar

\* sid lind, that is, side lined. A side line, according to Webster, is a line for hobbling an animal by connecting the fore and hind feet on the same side. The clog was a clumsy piece of wood attached to one foot

Exeter

Whereas a certen combination was made by vs the brethren of the church of wth the rest of the Inhabitants bearing date Mon. 5th d.4, 1639. wch afterwards vpon the instant request of some of the brethren was altered & put into such a forme of wordes wherein howsoever we doe acknowledge the Kings Majesty our dread Sovereaigne & our selves his subjects: yet some expressions are contained therein wch may seeme to admit of such a sence as somewhat derogates from that due Allegiance wch we owe unto his Highnesse quite contrary to our true intents and meanings: Wee therefore doe revoke, disanull, make voyd & frustrate the said latter combination as if it had never beene done & doe ratify, confirme & establish the former, wch wee onely stand unto as being in force and vertue, the wch for substance is here set downe in manner and forme following.

Mon. 2<sup>d</sup>.d.2,1640.

(There follows the combination in Whelewright's hand, with the original signatures of those who signed it, as reproduced in the frontispiece to Bell's History of Exeter. The last name given in this list, Robert Smith, does not appear in the original on page 15 of the first book of town records. Apparently Mr Bell introduced it from the copy of the first records made by Edward Smith about 1678, in which "Robert Smith, his mark" is appended to the name "Willix Wardell" the last on the original list records, but at the top of page 16, where luckily it has been preserved.)

Att the Court houldne att Exeter the 20th  
of the 8th moneth 1642

his mark  
Robert Smith

Mr Needham resines vp his offise of being Ruler  
and by the Choyce and Approbation of the boddey of  
the Towne Mr Thomas Willson is Established Ruler.

John Legat is Chousene by the Court to be secritere to the Court  
to keepe the booke and to enter all such Actiones as are brought  
and to haue 12<sup>s</sup> layede downe att the enterrey of euerrey Action.

Att the Courte houldne att Exeter the  
7th Day of the 9th mo. 1642

Our honored Ruler mr Thomas Willson doth giue his  
Approbation and confirmes All thouse howlesome lawes  
and orders wch are here Recorded wch ware Made in  
the time that Mr Needham was Ruler.

At the Court houldne the 5th of the 7th mo. (43)  
Christey Lawson binds <sup>they</sup> him selfe in the som of Ten pounds  
starling vnto the countrey to Answere A presentment brought  
Against him for extortion by William Coale Tho Weight James  
Wall William Wentwoth and Tho Petet and  
and this to be Answered by him att the next Court wch shall  
be houlden. for Exeter either heere or else whare.

William Coale Thomas Weight James wall Willm Went<sup>oh</sup>  
and Tho Petet do bind them selves in the som of 50<sup>s</sup> the  
peece to be payd to the Countrey In Case they do not follow  
the p sentment brought Against Christey Lawson by them for extortion  
the next Court houldne for Exeter heere or elsewhere.

Corne spoyled by swine it is ordred that James Wall  
Alowd him 3 bushells of Corne George Rabone 3 bushells  
Tho Weight 1 bushell and halfe George barlow 1 bushell  
to be payde by John Bursley for leaueing opne A ~~cart~~ ~~gapp~~  
Cart gapp or by whome he Canproue hath left it opne  
or hath bine the Cause of the leaueing it opne.

It is ordred that William Coale Tho weit and Tho Wardall  
shall pay vnto Sam<sup>ll</sup> Walker Hen: Robey and Tho Petet  
either of them A peck of Corne for harme dune vnto them  
by swine.

It is ordred that Tho Biggs shall payvnto Grifing Mountegu  
for taking Away his oure 2<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> and charges or a new owre and the  
Court charges

(bar 2)

It is farther ordred att the Court houldne the 5th ofthe 7th mo 1643 that Tho Biggs shall pay vnto the Sagamoure for takeing Away his Net and parting of it 5<sup>s</sup>.

It is farther ordred that Tho Bigs shall be whipt 6 strips for takeing Away a sith of Captanie Wigons and other petey lasones.

It is ordred that Christoy Lawson shall speedely puid A fyle for Will<sup>m</sup> Wentwoth and Will<sup>m</sup> Wentwoth to pay 7<sup>s</sup> for it.

It is ordred that Will<sup>m</sup> Coale and Rob Smith shall ouersee the fences About the Towne and giue warning to them whose fences Are defectiue and If they be not Amended the owners there of to pay for what hurt is done through those fences.

17 day 4 mo 44

Its ordred that thar shall be a Heyway downe to the marches without side of grifen mountegs lot Right downe to the Riur.

It is agred that that fence which Runs by the broke which Runs betwen Humfrey Willsens house and Mr Whelwrights shall be set vpon to be set vp within 2 dayes after the date of this ordar and if it shall be neglected then thay whos fenseng shall be downe after this weke shall pay 10<sup>s</sup> the Rood for eurey weke tell it shall be set vp.

It is agred that 4 dayes shall be set apart to mend the heywayes to begine one the 4th day of the weke Com a seuen night and to be at thar labors from 6 and leue at 12 and Rest tell 2 and worke tell 6 a clock and such as shall be absent from the worke at the ours aboue writen shall be fined 5<sup>s</sup> for eury day and thay that haue tems shall worke them vpon the penalltie of 20<sup>s</sup> for eury day neglect vntall the 4 days shall be expired.

In the 10th of the month called June 1644. It was granted to Sam. Greenefield 20 acres of vpland joyneing to his medowe Eastward from the Towne.

Layd out & bounded by the towne measurer according to the grant ten acres bonded next to Abraham Drakes house lot. The other ten acres bounded next to Hampton lyne.

} Rich Bullgar  
 } Sam. ↓ Greenfield

Towne Order<sup>s</sup> taken out of the ould  
Town Booke and entred in to this book  
of Records for the afaiers  
of the Towne of Exeter  
the 14th of 4th mo 1644.

~~It was agreed By the~~ The Townsmens power granted by the  
Bodey of the Towne

month

1. It was agreed By the Inhabtants in the yer 1639 upon the 18th day of the 11th that Isak Grosse Ruler Agustin Store and Anthony Stanyon shall haue ye Ordring of all towne affaiers according to god
2. It was agreed by ordar at a town metinge in the yere 1644 upon the 8th of the second mo that the townsmen haue further power giuen them that is to make all towne Rates to distraine for all town debts to pay the towns debts out of the towns treasury or to make Rates for it to looke to the execution of all towne orders to grant and lay out Lotts pouided they be <sup>not</sup> aboue 20 Akars to Receve in to the towne as in habetants or to kepe out such as thay in ther wisdoms shall thinke mete

An Order about purchasing howse lots

month

3. It was Order<sup>d</sup> by the Inhabetants in the yere 1640 in the 11th day of the 2<sup>d</sup> that none Inhabetant nor farinar shall purchase aney howse lots of aney but thay shall bulde an habetation or dweling house vpon it with in the space of of six months next folowing aney such purchase & who so euer shall kepe lots in thar hand aboue six months un built one or haue seurall howse lots in there lands shall pay such charges vpon eurey loot as shall a Rise in the towne Rates and whosoouer shall sell house or howse lots before they haue tendred the saile tharof to the townsmen that ded of saile is voyd if the town shall giue as good a prise as he that formerly bought it.  
(Order<sup>s</sup> about timber)
4. It was Agreed upon and ordred by the Inhabetants of Exetar in the yer 1640 in the first day of the 8th month that none shall fell aney timbar within halfe a mile of the towne except it be vpon thar particular lots without it be for buldinge or fencing vpon the pennaltie of 5<sup>s</sup> for euey tree so felld
5. It was Agreed vpon and Ordred the day & yere next aboue writen that none but such as are Inhabetants and town dwelars shall haue libertie to fell or sawe aney timber Ethar Oake or pine or aney othar but thay shall be liable to an equal fine a Cording to the proporshon so feled or sawen

It was Agreed vpon and ordred by the Inhabetants of Exetar in the yere 1641 in the 14th day of the 11th month that no farenars shall worke with in the limmets of our towne to be paid out of timbar or pipstaues for thar worke nor to hindar any of the Inhabtants from Employment prouided that the Inhabetants Can or will doe that worke as Cheap and sufishent as the farinar but if thay will not then are the Inhabetants free to bringe in Farenars



(Date: 1641, 11th month, 14th day--apparently  
continued from the preceding page)

Upon the great Complaint of the great destruction & spoyle of timbar about the towne of Exetar it was Agreed and ordred by the Inhabetants in y<sup>t</sup> 14th day of the 11th month that all such of <sup>ye</sup> Inhabetants that haue felld aney timbar for pipstaues or boults before this ordar was made shall haue one yers time to worke it up Except it be such as had timbar lieing un wrought vp a yere and such are alowed but 6 months to worke vp such timbar and if aney timbar belonging to these men shall be found vpon the Common un wrought vp after the 6 months then it shall be forfit and at the townsmens disposing and the Common to be Clered of all timbar which was felld for pipstaues or boults eurey 6 months except they be in pipstaues or boults vpon the pennaltie of the forfeetur thar of

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the 17th day of y<sup>e</sup> 4th month 44

its agreed that at atowne meting in Exeter that the marsh that was promist to Anthony Stanyon by seven of the Brethren as far as in them lay shall be giuen to M<sup>r</sup> Whelwright his Aiers and sucksesors for euer allso that Anthony Stanyon is to haue as much in another deriction as will ansor to the shars of 6 brethren and him selfe as Convenient if not in qualitie then it is to be in quantitie this grant to m<sup>r</sup> whelwright is with these Condishons that he doth Com amongst vs againe if not it to be still in the towne hands and Anthony Stanyon is to be satisfied by y<sup>e</sup> towne for his charges that he is out.

It is ordered at this Toune Meeting that every man shall kepe vp his cattell every night in some yard or Pen, vpon the penalty of 12<sup>d</sup> a peece every execepting w<sup>r</sup>oking cattell. The 17th of y<sup>e</sup> 4th m. 1644 night  
& if any mans cattell trespass they are to pay the damages beside the fine.

that Ordred voted and granted at a town metinge by a goynt Consent Christopher Lason hath a grant to set a weare in the Riuar of Exeter y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of the 4th mo 1644 to him and his Aiers for euer vpon the Condishons as foloweth first that y<sup>e</sup> Inhabetants of y<sup>e</sup> towne of Exetar shall be suppleyed with Alewives to fish thar ground euery yer before aney othars at 3<sup>s</sup> par thousand and what Alewives are taken shall be equally deuided acording as y<sup>e</sup> Inhabetants shall agre and if thar be no fish taken then Christopher to be fre from aney damiedges to y<sup>e</sup> towne and whot fish the Inhabetants shall buy of y<sup>e</sup> said Christoper he y<sup>e</sup> Christo pher doth binde him selfe to take such pay for it as y<sup>e</sup> towne afords to be paid once in six months and In case the said Christepor or his sucksesors shall herafter tendar y<sup>e</sup> saile of y<sup>e</sup> ware that thenne shall in y<sup>e</sup> first place tendar it to y<sup>e</sup> towne for Cuntrey pay and we y<sup>e</sup> Inhabetants do Retaine our liberties to fish in y<sup>e</sup> fawls or elce whear in y<sup>e</sup> Riuar but not to set vp aney other ware so as to foretall that ware which Christopher is to set vp and y<sup>e</sup> said Christopher is to make fludgats so that barkes botes and Canows may Com to the towne in witnes her vnto we do set to our hands for vs and our sucksesars Intarchangably for euer y<sup>e</sup> day and yere aboue writen

In <sup>4<sup>e</sup></sup> behalfe of y<sup>e</sup> towne

Richard Bullgar

Samuel Grenfelds mark

Christopher Lawson

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It is ordered that none but seteled inhabitantes shall make use of woode oe common nor that noe inhabytant shall inploy anny Aboute wod worke but of the **settled** inhabitants.

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It is Ordred by voate at a towne metinge

houlden at Exetar y<sup>e</sup> 21th of Agust 1643 that aney Inhabetant of the towne of Exetar which shall finde vnder 20 Akars of marsh shall In Joye the same as his owne for euer by vertew of this ordar but if he or thay shall finde aboue 20 Ackars then it is at y<sup>e</sup> towns disposall provided that he or thay which finde y<sup>e</sup> march of aboue 20 Ackars shall haue a duble portion out of it

Att A Towne meeting the 16th of the 11th m<sup>o</sup>. 1644:

- 1ly It is ~~Agreed~~<sup>v<sup>o</sup>ok</sup> by the Inhabetants of the Towne that the ground of M<sup>r</sup> Nutters wch is att Lamprell Riuer containeing 60 rod of Fencing shall be fenced for him att our Townes Charge before the next planting time: And the Towne hath made Choyce of Samuel Grenefeld and Antho: Stanion to see that it be done According to the time.
- 2 ly It is ordred that ~~Ther shall be~~ ~~(granted)~~ Henry Robey shall have Thre Akers of the most Conveniantest ground for meddow that hee can find on the south side of Mr Whelewrits Creek All former grants excepted.
- 3 ly It is ordred that Tho: Cralley (Crawley) shall haue A house lot of fower Acers of Vpland on the heitherside, towards the Towne, of m<sup>r</sup> Stanions Creeke, highwayes Excepted. And In case he do not Improve it by building and fenceing within one Twelve month then It to be forphet to the Towne Againe. And Untill It be Improved he is not to make saller of it to Aney other without Leave from the Towne.
- 4 ly It is ordred that John Legat shall have a fiveth part of thouse flatts wch lyes before the houselotts betwene Thomas Joanses house and the outside of that lott wch was Grifing Mountegues: wch 5thty he is to haue next before his owne howse and to Improve it by banken and fenceing within Two yeres or else to forphet it again to the Towne.
- 5 ly It is ordred that there shall be 500 Akars of land on the back side of the Comon field and 500 Akers beyond Humpey Willsons great lott towards Hampton, deuided by lott to All the Inhabetants of the Towne Acc(ording) to there Ratements.

Att A Towne meeting the 16th of 11th m<sup>o</sup>: 44:

- 6 ly It is ordred that Thomas Marston shall haue 80 Akars of Upland Joyneing to his march wch he bought of Samuell Grenfield to make him <sup>A</sup> farme of It: If he Com to live Amongst us and ther be so mush Upland to be found there, of the Townes.
- 7ly It is voated and orderd that Mr Stanlean shall shall haue that p sell of meddow wch is found About 3 miles more or lese from the Towne towards the south conta-ineing by estemation 30 Akers be it more or lese.
- 8 ly It is ordred that the flatts betwene James Walls point and Tho: Weights oute house shall be deuded out equally to the Inhabetants against whose Lotts it lyeth and the flatts on the cther sid of the Chanell to be deuded to the Rest of the Inhabetants whos Lotts do not butt against the flatts on this side, yet all to lye in Common for fishing till It be Improued.
- 9 ly It is ordred that John Smart senior shall haue Three p sells of Meddow Containeing in all About 10 Akers: the Two p sells lieing betwene Puscasok Riuer and Lamprell Riuer beyond the great swampe and the other p sell betwene John Smarts howse and Coppoll swamp Right by Into the woods.
- 10 It is agreeded that John Sanderes shall haue the mudw (meadow) that Roberd hersy (Hethersay) and Richard Fuller and Thomas Jone found as anext to the Towne.
- 11 It is allso agreeded that Thomas Beges shall haue the pece a ground that is next to goodman winborns lot.
- 12 It is ordred that William Moure (Moore) Tho: King and Henery Roby shall haue That p sell of Meddow that lyeth west from the Towne About two or three miles, wch p sell of meddow is ~~inckered~~ ~~wikk~~ ~~high~~ ~~upland~~ Inclosed with high upland or hills haueing 3 great Pools in the said Medow and A Riuer Runing out of it.

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1<sup>ly</sup> Att A Towne meeting the 27th of the 11th m<sup>o</sup>. 1644  
It is ordred that Mr Staniean and James Wall shall gooe  
to Lamprell Riuer to meete with the men of  
Dover to consult conclude and bargin with them  
concerning the makeing of a bridg ouer the sd Riuer.

2<sup>ly</sup> It is Agreed that Mr Staniean and James Wall shall  
agree and bargin with Mr Nutter of Dover to bye or  
purch(ase) for the Towne that p sell of Land lyeing by  
Lampell Riuer wch the Towne by A former order  
was Inioyned to fence for the sd Mr Nutter.

3<sup>ly</sup> It is ordred and Agreed upon that James Wall and  
John Legat shall have that p sell of Meddow wch  
Samuell Walker and William Winborn desired to have  
of the Towne before they went away wch p sel of  
Meddow lyes About Two or three myles from the Towne  
towards Salsburey on the south west side of the path  
Contayneing by estemation About Thurty Aker be it  
more or lese - - - - -

Anthony Stanyan  
Samuell Grenifield his mark

4<sup>ly</sup> It is further ordred and Agreed upon att the meeting  
Above writtene that Thomas Joanes Thomas Petet  
Robert Smith John Cram William Huntington and  
Bolto shaser Wilix shall have that p sell of Meddow  
wch Mr Wheelwright found lyeing towards the North  
west About 2 or 3 miles from the Towne containing  
by estemation About 30 Akers be it more or lese  
wch p sell of Meddow Is by this grant to be diuid  
ed Into five pts. Boltoshaser Wilix and William  
Huntington joyntly to have one of the five parts.

5<sup>ly</sup> It is ordred that Godphrey Deereborn Rob Hethersaw  
and Thomas Cralley shall have That p sell of Medow  
wch lyes att the hed of the great Cove Creeke Contain  
eing About six Akers If it be thare to be found.

6<sup>ly</sup> It is Agreed upon that Samuell Girnifild shall have the  
vewing ouer of All thouse severall parsells of medow  
that have bine lately granted, to see If they be  
to be found According to the severall grants, as they  
were propounded to the Towne. And the Rest of  
the medows wch are not granted to be vewed by him.  
And that all the other meddows wch are or shall be found  
that are not Allredey granted shall be att the Townes  
dispouseall to giue as they shall see Cause.

First Records of the Town of Exeter, N.H.

Know all men by these presents. That Tho Crawley of Exeter new England, have sould unto Robert Hethersay of the same Planta(tion) sixtakers of medowe ground be it more or lesse (if lesse to be made full) to wit, two acres at the head of the great Cove newly granted the said Thomas, And two other acres ~~xx~~ by Cobhall swamp The third two acres at Lamperele riuer, the wit nesses whereof are Stephen Bachelor. Helen<sup>a</sup> Bachiler. Mary Wooden. (signatures)

The names of thouse w<sup>ch</sup> have done there share of Mr Nutters fence this 6th of the 3 m<sup>o</sup> (45)

Recorded with the consent and in the presence of Samuell Greenfield townsm<sup>n</sup> & Tho. Petit, inhabitant xherof & by the confirmation of Tho Crawley

Anthony Station  
Will Mauer  
Henr Robey  
John Legat  
John Cram  
Rob. Smith  
Tho. Pettet  
Ralph Hall  
Nath Boulter

Att A Towne Meeting the last day of the first month 1645  
It is ordred that Mr Nutter his 60 Rod of Fence in att Lampell Riuer shall be set up for him by the 17th day of the Next Month, by euery Inhabitant equall Pportion and whosoever shall neglect to doo his pportion or to cause it to be done by the the Aforesayd day, he shall pay 3<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> the Rod unto him that shall dooe It for him.

The Biggs  
Abr Drake  
Gody Deerborn  
Gorg Barlo  
Rob Read  
Franci Swain by  
James Wall  
Rick Carter  
Hum<sup>d</sup> Willson  
Thos King

It is ordred that all the Inhabitants of the Towne shall have theire fences about there planting ground In good repayre by the 15th day of Apell, next or otherwais to pay 5<sup>s</sup> the Rod for euery Rod that is Left unfence(d), after the sayd 15th of Apell and 12<sup>d</sup> for euery gapp that is Left opene.

Att A Towne Meeting the 26th  
of the second moneth 1645

Samuell Green-  
feld  
Henry Elkins  
John Bursly  
Thomas Jones  
Bollshasser  
Willix  
Thomas Wight  
Robert  
Hithersay

All the Creekes for fishing this yeare are diuided into Three Devisions by Lott, Eleven or 12 psons to a Devisison According as the Lotts lye as follow(eth)  
The first Devisison of Lots from the mill downward are to have Rawbones Creeke and the Creeke Above it.  
The second Devisison from the mill downe ward are to have all the other Creekes on the Mill side of the River: and the third Devisison are to have all the Creekes on the lower sid of the Rivere Except Mr Needams Creeke and the great Cove Creeke wch two Creekes lye Comon.

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21y Att the meeteing beforesayd It is unanemusly Agreed upon that Edward Colcord of Hampton (According to his desire made knowne unto us) is Reseived An Inhabetant Amongst us and there Is givene unto him for his Accomodation, An Iland lyeing betwene Lampell River-falles and oyster Rivere falles with a Longe peece of Meddow lyeing neere the foote path to oyster Rivere not far from the sd Iland and As much Upland Adioyneing to the sayd meddow as may Make it up one hondred Akers, All wch sayd Lands and Meddow wee do give unto <sup>the</sup> sayd Edward. granting him as full tytle to It as wee may or can give him, by vertue of o<sup>r</sup> first purchase of these lands

Att A Towne meeteing houldne the Last day of the 10th moneth 1645

John Legat hath granted unto him halfe An Aker of Land lyeing by the Rivere side before his houses for the settin of a Cowhouse and for Landing, and setting of his hay, or for the making of a Cowyard. puided the hyghway be left the usieall bredth of three pooles -----

Samll Grinfield } mark  
Edward Hilton }  
Anthony Stanyon }

Townes men

Att A Towne meeteing held the fiveth day of the 12th m<sup>o</sup>: 45

Thomas Biggs hath granted unto him Three small psells of meddow att the mouth of Lamperel Rivere And as much Upland adioynin to It as may make up <sup>the</sup> sayd meddow (to) thirteen Akers

Nathaniell Boulter hath granted unto him all the meddow wch now is or as may be made meddow, from Mr Whelewrites meddow and upwards so fare as the tyde doth ebbe and flow In Mr Whelewrits Creeke: excepting Three Akers of the sayd Land formerly granted unto Henerey Roobey

It is ordered that all the medows that is found, shall bee vewed by Sammuell Grenfeeld and John Legat by the last o(f) march upon the penalty of ~~five~~ 5 shillines by whom the defect is found giving to 2 dayes warning to thos 2 men ~~xxxx~~ pointed

(These two paragraphs are in another hand.)

It is ordered that Sammuell Grenfeeld John Legat and John Cram shall vewe the uplandes and set out A 1000 Akeres for to bee loted oute by the last of march

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1. It is Agreed upon that Mr Edward Hilton and Tho: King shall purchase Mr Whelewrits house and Land att Exeter In the Townes behalfe for Mr Norcrosse and all the Inhabitañts of the Towne shall paye for It According as they the said purchasers shall Agree<sup>d</sup> every man his pportion

21y Frances Swain hath granted unto him for A howse lott six Akers of Land lyeing betwehe two Creekes Adioyning to the howse lott which goodman Deerbarn sould to Nathaniell Boulter<sup>d</sup> leaving out the one Creek which Lyes next the Comon field

Goodman Smart hath granted unto him Three hundred Akers of Land lyeing beyond Mr Hiltons, from the River side Towards the northwest into the Cuntrey And halfe A milde [sic] In bredth Reserveing six Rod In bredth for A highway betwene Mr Hiltons marsh and this said ~~land~~ Land

The 8th of the 4th m<sup>o</sup>. 1646

John Legat and Humphery Willson have purchased of the Sagamore All the Land wch lyeth within the fence by the falls next unto the mill, that is to say, the Land wch Is planted or to be planted or to be broken up within the sayde fence wch Land lyeth within the same fence where John Legat and Humphery Willson's howse lotts lye Unto wch purchase we the Townsmen do give ~~our~~ o<sup>r</sup> consent: And the Land wch is so purchased by them Is by estimation About 6 or seven Akers be It more or Lese

Edward Hilton  
Anthony Stanyan  
Samuell Grinfield

the 16th of 12th m<sup>o</sup>. 46,

It is agreed by the townes men that Mr Stannean is to have twente aceres of growend beyond the mill where is not all redey granted

Layd out & bounded by the towne measurers, the one ten aceres by Leiftenant Halls Land, the other ten by Hampton Lyne

[On the left margin of page 28, added at a later time to clear up some obscurity as to the bounds of the land granted to Goodman Smart, illegible at the beginning, as follows:]

-----it was measured again and bounded as formerly, It hath the beginning at a red oake near bye the River syde adioyning to the said land which was formerly Mr Hiltons now in the possession of Will: Perkins and runes by the said land to a white oake marked P. and from thence north east by eastto a birch tree in a swamp by a little Creeke marked M. & from thence south east & by south to a pitch pine by the marsh marked M and from thence to the said red oake wherein the Line began which runs by the high way between the said Land & the marshes In witnes whereunto I have set my hand 21 July (86) being a legal for the town of Exeter & Capt Gilman the other [lotlayer] being absent and not appeareing & Mr Shapway attested

Ralph Hal Lot layer  
John Shepway

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## FIRST RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF EXETER, N.H.

The 25th of the third month 1646: we the Inhabetants of Exeter whose names are hereunder written Do by theis p<sup>r</sup>sents bind o<sup>r</sup>selves unto Mr Edward Hilton and Thomas King to Agree unto what bargon shall be made by them *in* our behalfe, with Mr Whelw- for the purchasing of his howse and land at Exeter for mr Nathaniell Norcrosse, and to pay everey man his pportion for It According as we have give In our Names Into the Towne booke the day Above written. And do pmise to save harmeles the sayd purchasers, If our somes given In do not Amount unto the full price of the sayd purchase together with there equall pportions which have not set there hands unto this p<sup>r</sup>sents according unto ther Abilities And In witnes hereof we have hereunto set o<sup>r</sup> hands the Day and yeare Above written

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of sheet  
worn off.]

Thomas Joanes (m)	Anthony Stanyan
Robert Hithersay	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Grenefield (m)
Humphery Willson	Jn <sup>o</sup> Smart (m)
Nicholas Swaine	James Wall
Robert Smith (m)	Henry Roby
John Cram (m)	nath Boulton
Thomas Pettet	
Frances Swaine (m)	John Legat

(m) Signed with mark

Att A Towne meeting the 16th day of 12th M<sup>o</sup>. 1646

It is ordred that All fences shall be sophisiantly set up by the first day of Aprell If the frost be then out of the ground And If not then to be set up so soone as they Can, for the frost, git into y<sup>e</sup> ground upon the penallty of 5<sup>s</sup> a Rod for what Is downe and 12<sup>d</sup> for A leser Default. And so to be kept in sophisiant Repayre upon the same penallty until the 10th Day of November next ensueing. And this order is to be understood of Ginerell fences and not of perticular ons but they to bare there one damiages, If there fences be not In good Repayre.

It is ordred that all swine That are left About the Towne shall be sophisieantly yoaked by the first Day of Aprill next, That is to say all swine Above A quarter ould to have A yoake of A foot long and All Above halfe A yere ould to have a yoake of A foot and A halfe and All Above a yeare ould to have A yoake of 2foot long And Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey Is chosen to be Finder to take up all such swine as are not so yoaked and ~~and~~ to have of there oners 6<sup>d</sup> A swine for everey swine so dist<sup>r</sup>ained And Godpherey Derborn and Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey are mad Choyse of so that the fences be kept in such repayre as Is above ordered.

februare the 16— 1646

Goodman(ore) More Jamess wale John Legat  
are chosen towns men-----

Att A Towne meeteing the 16th of y<sup>e</sup> first month <sup>46</sup>  
or: <sup>47</sup>

It is ordred that everey [one] of the Inhabitants of the Towne shall seace felling Aney more Timber for the p<sup>r</sup>sent till further order be made for It. and that such as have Aney timber redey fald Shall have Libortey to work up so much of It As may make up there pportions formerly granted or Legally purchased and what they have fald more then there shars they shall Leave them to the Towns use

2ly That everey [one] of the Inhabitants shall give up to the Townsmen there Accounts what shars they have purchased and what timber they have Alredy made use of.

3ly That they wch have not mad up ther pportionable share of Timber <sup>as</sup> aforesayd shall have Liborty to fell Timber and worke It up as they fell It to make up ther sayd shars. And this order Is to be kept upon the penalty of 5<sup>s</sup> for everey tree that aney man shall Transegres In.

It is ordred that John Legat and Thomas Pettet shall be the Culers of pypestaves for the Towne and to be sworne there unto According to A Court order.

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It is agreed by the generall con(s)ent of the Townemen of exeter the 4 of november 1667 that Edward gillman--

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4 Novembr 1647

The agrement of the inhabatants of the town of exetr  
Imprimas That we doe accept of Edward Gillman the yonger  
to be a townsman amongst os and doe give and grant to him  
liberty to set up a sawe miell or miels in any River or within  
the liberty of exeter and to have the privelg of the  
River for the use of the miles and of the pines for sawing  
or maste or any other timber for sawing to have the privelg  
of it within the liberty of exeter

2ly The afoersayd Edward Gillman doe ingage himself to Cum  
and live as a townsman amongst them and to set up a  
sawe mile by the last of march next insuing if he cume  
or at the Furthest by the last of augst next insuing

3ly the sayd Gillman doe ingage himself to let the townsmen  
have what bords they stand in ned of for ther own use in the town at thre  
shilings a hundred and what towe(two) inche planke they shall ned  
for floering at the same prise, and to take Contery  
pay at prise curant if the miell shall saw it

4ly the sayd Gillman doe ingag himself that what  
masts he make use of to give them as mutch  
as if he sawed them into boords and to a load hall ten hundred  
in everi 3000 to the towne

5ly Its agreed that Anthony Staniell shall have liberty  
to put in a quarter part for a saw miell provided  
he doe make good his proportion or quarter part  
in every respect of Charges as a partener soe that  
the work be not hinderd by hime, if he doe to  
Forfit his shaer to the afoersayd Gillman and  
to pay what damages he shall sustayn by It.  
for the true and suer performans of the same we  
doe bind ouerselvs in Forty pounds sterling  
in witns whereunto we hav set our hands

William Mouer

Edward Gillman

Tounsmanes

Sameuell Grenfield

his marke

nathaniell boulter

Ballthasar Willix

Edward Hilton

4 Novembr 1647

The grants of the towne to the men hoos names  
ar her under writen upon a town metinge

Imprimes Its grantid unto Will Moer tenne acers of  
land in the east syd of the River ajoyning to Godfery  
Derberns.

2ly It is grantid to Edward Gillman all the rest of  
the same neke of land ajoyning unto it

3ly It is grantid to G<sup>o</sup>orge Barloe forty acers  
of upland in the south sied of the fresh River Folsom Senior 60)  
(Layd out according to grant bounded with Hampton lyne ioyning to John ^

4ly It is grantid to Samewell Grenfield and Nathanel  
Boulter fiufty acers of upland also<sup>to</sup> eyther of them  
next ajoyning to ther medowe for to maek them  
farmes

Sam Greenfields is bounded and Layd out. The corner  
trees marked with S.L. (Inserted by another hand)

5ly It is grantid to Richard Swain thirty akers of land  
upon the pointe betwin M<sup>r</sup> Whelwrights Creek  
butting upon the Creek norward upon the Road (?)  
eastward accordingly as it is layd out by the survaiors

It is grantid to Francis Swaine and Nicolas  
Swaine on hunderd acers of upland next to  
our father Swaines farme which was bought  
of Samewell Grenfield

will mauer  
town man

Jamess Nicoll reported and John Tide for not cuming to the townmeting<sup>s</sup>  
for which they ar fined according to a town order ^  
for which Will Moer is to levie it by the  
ordr of the townsmen

- 1y at a metin of the town the 15 of desember  
It is ordered that James Wall shall have  
a 100 akers of upland joynin to his medo to  
mak it full sieze  
Will Mouer James Wall
- 2y it it is ordered that Humperly Willson  
shall have 30 akers of upland lyin at the hier  
ind of his great lot
- 3y It is ordered thit Jaimes Wall shall have  
38 akers joynin to his great lot
- 4y It is ordered by the town that William Mauer shall  
and godman have 30 akers of ground towards griffin Mountags  
Dærbarns butin upon the hier inds of there fiv grounds  
and Thomas Bigges and John Tids  
James Wall  
Wulliam mour  
This land is layd out  
by the towne measurer  
according to grant
- 5y it is ordered that Thomas Jones shall have  
20 akers of ground liin about Robert Smith  
and he doth make choys of Francis Swain for  
his part and Robert Smith for the town for to  
give the place whrin it shall li and it is  
for to be in *liea* of his 10 akers [REDACTED]

Att a Towne meeting on the 10th of the 12th m<sup>o</sup>. 47  
The Towne hath givene and granted unto John Legat  
Fourtey Akers of Land at the ende of his Land wch hee  
bought of Robert Boolger the south or southeast side of  
Mr Whelewrites Creeke, the Creeke being the bounds of it  
on the one sid and the great swamp and Humpherey ~~Willisons~~  
Willsons great <sup>on</sup> Lott the bounds the other side of it.  
John Legat hath likewise given him by the Towne one  
hundred Akers of upland ajoyneing to his meddow toward Salsbu---

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x Att the meeting Above mentioned Anthony Stanyon hath  
granted him by the Towne Three hundred Akers of  
upland Att his meddow formerly granted him on the south  
sid of the fresh River

It is Agreed that John Cram Tho: Joans and Tho  
Pettet shall have 40 Akers Apeece of upland by the  
meddow formerly granted And Raph Hall and Boll willix  
shall have 20 Aker apeece

[Undated, but clearly of later date]

At the south west end of the meadow at two brooks meeting  
together at a maple marked on three sydes, run'g northwest  
sixscore rod to a pine marked on four sydes; tenscore rod  
to ajoyning to a swamp, runing north east; south east six  
score rod, butting at the upper end of the said meadow.

The said land is sbe bounded according to Moses Gilman  
order for his use.

The 4th of the first m<sup>o</sup>. 47 or 48

It is agreed by a ginerall Consent at A town meting that mr Wiggons mr Dudley and mr Clemants shall be Associate to the Countey Court If the other Townes in the Countey shall Assent ther unto //

The Day and yeare Above wr<sup>itt</sup>ne. Godpey Derbarn John Cram and John Legat are mad Choyse of for Townsemen for this prsant yeare to Com //

Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey hath granted unto him 20 Akers of Land beyond Rockey hill next beyond that wch Is given out formerly //

Godpherey Derbarn Tho: Joans and Tho: Biggs have granted unto them A peece of meddow About 20 Akers lyeing upon the second Runn beyond Mr Whelewrite Creeke towards Captaine wiggons. And thirtey Akers A peice of upland If the sayd meddow and upland lyeth within the Libertyes of our Towne to give: //

It is ordred that all swine shall be sent downe out of the towne by the first weeke In Apréll or to be kept up in styes or yards

The 17 day of the 3 m<sup>o</sup>. 1648

It is ordered that all the fensis shall be sofichantly set and kept up untill 5 weekes after mikellmas and polle fensis are to beebound with poles andofwithes and other fensis sofichant, if not to bare the trespass in that feld, what fensis are not set and kept up shal bare the fray and pay 5<sup>s</sup> to the towne for every gap.

It is ordered That swine may goo in the towne but yoked, olde from 18 monthes olde, 30 inches long one year olde 2 foute long and small swine 18 inches longe, and piges to 3 munths olde one foute long

It is ordered that all doges and biches shall bee kept up [shut up] all the night and one [on] the day to be up a fore foute, and if that the shall doe any harm then to ty them up and thay that shall not doe so shall pay 5<sup>s</sup> for every defect.

It is ordered that non mischef or cruely use any swine upon the penallty of paying for the swine and beesides The Finne

It is ordered that all yong catell shall bee driven from town into medowes upon forfit of 5<sup>s</sup> for not [last three words illegible, perhaps "being pastured properly."]

Att A Towne meeting the 16th of Nov<sup>b</sup> (48)

1. It is Agreed upon by the Inhabetants of Exeter that Mr Tom [Thompson] of Branterey shall be Invited to Com# to Exeter to be our [Braintree] minister And In Case he Can be Attained to, to com# tha n he shall be Allowed by the Towne 30<sup>b</sup> A yeare And the profit that shall com to the Towne by the Sawmill And the use of the hows And Land wch was purchased of Mr Whele wright so long as he Contineus wth us A minister. And Christ opher Lawson Edw: Gillman And Jno. Legat Are Appoint ed to Acte In the Invitation of him. If he may be attain ed or If not then to have power to Acte In the Invitat ion of som other with the Councill and Advice of the Eld ers of Boston Charl<sup>l</sup>stowne and Roxbergy.

2ly It is Agred upon that John Cram And John Legat shall Lay out the Lotts already granted and that herafter shall be granted. and to have for there payment 4<sup>d</sup> An Aker for All Lotts under 10 Akers and 2<sup>d</sup> An Aker for All Lott s of Twentey Akers. And 1<sup>d</sup> An Aker for all Lotts over 20 Akers. And 10<sup>d</sup> n Aker

3ly It is Agred upon that Mr Edw: Gillman shall have on hundred Akers of upland on the back sid of the Comon fild next the fresh River A highway by the River side excepted. It is to be layd out by John Cram And John Legat as may be thought most convenyant: And the sayd Edw Gillman Is by this order not Injoyned to fence out the back? sayd highway puided he make A sophicyant falling back? for passage by the River side And Allowance for the they shall by the river side to be made by the lottlayers as they shall see meet

4ly It is Agred upon That Christop Lawson shall have one hundred Akers of Land on the backside of the Comon fild next Agineing unto the Land Afore spesef ically givene unto Mr Gillman.

5ly It is Agred that five hundred Akers of Land next the Two great Lotts Afore mentioned shall be Layd out for A Comon fild to be fenced In by the Towne for planting ground for everey man to have his equall share common that are howsholders

6ly It is Agreed that the remainder pt of that plaine beforem<sup>ent</sup> oned shall be for An ~~axe~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~Comon~~ to the corner of J ohn Crams lott or Bell Wilixes and unto the fresh River shall be layd out for An ~~axe~~ <sup>so</sup> Comon for working Cattle and stea rs and horses: for everey man to have his equall sha re puided he do his pportionall share of fencing by the last Day of may next: and those wch do not fence are to have no Rite in the sayd Comon and All former grants are to be excepted: and [Tho] King And Jno Legat to lay out the Lande for fencing

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In Margin: Att a Towne meeting the 21 of 3<sup>m</sup> 1650 This order is [renewed] to be fenced by the last of May next



7ly Gorg Barlo hath 4 Akers of Land granted him by the house wch he ~~hath~~ bought of Bolti Wilix att the line erased west side of the sayd lott //

Att A Towne meeting the 12th of (11) m<sup>o</sup>. 48 It is Agreed upon that James Wall shall have his share of the five hundred Akers of Land mentione<sup>d</sup> in the 5th order on the other side, [p 39] to be Layd out in the swampe next unto the Two great Lotts granted unto Mr Gilman and Christop Lawson //

2ly Jams Wall and Jn<sup>o</sup> Legat are mad choyce of for Townsemen for this yeare with Jn<sup>o</sup> Cram

3ly M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Gilman and Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey are Chooosen for Gran Jureymen this yeare

4ly John Legat Is made Choice of to be the Town Clerk and to have 4<sup>d</sup> of the town<sup>e</sup> for everey town order that he writeth and 4<sup>d</sup> for everey grant of the partey that hath the grant, granted.

5ly John Cram hath ten Akers of Land granted unto him att the eand of his 2 hous Lotts to be Layd out 16 poole in bredth Adloyneing to the 20 Akers formerly granted to Thomas Joanes //

6ly John Bursley and Thomas Biggs have granted unto them 10 Akers Apeece of the Land Lyeing betwene Mr Stanyans Creek and Mounteguse Lott to Cutt fyre wood or aney other timber but the Land it selfe is to lye Comon still for feeding of Cattle.

7ly Thomas King hath granted unto him one hundred Akers of upland Joyneing to his medow wch is 2 or three myles In the woods towards the west or norwest to make it A farme

8ly Tho: Cornish and Nicholas Leeson hath 10 Akers Apeece of Land to Cutt fyre wood next unto Hen<sup>r</sup> Robeys 20 Akers of Land att Rockey hill: And the Land it selfe to lye Comon still for feeding of Cattle

The (3) of the (2) m<sup>o</sup>. (49)

The 20 Akers of upland, formerly granted unto William Whiteredge and Thomas King, lyeing on y south side of the Run wch Coms by Wilixes house was Laid out by us John Cram and John Legat (80) Rod In Length Along by the Run side and and the Addition of measuer aded to the bredth at the farther eand. John Cram [and John Legat] (33 Rod in bredth at the eand next the house Lott

The returne of Thomas King 100 acres runing on the south syde of the meadows beginning at a pine tree marked with a T and from thence fyve score [rod] to a white oake tree marked with a T and from thence south eight score rod over the little river to a red oake marked with a T. and from thence east fyve score rod to a black ash marked with a T with an allowance of a peice of meadow

[Written lengthwise of margin]

Town measurers John Legat [John Cram (?)]

It is ordered and disired <sup>6</sup> by the Townesmen of Exeter that all that ar inhabbitante in the towne of Exeter that thay should bring in all such debtes as ar due to them from the towne and that thear may bee a Rate mad that for everiman may bee satisfied  
Dat the 12:7:m<sup>o</sup> 49)

Att A Towne meetinge (7) of the 11 m<sup>o</sup>, (49)

1. It is ordrede that A Towne Rate shall be mad by the Townsemen for the proveing of weights and measuers According to Law And the money so gathred to be forthwith delivered to the Constable for the purchasēing of them: According to the Court order
2. Abraham Drake Is made Choyce of to be Gran Jareyman for the Towne the next yeare following.
3. It is Agreed upon by the Towne that \_\_\_\_\_ of the shall goo down-----

[The rest of this page is for the most part covered by a paster in Mr Bell's writing containing a duplicate of paragraph 3 of page 39. Below this duplicate appears the certified acknowledgment by Hatevill Nutter respecting the building of a fence by the town.]

[In the matter] of 60 rod or pole of fence which the Towne of Exseter was engaged by covenant to set up at Lamprell river I hav accepted from the town of Exseter sixty rod or pole of sufisient fence  
the:11:of ioune:1650  
witness

Henry Roby  
Tho Pettet

Hatevill Nutter

Att A Towne meeting the (22) of 2th m<sup>o</sup>. 49

- 1. It is ordred that Mr Emerson of Rowley shall be invited to Com to Exeter to be A minester there
- 2ly It is granted unto Nathaniell Drake, Abraham Drake Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey And Tho: King Libertey for the seten up of A sawmill upon the fresh River that Lyeth westward from the Towne And cometh Into the maine Fresh Rivere Above the falls And that they shall have Libertey for the felling of timber on the Comons for the said mill, p uided they Com not for timber on the heither side of the Rivere towards Mr Gillman his sawmill, wherby hee may be damedified [damified] for want of timber. And the termes on which this libertye Is granted them Is According to the Libertey of Mr Gillmans grant of his sawmill And the bords for planks wch the In habetants of the towne shall have for there one use Are by the oners of the mill to be brought to the waterside att 3<sup>s</sup> the hundred.

3ly It is granted Libertey unto Mr Edward Hilton, James Wall John and Robert Smart And Thomas Biggs: for to set up A sawmill upon Pascasoke Rivere which Runs Into Lampell Rivere; upon the same termes as the other mill Above written Is granted-----

4ly Libertye Is granted unto Georg Barlow Nicholas Leesen Frances Swaine and John Warren to set up A sawmill att Lamperell River att the falls A little Above the Wigwams, And to have the Libertey of felling of timber and of payments to the towne According to the two grants Above writtne

Nicholas Swain

It is ordered and voated att A Towne meeting the (10) of June 1650: that ther shall not be Libertey granted unto Aney man to set up Aney sawmill att Exeter falls upon the Townes ground: to hinder Edward Gillman of his former grant of his two sawmills att the falls: or timber for aney other saw mills neere to the said falls

April- the- 22- 1650-

It is ordred by the freemen and sum otheres  
of the towne of Exeter chossen for the ordreing  
of the sole afares of the Towne [i.e. for the sole ordering of --]

In primes  
that everie inhabetant of the towne shall the made  
pay for every thousand of pipe staves <sup>to</sup>  
shilinges wich sll bee for the mentanence of the  
ministre

and for every thousand of hogshed staves one  
shillinge six pence.

and for everey thousand of bouldes that is sould  
before the bee made in to staiveses fore shiling<sup>s</sup>  
and all so what is due from the sawemilles shall  
bee for the maintenenes of the minnistree

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it is ordred that after the puplication hereof that  
any man that shall deliver any staveses or boulds  
before the have satesfied the towne ordres thay  
shall pay ten shillinges for evry thouseshand staves  
and tweentie shillinges for every thousand  
bouldes

Edward Hilton  
Edward Gillman  
John † Crame  
Tho Pettit  
John Gillman  
Henry roby

April- the- 22- 1650-

It is ordred by the freemen and sum otheres  
of the towne of Exeter chossen for the ordreing  
of the sole afares of the Towne [i.e. for the sole ordering of --]

In primes  
that everie inhabetant of the towne shall ~~the made~~  
pay for every thousand of pipe staves ~~to~~  
shilinges wich sll bee for the mentanence of the  
ministre

and for every thousand of hogshed staves one  
shillinge six pence.

and for everey thousand of bouldes that is sould  
before the bee made in to staiveses fore shiling<sup>s</sup>  
and all so what is due from the sawmilles shall  
bee for the maintenenes of the minnistree

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it is ordred that after the puplicacion hereof that  
any man that shall deliver any staveses or boulds  
before the have satesfied the towne ordres thay  
shall pay ten shillinges for evry thoushand staves  
and tweentie shillinges for every thousand  
bouldes

Edward Hilton  
Edward Gillman  
John † Crame  
Tho Pettit  
John Gillman  
Henry roby

It is unanimously Agred upon by Mr Samuell Dudley and the Towne of Exeter. That Mr Dudley is fourthwith so soone As comfortable subsistance Can be made by the Towne for him and his famelye In the house wch was purchased of Mr Whelwrit. That then the said Mr Dudley Is to Com to Inhabet att Exeter And to be A minester of god's word unto us, untill such time as god shall be pleased to make way for the gathering of A church. And then he to be ordained~~x~~ o<sup>r</sup> Pastor or teacher According to the ordinance of god: And In Cosideration of this p mise of Mr Dudley: The Towne doth mutiolly Agree to fitt up the Aforesaid house And to fence In a yard and gardon for the said Mr Dudley: And to Allow fourtey pounds A yeare, towards the maintenance of the said Mr Dudley and his famely: And that the use and ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xx~~ sole Improvement of the aforesaid house bought of Mr Whelwrit and All the Lands and meddows there unto belonging shall be to the propper use of him the said Mr Dudley: During the time that he shall continew to be A minester of the word Amongst us: And what Cost the said Mr Dudley shall bestowe About the said house and Lands In the time of his Improvement, the Towne is to Allow unto him or his so much as the said house or lands are bettered by It attthe time of the saide Mr Dudlyes leaveing of It eithe by death or by som more than ordenarey Call of god otherwais: And It is further Agreed upon that the ould Cow house which was Mr Whelwrits shall by the Towne be fixed up fitt for the setting of Cattle In: And that the Aforesaid pay of 40L A yeare Is to be made In good pay everey halfe yeare In Corn and Englesh comodities att A price Currant as they goo ginerally In the Cuntrey att the time or times of payment

To the p misses wch concerne my selfe I consent unto Witness my hand

Sam: Dudley

And for the Townes P formance of there part of this afore said Agreement we whose names are her under writtne do joyntly and severally engage o<sup>r</sup> selves to m<sup>r</sup> Dudley wites o<sup>r</sup> hands

Edward Hilton  
Edward Gillman

Jn<sup>o</sup> Legat  
Henry roby

James Wall  
Humper Willson

Page 45, containing "A record of the births marriages and deaths of children and others in Exeter as they are brought to the clerk of the writs from the 6th of the first m<sup>o</sup> 48-49 " is printed complete on page 65 of the section marked "Genealogical" in Bell's History. It is therefore not copied here.

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Page 46 [Both edges of the page have been worn off]

It is ordured the 9th of novembr 1652  
by the selecte men that all the Inhabi tence of Ex[eter]  
shall bringe In to Thomas Kinges howse what theare  
estates is the (18) of this present month, for the mak[ing]  
of the Cuntry Rate

and furdur it is ordured that for all ginurall wir[k]  
as finising of the metinge howse or mendinge of the  
hywayes, that aftur due notis givinge to them b[y]  
[o]ne of 25 to cum, and shall negelecte cuminge  
[s]hall forthwith be [di]strayned on; to the valow of five [s.]  
for every negelecte; and for every negelecte of -----  
willfully five shillings, or they that have but half ---  
five shillings

Marshall Bow

Att A Towne meeting att Exeter the (26) of Aug 1650  
 Henerey Robey Tho: King And John Legat Are mad Choice of  
 for Townesmen this yeare next ensueing to order the Towne  
 Affaires and make Rates and for All publique Afaier and to  
 gather them up by Distres upon non payment and to Call to  
 Account the ould townemen for Rates Alredey gathred and  
 to Call to Accounte the oners of the sawmill or mills for  
 what Is Due to the Towne. and to order all other  
 the Towne Affaires Except the giveing out of timber or prohibiting  
 of felling of timber or the givein out of Lands. (voated)

The Ten Aker lott lying one the north of Lands over Against  
 Mr Dudly house wch was som time given to Simon Johnson  
 of Hampton (If he came to buld upon It in Resonable time)  
 Is now given by the Towne unto John Legat for a house l[ot]  
 Granted and voted at the Towne meting above r[ite]n //

- 3 Mr Edward Hilton James Wall and John Cram being Townsamen  
 the Last yeare have att this meeting power giveine them by  
 the Towne to gather up by Asseacements or otherwaïs all  
 such Rates or Debts due from the Towne wchich was pr[oper]  
 for them to gather up when they were Townsamen. voted

4 It is ordred that no man but such as are now settled Inhabetants  
 In the Towne <sup>shall have</sup> anye priveledg upon the Comons to  
 fell or make use of Timber and what other Inhabetants sh[all]  
 hereafter Com Into the Towne, shall have no libertie fo[r]  
 felling timber as Aforesaid untill they be Accepted of  
 by the Towne for Inhabetants and Libortey be granted them  
 and that no more but one man shall have this Libortey  
 aforesaid for one house lot. and That all others that  
 have or ~~shall~~ hereafter shall make use of anye Timber but  
 only such as are now Accepted of for settled Inhabetants  
 shall be phibeted by the Townsamen and the timber wch  
 they fell or work up to be by them Attach't till tryall of  
 there Rite by wch they fell or work do Appeer //

And whareas Nath Boulter of Hampton John Warren and John Garland do all make use of timber under  
 ptence of A house and Lot bought of Thos Pettet the  
 Towne Allows but one to have privelig by that Lott  
 and that the townesmen phibit them from felling  
 timber by that p<sup>r</sup>tenc but onely one of them that can make  
 best Rite and Intrest Appeere. John Ted is likwis question [ed]

[p tence]  
 [p phibit]

- 5 It is ordred that everey of the Inhabetants of the Towne that  
 now hath or hereafter shall have A house lott and m[ake]  
 use of timber on the Comons by vertue of ther  
 house Lott they are Inioyned by this order to [build?]  
 A habetable h [rest of line torn away]



within six month After the date herof or other wais they are not to fell aney trees or worke up aney timber upon the Comons: upon the penality of 5<sup>s</sup> A tree for everey tree that they shall fell on the Comons.(voated)

Nathaniell Drake and Abraham Drake have granted unto them Thirtrey Akers Apeece of Upland Att the hed of the great branch of Mr Whelwrits Creke Adioyneing to the 30 Aker wch they bought of Richard Swaine. If the said land be In the Townes power to dispose of And upon this grant they are Inioyned to build A habetable house upon It or upon the 50 Aker bought of Richard Swaine And to fence In the said land In som Convenient time and not to p hibet the Inhabetants from felling timber of the said land untill It be Improvd Tho: King hath 8 Akers of swamp granted unto him on the south west sid of the little fresh River to bee Improved by him to make meddow within 2 yeares

Att A Towne meeting the (24) of  
the (9) m<sup>o</sup> 1650

Granted unto Henerey Robey for A planting Lott Ten Akers of land beyend the fresh River About 3 quarter of A mile from the bridg on the south side of the path that leadeth to Haverell

Ralfe Hall hath granted unto him A priveledg of A house Lott for the house wch hee hath nuly built

Nicholas Leeson hath (20) Akers of land granted unto him on the farther sid of the fresh River neere the bridg

Frances Swaine hath twentey Aker of land granted on the farther side of the fresh River nere the bridg joyneing to good Leasons runing westward from the bridg

Tho: Cornish and Gowen Willson have granted unto them Ten Akers of land A peece on the farther sid the fresh River Joyheing to Frances Swaine his grant

Nicholas Swaine hath granted unto him five Akers of land att the eand of his house lott wch hee bought of good Derbarn

Tho: King hath granted unto him twentey Akers of land beyend John Smarts land butting toward fresh River

Tho: Cralley hath five Akers of land granted Adioyneing to Henr Roby and 10 Aker beyend [the River?]

9 James Wall Is made Choice of for A Gran jury man this yeare

10 Mr Drake and John Legat are Chosene to vew the highways and to give Libortey to Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey to Inlarge his gardne out of the highway and to take the usieall bredth Againe for A highway out of his Lotts as may be convenieant for the Towne. And so Edw Gilman and others p uided that the highways be not made wors then they are

Att A Towne meeting the (5) of (10) m<sup>o</sup>. 1650

1 It is Agreed upon That the Townsemen shall have power To make A Rate upon All such of the Inhabetants of the Towne As doo not volentareyly bring in Acording to there Abileties for the sattesfieiing of the Townes Ingaygement unto Mr Dudle for his maintenance

It is Agreed upon That <sup>If</sup> Frances Swaine and Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey or either of them shall make A bargon with aney Able marchant In the bay To pay or Cause to be paid unto Mr Dudley the som of 40<sup>l</sup> In good English Comodities in May next for his whole years maintenance And to except of hogshed staves or pipestaves for the said 40 L worth of goods then the Towne doth Agree to stand to there bargon wch they shall make And to bring in there p portionall parts of hogshed staves or pipe staves unto the said Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey or Frances Swaine to sattesfie there Agreement.

3 It is Agreed that no man shall fell ~~xxxx~~ Aney trees for boult pipe staves or hoggshed staves or work upon aney boult pipe staves or hoggshed staves upon the Comon After the first Day of Aprell next till the (29) Day of october upon the penalltye of five shillings A day for everey Days work.

4 That All fences wch are in Comon shall be set up and mad sufficient for the Judgment of the Towne [s] men by the (15) of Aprell next upon the penallty of five shillings A Rod for everey Rod that is defe [ctive] And all particuler fences to have ther one [own] damiage If it be not sufficient.

5 John Warren hath five Akers of Land granted him upon the Neck over Against the Towne for A house Lott If so much be ther to be had and not formerly given out

6 Tho King is Appointed to keepe the ordinary for this next yeare following

List of Att the meeting of the Towne the (5) of Decemb 1650  
names given

in *nuely* It is Agreed upon that everey man that Intends to  
James Wall have Aney share In the ox comon behind the Comon filds  
Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey shall give in there names for the fenceing of It to  
The King the Townesmen by the (20) of this m<sup>o</sup>. upon penalltye  
Edw Gillman of the Losse of there shar<sup>es</sup> and aney man that negle  
Jno Gillman acts to fence In due time After hee hath given In his  
Nic Swaine Name, hee shall forfeit 2<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> A Rod for so much as  
Jno Cram Is wanting of his p portionall share.

Att A Towne meeting the (2) of ~~the~~ (11) m<sup>o</sup> 1650

Thomas Biggs for offensive speeches att the Towne meeting  
Is find to pay 5<sup>d</sup> to the Towne: wch was remited upon submission  
It is ordred that there shall be A Comon fild Laid out  
for planting ground beyeand the second Rivere from the Towne  
westward About 2 miles And A halfe for everey man that  
Is An Inhabetant of the towne to have his part Laid out  
by Lott and In quantet<sup>e</sup> According to his Rate to the  
minestrey bareing date the (1) of the (11) m<sup>o</sup>. 1650 viz,  
for everey ten shillings which hee payes to have 15 Akers  
of Land Laid out to geither by lott begining att the head  
of the fall and so to butt upon the River downward and  
everey Aker to be one Rod in bredth. p uided that If  
Aney man that now Is An Inhabetant shall leave the  
towne before one whole yeare after the date herof be  
expired then hee is to leave his Lott to the Town Again.  
Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey hath granted unto him to have his Lott of the  
Aforesaid filds to Lye att the foote of the fall: viz,  
60 Akers In all the middle of it to butt on the foote  
of the fall and the bredth of the 60 Akers to be 60 poole.

It is Agreed upon betweene the Towne of Exeter  
on the one part And James Wall and Humpherey  
Willson on the other part that the said James  
Wall and Humpherey Willson shall pay or caus to be paid unto the  
Towne Two shillings A thousand for everey thousand  
of board or planks wch they shall saw with there  
saw mill by the falls of oake or pines wch  
they take of the Comons: And Mr Dudle his third  
part of the saw mill is to goo free without pay-  
ment. And the said 2<sup>s</sup> A thousand Is to be paid  
for board and planke att price Currant

Hen<sup>r</sup> Robey  
and John  
Gillman  
desented  
from this  
voat

Att A Towne~~s~~ meeting the (19) of Febr 1650

There is given and granted unto ~~the~~ Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Dudley Eightey Akers Swampe Land Lyeing About south east from the falls Lyeing neere unto Humpherey Willsons great Cott on the one eand and Mr Wheelwrits Creeke Running from it And the great plaine on the East sid of It and all timber and under wood upon the said 80 Akers of Land to him and his heires for ever

- 2ly It is granted that the forfeuers of ould fallen timber for the making of pipestaves and hogshedstaves shall be Remited to this day and that everey man shall Inioy his timberso forfeeted by long lyeing unwrought up provided It be wrought up by the Last of march next except It be such timber so forfeeted and Alredey disposed by the Townesemen and by there Appointment wrought up.
- 3ly The Three Townsemen wch now Are , viz Heneyey Robey Tho: King and John Legat Are made Choçee of by the Towne to vindecate the Credet and Reputation of Mr Dudley Against the Reprochfull speeches and Calumnations of John Garland by proseeding Against him In Law According to the demerit of his ~~part~~ fact.

Att a towne meeting the  
(21) of March, 1650

1. Edw Gillman and Humpey Willson are Chosen for the jurey of Tryalls att Salsberey Court
- 2ly There Is granted unto John Legat halfe an Aker of Land by the Rivere sid within the Lanes eand that Leadeth onto the Neck p uided the highway ~~part~~ In the said Land be left the usieall bredth of three poole
- 3ly The first weeke In Aprell Is Alowed to the time for makeing of pipestaves on the Comons

Att A Towne meeting the (26) of the (4) m<sup>o</sup>. 1650

Its Agreed upon that Frances Swaine shall have 20<sup>s</sup>  
for his paines and time in going Into the bay to Receive  
Mr Dudley<sup>r</sup> his pay- - - - -

Its Agreed upon that A meetinghouse shall be built  
of twenty foot square so soone as workmen can  
conveaniently be procured to do It and the place  
Appointed for It Is att the Corner of William  
Taylors Lott next the street and William Talor  
is to have of the Towne 20<sup>s</sup> for five Rod square  
of his Land In that place

It is granted unto Mr Samuell Dudley<sup>r</sup> all the  
Land wch is att the eand of the Ten Aker Lotts  
on the neck of Land over Against the Towne wch Is not  
formerly granted out

Tho: King desenteth from this voate  
It is granted unto Gowen Willson for A house Lott  
two Akers of Land next beyond the goat pen  
which was by Mountegues house betweene the  
River sid and the highway: upon the condition  
that hee build upon It and fenc It, or otherwais  
to Leave It to the Towne Again<sup>e</sup>, or If aney  
former grant do cleerly Appeer to Aney other of  
the said Lands then the said Gowen Is to Resine  
It up Againe and to be Accomodated otherwais

Att A Towne meeting the  
(1) of the (7) m<sup>o</sup>. 1651

1. Its ordred that John W<sup>r</sup>aren shall goo Into the Bay  
To Receive the Townes pay of Mr Kemball for  
Mr Dudley<sup>r</sup>— and to see for the waights and measur  
that Mark Hands pruve them and send them forthwith  
according to the Townesmens Agreement with him  
and that the said Jno W<sup>r</sup>aren shall have 20<sup>s</sup> for  
his paines and expences In Corne of the Towne.

2ly that the meeting house shall begin to be built  
upon the next second day and A Rate to be made  
how much work everey man  
shall doo towards It, and so be Calld forth to work  
upon It by Tho: King and John Legat as need  
shall Requite, that the work be not neklacted  
till it be finished and that everey man that  
neklacts to Com<sup>e</sup> to work upon A days warning  
hee shall pay 5<sup>s</sup> the day to be forthwith set ?  
by the Cunstabl

- 3ly That the bridges stocks and wach house shall be mended and finshed by the Townes labore, and the time they that work shall begin Is Appointed the next thirsday Com A fourtnight and be fulley finshed before the next Hampton Court, and everey man that doth neglect to Com to work haveing A dayes warning hee shall forfeit 5<sup>s</sup> to the Towne
- 4ly Mr Edw: Gillman Is Choosene servayer for the highway [s] this yeare to Call forth laborers to the work and give directions
- 5ly Mr Edw Hilton Mr Nathamell Drake and John Legat are Choosene Townesemen for this yeare next following. The
- 6ly the three ould Townsemen have power granted unto them to gather up the Remainder part of the Rate wch was due In there time and not yet gathered up.
- 7ly Mr Edw: Gillman and Sargant Petet are chosen to Call to Account the ould Townsemen how they have disposed of the Rate wch they have Allredey gathered up.

Att A Towne meeting the (29) of  
the (10) m<sup>o</sup>. 1651

1. Tho: Petet Is mad Choice of to Joyne with the selectmen for makeing and gathering the Countrey Rate
2. It is granted to Mr Dudley liberty to fence In that peece of ground where the graves are and to have the use of the land for grazeing and feeding of Cattle whilst hee stayes In Exeter but not to breake up the said land and wh [en] hee leaves the land hee Is to take up the fence againe of [or] to be payd for it.
3. It is Agreed upon that Mr Samuel Dudley Mr Edward Hillton Mr Edw: Gillman John Legat and Humpherey Willson shall have power to make An Agreement with Hampton and Dover About the bounds of the Towne or to petition to the Ginerell Court About It If they Canot Agree with the other Townes and to Consider About the easeing of the Towne [as] they may About the maner of payments for the minesters maintenanc and for the exchangeing of the land that Is by the saw mill belonging to Mr Dudly his house: and for to dispose of ten Akers of land some time given to William Whitredg If hee Came to dwell in the towne

John Warren Is mad Choyce of to be A lott layer this next yeare Insueing with John Legat

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Att A Towne meeting att Exeter the  
(20) Day of (2) m<sup>o</sup>. 1652

It is granted and voated and Agreed upon That Mr Samuell Dudly and John Legat shall have libertey to build or erect A saw mill att the second or third fall from the Towne, which they shall like best of. And to have Timber for there mill on the Comons there. And the tearmes on which they have this grant Is, that they shall pay unto the Towne the som of five pounds A yeare, for so long time as the said mill Is Employed In sawing and to Aforde the towne for there one use boards att three shillings A hundred If they fech them from the mill-and The falls Above mentioned are to be understood of falls that are on the greate fresh River Above aney of the mills that are Alredey built And this grante Is givene unto the said Mr Samuell Dudly and Jno Legat theire heires and Asines for ever as our meaneing is of the other mills formerly granted witnes herunt (o) the selecte mens hands

Edward Hilton  
Tho Petet  
Jno Legat

John Robeson hath granted unto him that lot In the Last Comon fields granted which fell by lott unto Abraham Drake If hee had continewed A yeare after the grant in the towne and If the said Jno Robeson stay not a yeare in the towne, then he Is likewise to leave it to the towne (again)

- 3 It is agreed that Mr Dudley shall have 20<sup>s</sup> for the use of his two bulls to goo with the Cows this sumer and Mr Dudley axcepts of it, and the Cows and heifers that men have In the towne and Mr Dudley Is to keepe A third bull for his owne Cows or else to pay his share towards the other two bulls.
- The Biggs  
at William  
Mauer  
desent  
from this  
agreement
- 4 It is ordred that all swine that are left In the Towne shall be sufficiantly yoaked by the (26) day of this p<sup>r</sup>sant month: That Is to say all swine Above A quarter ould to have A yoake of A foot long and all Above half a yeare ~~K~~ ould to have A yoake of A foot and A half long and all above A yeare ould Two foot long: And Robert Sawers and William Mauer to be pinders to take up aney such swine as are not so yoaked and to have 6 A swine of the owners for the defect.
- 5 It is orderd that James Wall Jno Legat and Tho King shall have the vewing of the highwaies in the towne to see that they be not straitned att the least from the widnes that they ware formerly and they are herby Athorised to pull up aney such fences as have straitned the said highwaies, or that stopp up aney such comon plases as use to lye opne for men or beast to com to the watersid
- 6 It is ordred that those that have begun Aney pipestaves or hogshed staves shall have libertey to work them up but not Aney to fell aney more trees this sumer for that use upon the penalltye of 10<sup>s</sup> A tree nor to saw out aney that are downe Alredey Above fower trees A man upon the penalltye of 10<sup>s</sup> allso.

Att A Toune meeting the (10) of May 1652

- 1ly M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>l Dudley M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Hilton m<sup>r</sup> Edw: Gillman and Tho: King are Chosen to meet with the Com -mitioners Appointed to lay out the bounds betwe [en] us and Hampton: to Agetat and conclud with them or to make there obiections according to the Court order If they cannot Agree
- 2ly M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Gillman Senio<sup>r</sup> and his Son Moses and M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Colcord upon there Request to the Towne Are Axcepted of for Inhabetants and to Com and live Amongst us.



3<sup>ly</sup>

The third order was not concluded upon fully but took into farther consider (ation)

It is agreed betweene the Towne and M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Gillman that whare as hee was by his grant of his two saw mills to pay unto the toune halfe A hundred of boards in everey two thousand that they saw: It is now agreed that the said halfe hundreds of bord are Remited to him and hee the said M<sup>r</sup> Gillman or his Assignes are to pay unto the Toune for the use of what timber his Two mills now built shall Cut the som of Ten pounds A yeare<sup>x</sup> for his part and his brother Johns or theire Asiges. If they Assine over the said mills or sell them, Then whodever possesses them is to pay the said ten pounds anually for there use of the timber

It is Agred betweene the Towne and James wall

4<sup>ly</sup>

Edw: Gillm an Rob Sawers Tho Petet do desent from this grant

Att the Toune meeting Aforenamed the (10) of May 1652: It is given and granted unto Mr Samuell Dudly and John Legat one hundred Akers of land A peec att or above the uper fall on the Maine fresh River by estemation About two or three miles from the Toune on the heither side of the river whare there grante is for A saw mill. neere to the New Common field which Is granted on the other sid of the River, and the said M<sup>r</sup> Dudley and John Legat are to secure the said Common field from aney trespas by there cattle which they carry theither for working or feeding there

5<sup>ly</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Gillman upon his Request hath granted to him that seder swampe which Tho: King and Abraham Drake discovered on the farther sid of the Maine fresh River by estemation two or three mild from the Towne or more

6<sup>ly</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Gillman Senr and Edw: Gillman Juner and Edw: Colcord and Humpherey Willson have granted unto them Libertey for A saw mill att the lower fall att Lamperell River by the bredg and timber on the Comons there for there mill paying 5L A yeare to the Towne for there privelege After the mill is built

7<sup>ly</sup>

It is ordred and Agreed upon by the Request of Jams Wall and som others that three hundred Akers of land on the farther side the little fresh River by the great fresh River sid shall perpetually ly Common for firewood and feeding for houses neere It

8ly Thomas King hath granted unto him<sup>r</sup> liberty  
 for A saw mill on the great fresh River below  
 Mr Dudly's grant and John Legats att the foot of the fall and timber for  
 It on the comons: hee paying the Towne 5<sup>l</sup> A yeare for It, after micalm [as]  
 the mill is to pay the said 5 L who ever Inioyes It  
 and board for the townes use att 3<sup>s</sup> p. hundred

9 ly Tho: Petet Nicholas Leeson Tho: Cornish John Warren and  
 Frances Swaine have granted them priveledg for A  
 saw mill att Lamprell River on the next great fall  
 Above the fall that som of them have Alredey taken  
 posesion of paying 5<sup>l</sup> A yeare for ther priveledg  
 begining presantly after next micklemas

10ly It is ordered and Agreed upon and by the Towne Requested  
 that Mr Samuell Dudly and Mr Edw: Gillman shall goo  
 to the next Generall Courte as mesenger for the towne  
 to treat with the Court about the libertyes and bounds  
 of our towne that wee be not Infringed upon eith[er]  
 by Dover or Hampton

11ly Robert Smart hath A lott granted him In the new Comon  
 By the fresh River According to his Ratement  
 layd out according to the grant next to George Barloe

1. Att A Towne meeting the (20) of the (3) m<sup>o</sup>. 16<sup>52</sup>  
 Whareas att o<sup>r</sup> last meeting the (10) of the p<sup>r</sup> sant (3) month  
 Mr Sam<sup>ll</sup> Dudly and Mr Edw: Gillman ware Reques [ted]  
 to goe to the Generall Court as mesengers In the [ut]  
 Townes behalfe to petition to the sad Court About  
 the bounds and libertyes of our Towne It is now  
 Agreed upon by the Towne to Request Mr Samue [ll]  
 Dudlye Alone to goo to the said Generall Court  
 about the Afore said buisnes: and Mr Gillman I [s]  
 freed from It.

2. It is Agred upon that Mr Dudly and John Legat | be  
 desired to Compose the petition to send to the s | aid  
 Ginerall Court.

3. Mr Sam<sup>ll</sup> Dudly, Mr Edw: Hilton Tho: Petet | Joh n  
 Legat Edw: Gillman James Wall Humpey | Willso n  
 Nicholas Leeson and Thomas Cornish: | or aney  
 six of them are made Choyce of to set there  
 hands to the Aforesaid petition In the behelf | fe  
 of the Rest of the towne: and that All the  
 Towne or aney that please may Com on the  
 second day morning to the meeting house to he ar  
 the petition Read

[Margin covered by binding]

Att the meeting ~~Aforesaid~~ the (20) ~~of~~ of the (3) m<sup>o</sup>. 1652

Tho: King hath granted unto him one hundred Akers of land neere the falles ~~in~~ the great fresh River whare his grant is for A saw mill by the (200) Akers of land granted to Mr Dudly and John Legat

Tho: Petet hath granted unto him for his son Thomas thirtey Akers of land In the new Comon fild att the hier eand of the Lotts already granted there.

Granted unto Roberd Pawers and Tho: Cralley Libertyey for A saw mill on the great fresh River on the next fall Above Mr Dudlys and Jn<sup>o</sup> Legats p vided It do not predgedise thare grant, or others formerly granted. and timber on the Comons there for It. paying ~~S~~ £ A yeare to the towne for ther privelig After the next mickelmas to be payd by the mill

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(The balance is occupied by a record of an earlier date)

The first day of the third month 1649: It is covenanted and Agreed upon betwene Gowen Willson And the Towne of Exeter That the said Gowen Is to keepe All the Neate heards of the Towne of Exeter from one yeare ould and upward (Working Cattle excepted) from the day of the date herof untill Three Weeks After Micalmas. to goo everey morning through the Towne Att the usi<sup>o</sup>ll time that Cow herds goo forth: And so to have the cattle turned out Into the towne street And the said Gowen to drive them Into the woods And All the day to keepe them In such convenieante plases As may be best for them feeding on both sides of the River. And Att night to bring them whome Aga (in) Att the like usi<sup>o</sup>ll time of herds Coming whome. In like maner to bring them through the street from the first house to the last who have Cattle In that street and to seeke up or Cause to be sought Aney that shall be lost from before him And In like maner to keepe them every Third Sabath day: AND IN CONSIDERATION herof the Inhabetants of the Towne who have Cattle Are to pay or Cause to be payd unto the said Gowen Willson the som of eleven pounds to be payd by every mans equall p portion According to the number of ther Cattle In maner as foloweth viz Att the first entrey to have A peck of Corne A hed for all and everey the milch Cows: And A pound of butter A Cow sudenly After his entry upon the said worke As hee shall have occasion to use it. And the Rest of the aforesaid (11)<sup>£</sup> Is halfe of It to be payd In good English Comodities at price Curant About the begining of August next. And the other halfe of the pay to be payd In Corne Att Harvist att 3<sup>s</sup> A bushell Witnes to this Agreement the hands of us.

Gowen Willson  
Jno Legat  
James Wall  
Henry Roby  
John Gillman

6. Att the meeting Afore said the (20) of (3) m<sup>o</sup>. 1652 It is granted unto Tho: Petet Nicholas Leeson Thomas Cornish John Warren and Frances Swaine fourtey akers of land Apeece att Lamperell River About A mild and A halfe or two mild Above there grante of A saw mill begining att or nere too, A little Iland In the River there

7 It is ordred that all the land within A mild and A halfe of (or About) the northeast eand of the towne that Is not alredey granted<sup>cut</sup> shall continually lye comon for feeding and f~~re~~wod and the like use.

8 Granted to Jno Waren and Frances Swaine 20. Akers Apeece of land att Lamperell River Above the land which is granted In the last order but one before this

9 M<sup>r</sup> Hilton is Requested to goo Along with M<sup>r</sup> Dudly to the Ginerall Court to Asist him ~~KK~~ In the the petition for the Townes priveleges and bounds

10 Jno Garland hath his lott in the New Comon fi ld granted him Againe If hee stay one yere in Exeter

11 Tho Tyler hath (20) Akers of land granted him In the New common fild att the hyer eand of the lotts there, next of Thomas petets Juner

It is ordred that hee that takes Away aney mans Cannooe without leave shall pay 5<sup>s</sup> to the oner therof

11y Att A Towne meeting the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1652 Its ordred that A meeting house shall forthwit be built, and that everey man, both servants as well as others shall Com forth to work upon It as they are Called out by the servayers of the work upon the penalltye of 5<sup>s</sup> A day for everey dayes neglect, and teames are to be brought forth to the work by the oners as they are Called for by the said servayers: upon the penalltye of 10<sup>s</sup> A day for there neglect: And the Servayers or overseers Appointed for the work are M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Gillman Tho: King and Edw: Hilton Jun<sup>r</sup> and they are to see the work fineshed and not to have It neglected

2<sup>ly</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Colcord John Legat and Tho: Biggs are Appointed to Call to Accounte the owners of the saw mills and to make demand of such bord or planke as are due to the Towne and upon non payment to take A Legall Cource for the Recoverey of the same

Tho: Petet  
and Jno Robeson  
desent from  
sueing for  
the pay  
Edw: Gillman  
and Moses do  
allso desent

There Is granted unto Mr Edw: Gillman Sen<sup>r</sup> John Levett John Gillman and Moses Gillman: Amongst them fower In Ginerall Two hundred Akers of swampe towards Mr Stanyans meddow lyeing Above A brooke that way: In Distance about two or three milds from the Towne and the usefull timber In the sad swampe Is to lye Comon. and aney spotts of meddow alredey In It containeing Above halfe An Aker~~xxx~~ are yet to lye comon allso and thouse of them that Com not to live with us by the next sumer are to forfeit there shares again to the Towne

The 9th of Novembr 1652

At a towne meeting it was ordered that the towne booke shalbe kept in Thomas Kings howse, & that it shall not goe out of his howse unles there be some speciall occasion & that by the consent of the maior pt of the towne

It was ordered alsoe at the same meeting that the p son who is warned to be at town meeting & shall not be there at halfe an hour after the time appointed shall pay to the use of the towne two shillings & that John Robinson is appointed to gather up these forfeitures

It was alsoe ordered and agreed at the same meting that Thomas King John Gilman and Thomas Petit are the three select men chosen by the towne for this present yeare~~xx~~ ensuing: and that they shall have power and Authority to act and manage whatsoever they in their discretion shall judge to be most commodious for the good of the towne except giving out of land from wch only they are restrained, and alsoe what orders or acts they shall make about any matters or businesses appertaining to the Towne they shall have power to distrain or set fines upon those p sons that shalbe defective

It was alsoe agreed that Mr Hilton shalbe loyned to the three select men to make the country rate

It was alsoe ordered that John Robinson shalbe Grand Jury man for the next yeare ensuing

It was alsoe ordered at the same meeting that Goodman Booth by the next opportunity shalbe sent to by the towne to rectifie those lotts belonging to the towne that are in controversie: and for his pay~~mt~~ttthose p sons who shall have their lands lotted & bounded by him according to every ones proportion shall pay, & in case they shall refuse, a distress immediately to be taken upon their land~~s~~ as alsoe wen~~he~~ comes to lay out all other lands that are not yet layd out & to be paid as aforesaid

At a towne meeting the 6th of the 9th month 1652

It was ordered and alsoe granted to Mr Edward Hilton in regard that he hath been at charge in setting up of a saw mill, that he shall enjoy for himselfe and his heirs for ever a grant of a mile below his mill with the land and timber belonging thereunto and alsoe above his mill a mile and a quarter with the land and timber belonging thereunto. This land and timber is to lye square, only on this syde of Pascasocke river, to come about a stones cast

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Mr Gilman all the masts that stand in that swampe wch lyes towards Lampry river betwene Mr Edward Hiltons mill and John Gilmans

John Roburson Humphrey Willson Moses Gillman are chosen townsmen and have the same power as largely given as the townsmen had the yeare before

At a towne meting the 15 of the 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1653

1 It is ordered and agreed that the select men have power given them by the towne to take sume Corse with Captane Wiggin abought Mr Dudlis rate according as they shall see met.

21y It is ordedred and agreed that Mr Colcord and Nickles Leson and Tho bigges have powr givene to them to Call the saw mills to account and likewis to Reseave payment according as they shall see met for time past and likewise for this presente yeare Coming

31y It is ordered that Mister CollCot and John Robbeson and Thomas King are chosen for to be lot Layers heare in the towne for this present yeare

It Is agreed that Nikles Leson have granted unto him his twenti akeres beyond the fresh River to be as a house lot in Case he doth biuelld or plant upon it within a yearxs time

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An agreement at a towne meting the 23 (8) mon '57

That John Roburson and John Gillman are made chose of in the Rome of Edward Gillman and Edward hilton having the same power givin them to manage or cary on the wirk aboute the metinge howse with Thomas Kinge acording to the formur acte of the towne

At a metinge of the selecte men (23 day (10) mon 1652 that libarty is givinge to any man that has land granted unto him betwin Mr hiltuns and Thomas Kinge to fence it Ine prouided thay make gates for the cuntry hyway or for any nesessary hyway for carting

At a towne metinge the laste of Novembar 1654 Nicolas lison willyam moer John Gillman are made [choise] of to be townes men for this yeare folowinge and has the same power givinge them in ordereing all the prudenshall afaers of the town as the towne men had before

John Roburson is chosen cunstable for this yeare  
Moses Gillman is choses grand Juryman for this yeare

(In a different hand writing)

At a towne meeting it was ordered that the three townsemen chosen the yeere before this shall p fect what worke was committed to them

Samuel

At a towne metinge the laste of September 1655  
John Roburson is made choise of to be cunstable for this yeare folowinge: voted

Thomas bigges us made choise of to serve on the granjury this yeare following: voted

At this same mettinge Nicalis lison John Waring [Warren] John Gillman are made choise of for townes men for the presant yeare folowinge and hes the same power givinge them to order all the prudenceshall afayers of the town as they had in the yeare 1652 in the 9th November except granting out of timber and lands

Raf holl hes Granttid unto him tenn acers of upland Lying  
to the upur inde of his lotes by stonny brooke onely the  
pipestaves timbur and pines exsepted

At a metinge of the prudensholl

At a metinge the (21) 11 mo 1656

John Roburson is made choise of for cunstable this yeare  
folowinge

Nicolis lison John waring and John Gillman is  
chosien <sup>for</sup> townesemen for this yeare folowing and hes the  
same power givinge them to ordar all the prudenshall  
afayers of the towne as they had the yeare befoer

Willyam moer is chosing graniuryman for the yeare folowing

John Roburson has grantid unto him a lote comunniges in case  
he bilde and fence<sup>s</sup> Ine a lot



At a towne meeting the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1656

It was agreed that for the maintaining of the publique ordinances, that all the saw mills belonging to the towne should be rated as followeth the old mil upon the fall 7<sup>lib</sup>. Humfyes mill at 7<sup>lib</sup>. The new mill of John Gilman at 6<sup>lib</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Hiltons mill at 5<sup>lib</sup>. and as many pipestaves that shalbe made, they that make them shall pay 3<sup>s</sup> p thousand, and for hogshed staves 2<sup>s</sup> p thousand & this to be paid, begining from this day to the maintenance oft the ministry, & in case any pipestave maker shall send away staves without acquainting of the towne, for every thousand soe sent away whether pipestaves or hogshed staves, shal forfeit 10<sup>s</sup> to the towne. and in consideration of the saw mills soe rated, they shall be set free from that rate w<sup>ch</sup> was due to the towne viz old mill and new mill each of them from halfe an hundred upon two thousand Humfry mill from eighteene pence upon a thousand, and from plank at 2<sup>s</sup> p thousand. & when the ministrie faileth the old covenant to be of force

At a towne meeting the first day of May 1657: for the p<sup>r</sup>servation of pipestave timber and that there might be some proportion kept therof that some might not have great store of timber and some nought. It is ordered that from this time forward that there shall not be over one p son in a family at one tyme be employed in making of pipestaves hogshed staves or bolts or in any worke tending thereto, or in any other worke concerning white oake timber, but except it be for saw mills or building of houses, or fencing stuffe: and it is ordered that if any p son shall trespass this order, for every such trespass then he is to forfeit ten shillings, halfe for him that shall give notice and the other halfe to the use of the towne. ■

This order is to be understood for worke upon the commons and all ground that is not laid out.

At a towne metinge the (13) 4th mon 1655

It Is agreed upon and votid that the townesemen of Exeter have full power grantid onto them to conferme that covenant consarninge a dede or sale of the house and land that was sometimes Mr Whelerights unto Mr Samewell Dudly or make it goode to him acordinge to a covenant wich was Red to the Towne at a metting the (13) 4th mon 55 the covenante beinge on the leafe folowinge [i.e. on page 68]

These witnesseth that whereas the Inhabitants of the towne of Exeter had called d Mr Samuell Dudley to be their minister, and for his yeerly allowance had covenanted to pay him forty pounds, but finding every yeere more and more in respect of the townes decreasing and other inabilities, that the burden wch they tooke upon <sup>was</sup> them greater than that they could well beare, and alsoe the said Sam: being not willing to urge that from them which they could not comfortably discharge, It is therefore mutually agreed betweene them from this time forward the day of the Date hereof to make a nullity of that wch is recorded in the towne booke, and therefore the said Sam: for his pte from this tyme doeth lay downe his place of being a minister, and what exercises he shall performe on the Saboath day, to doe them as a private pson for this p sent sommer Mr Dudly promise to performe them constantly, afterward he is to be at his liberty: But yet for as long as he shall continue in the towne of Exeter he doeth intend and promise to be helpfull what he may with convenience, either in his owne house, or some other wch shalbe appointed for the Sabbath exercises: As for the Inhabitants of the towne of Exeter for their pte by these p sent they have bargained and sold unto the said Sam: all that purchase formerly bought of Mr Wheeler right: viz that dwelling howse wherein the said Sam: lives, cowhowse, howse lot and meadow, with the commonage, and what other appurtenances belong thereunto. And for the consideration of these primisses the said Sam doeth pay fifty pounds, in manner as followeth: twenty pounds being halfe the rate wch is this p<sup>r</sup>sent yeare due to the said Sam: Fyftene pounds or thereabout wch the towne is behind hand for former rates, and fyftene pounds in respect of what labour shalbe performed this p sent sommer. Furthermore the said Sam promiseth that when he doeth remove with his family from the towne to dispose of himself elsewhere, to offer to the towne his howse, his howse lot, meadow & what other accommodations he hath bought of them at the same prise of fyfty pounds, to be paid in corne and English goods as is containede in a former covenant betweene them, or else in sound well conditioned neat cattle indifferently prized, provided that this pay be made within halfe a yeere after the aforesaid Sam: shall have given warning of his removall. And in case the said Sam: shall decease, they to whom the aforesaid p misses shalbe left shall have liberty to enjoy them a whde yeare after & then the towne to possesse them, provided that p sent pay as above expressed in kind be then made to them that shall have power to receive it. Furthermore the said Sam doeth promise that what paines he shall <sup>take</sup> in performing Sabath exercises after this sommer to require nothing of the towne, Alsoe the Inhabitants of Exeter doo promise that what cost or charge shall be bestowed and laid out upon the howse, lot, meadow in building, repairing, fencing or other cost by the said Sam: layd out, shalbe over and above paid to <sup>the</sup> said Sam's heirs or his assignes as it shalbe then iudged worth by Indifferent prizers, when the fyfty pound shalbe paid, and that in the same kind of payment: For the confirmation hereof the said Sam: hath put to his hand for his pte and they whose names are underwritten being select townsemen, in the behalf of the towne, this thirteenth day of June, 1655

Sam: Dudley

John Gillman  
Tho Pettet  
Willim Mauer

At a towne meeting. the 11th of May. 1657

It was ordered that all hoggs in the towne shall goe free without yoke

It was ordered at the same meeting that Tho King John Robinson and Humfry Wilson, shall be the men to lay out and bond Lotts

At a town meetg 11th of May 1657. there was granted to Edward Hilton iunior fyfty acres of pine swampe adioyning to Mr Hiltons, for to make use of, solely, for that mill he intends to set up upon the falles of Exeter, opposite to the new mill, wch liberty to set up the said mill is granted to him and for which he is to pay fyve pound annually, & is to begin to pay it by next michelmas. halfe of the summe, and the other halfe the midsomer following. but upon the proviso, that he is not to preidice the new mill any way in respect of water: if John Gilman & the rest be willing that he shoud have liberty upon the Common to fell timber then this grant is to be relinquished: but if in case he keepes this grant then, he is to make no use of timber upon the common.

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and so from thence a north lyne til we met Mr Hiltons lyne upon the riv<sup>r</sup> on the north syde of the brook and marked a great white oake

Layd out by Ralph Hall for Exeter

I, Edward Gilman was at

The laying out of this land, when Leiftenant Hall and my Uncle Folsom layd it out, for my uncle John Gilman. Witness my hand

Edward Gilman

At a set towne meeting legally warned, the eight day of June 1657

It was ordered and agreed that so long as Mr Sam: Dudley shall continue to be a minister in the towne of Exeter, which shall bee till there shalbe some iust cause for him to remove whereof he is not to be iudge himselfe, but other indifferent understanding men, the fewnes of the people or greater maintenance to be a cause are excepted the towne of Exeter is to pay to the said Sam: the summe of fyfty pounds yeerly in merchantable pine boards, and in merchantable pipe staves, both to be delivered by the watersyde at the towne of Exeter, at the currant price, as they shall goe at when they are delivered, and if the boards and staves doe not reach the said summe the remainder to be paid in merchantable corne.

The tyme of paymt is to be twice in the yeare, by equall portions, the first paymt is to begin at the nyne and twentieth day of September next comming. the other paymt to be made by the foure and twentyeth day of June next: and soe from yeere to yeere: Furthermore it is ordered at the same meeting that the dwelling house house lot, and other lotts and the meadow on the westsyde of Exeter river, all formerly Mr Wheelerights with all rights and privelegges belonging thereto, and what else was formerly Mr Wheelerights, shall be confirmed to the said Sam: his heirs and assignes from this tyme for ever, notwithstanding any pmise or engagement to the contrary Excepting that peice of meadow wch lyes upon Mr Wheelrights Creeke now in the said Sam: his possession, being purchased by him of the towne of Exeter, wch the said towne is againe to have upon the said Sam: Dudleyes, his removeall from the towne, or upon his decease, paying him, his heirs executors administrators or assignes, the summe of seventeen pounds in merchantable currant pay.

Furthermore It is ordered, that the select men of the towne shall yeerly as abovesaid gather up the said summe, and in case they be defective herein to be answerable to the towne for their default or pay themselves what is not gathered up by them.

Voted.

At a towne meeting the 14th of February 1657

Humfry Wilson Thomas King and William Moore were appointed to be select men for the ordering of all prudentiall affaires and had committed to them the same power wch other select men use to have.

At a towne meeting the 22th of Jany (59) there was granted to Thomas King and Jonathan Thing foure acre of meadow lying at the northwest syde of a pond towards Haverell.

At the same meeting there was granted to Goodman Robinson ten acres of upland adioyning to William Taylors neere Asse brooke

Goodman Folsom, Moses Gilman and Thomas Biggs were chosen select men to order the prudential affairs of the towne in all respects as other select men formerly, the 22th of January 1659

There was granted to Goodman Folsome all the remainder of the medow where the foure acres lyes granted to Thomas King and Jonathan Thing at the same meeting.

At a towne meeting the 11 of June (60) there was granted to Goodman Folsome twenty acres of meadow lying in the halse (?) country, formerly discovered by Ralph Hall and some others with him, being by estimation remote from the towne about eight myles, the said quantity of acre is to be layd out and measured for as it may lye together if it can.

(1664)

At a towne meeting the 21th of Jenary 1660 there was granted unto Philip Chesley thirty acres of upland for a planting lot lying upon Lamprey river from Mr Nutters Creeke to the great rock lying in the river the land to lye as neere as may be square, but if in case the said Philip shall not improve the land within a one yeers tyme by planting or building on it then the land is to returne to the towne againe, also if in case there shall be found in the said land any myne, if the towne please they are to enjoy the land againe, and Philip Chesley is to have full satisfaction for any improvement upon the said land, and more over he is to have the said quantity of land layd out in leiw of it in some other place upon the said river as may be most conven'nt for him And upon this the said Philip is admitted an inhabitant of the towne.

Att a towne meeting 21 of January 1660

There was granted unto Nicholas Lissen and John Beane all the right that the towne hath in that ten acres of land formerly granted to Nicholas Lissen and Thomas Cornish for firewood, only Thomas King, William Mour John Tid excepting, in case their proper division of the Comon feild be found upon the said ten acres.

At a town meeting March 16 (60) there was granted unto John Hilton nyne and twenty acres lying on the left hand of the path betwene the great hill and the little brook going into Mr Nutters Creeke and one acre betweene the cart way & the brook: At the request of James Godfrey this land was layd out as above specified. by John Robinson and John Folsom Senior being measurers

At the same meeting it was ordered, that though there may be a proposition for the giving of land, yet from this tyme forward there shalbe none granted till the next meeting following that on which it was propounded

At the same meeting Thomas King, and John Warren were appointed to call upon Hampton for laying out of a county way betweene Exeter & Hampton

At a towne meeting the 25th of Aprill (64)  
It was ordered and voted that that there shalbe a leaneto added to the meeting howse with a chimney wch shall serve for a watch howse.

At a towne meeting March 28 1662

John Folsom and Henry Magoon was chosen Jury men for the jury of trialls

John Robinson was chosen Grand Jury man

Nicholas Lessen, Thomas King John Tid are chosen select men & have the same power committed to them as the select men had the yeere before this.

It was ordered that for every thousand of heading and barrell staves there shalbe eighteen pence for each thousand, allowed to the use of the towne, that is to say to the ministry

The 18th of March 80

About two yeeres since there was granted to George Person a small peice of land adioyning to the house that was William Taylors

Attested by John Gilman Captain and  
Jonathan Thing



At a Towne meeting the 28th of June 1654

is ordered that an order heretofore made of debarring of strangers from cominge into the towne to fall timber and make staves shalbe still of force; & in case this Law be not found extant in the towne booke, It is agreed that henceforth such order notwithstanding to be of force.

It is ordered alsoe that for time to come noe man that lives in another towne under any pretence whatsoever shall fall timber or make staves or bolts or any timber worke unles he comes to be a settled inhabitant approved of by the towne, and to be resident three months, within the towne, before he makes any improvement of timber

It is ordered that Thomas King and John Robunson shall have full power from time forward to call men to account that have broken any order of falling of timber or making of staves, and in case they shall find any defective herein, they have power to attach the timber and the staves, ~~as~~ thatshalbe made by such psons whereby the towne may be satisfied for damages sustained hereby, as alsoe to take what forfeitures or penalties are due to the towne for the breach of any such orders, and to have them forthcoming for the townes use.

At this towne meing in (28) ~~day~~ (4) mon 1654 Thomas King has Resined up his grant of a sawe mill formurly granted to him

At a towne mettinge the (28) day (2) mon 1656

It is ordered that a pirtision shall be sente to the nexte ginnerell corte for to have captinge wiggin diede of gifte confermed to the town of the lande and midow and that Mr Artalme [Bartholomew] of ipsich [Ipswich] shoulde present the pirtision

At a towne meeting the 1 of May 1657 it was ordered that for the p servation of the towne medow that all swine shalbe rung betweene this and Monday come senight and that John Tid and are now appointed by the town to look unto the meddows and what hog or ho hoggs they shall find rooting upon the meadows to bring them to the towne pound for every hog so rooting they are to have eighteene pence for the labor from the owner of the swine, and eighteene pence more, to be paid to the owner of the medow

It is ordered the first day of May 1657 that all milch coves that goe upon the common shalbe hearded and in case no sufficient heardsman can be provided that they shall be kept by the owners of them by order and turne provided whose turn it is to keepe them shall either keepe them himselfe or get a sufficient man in their rome room this order voted. All cows that are with yokes to them that are constantly kept upon their owners ground if they be hearded the time is to be kept by turne. The time is to begin on Monday come fortnight and in case he that shall keepe them, if any coves be lost he that loosed them shall do his faithfull indeviour to seek them up. the manner of going out and coming in with the herd & for time and place is to be after the usual maner of the towne

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At a towne meeting the 8th day of June. 1657.

It was ordered that all the pines upon the commons from this tyme forward shalbe reserved for the use of the saw mills that are set up already and for them that shalbe set up wch are now granted, provided that notwithstanding this order, there is liberty for masts fences building & canoe, & if at any time there shalbe any pticular grants of land made to any, yet the owners of saw mills shall have liberty to carry of the pine timber except before excepted.

At a towne meeting the first day of Decemb. (64)  
 The towne having taken into consideration the worth of masts & that every yeere they may be still of greater consequence and that his Majesty for his owne shipping may cause some to be transported from hence. For the pr servation therefore of such timber as may make masts, It is ordered as followeth: that John Folsom senior hath liberty & power given him to marke what trees he shall thinke fit to make masts from twenty inches to thirty and upwards and after that the said trees are marked the said John is to range the woods & to see whether any of the said trees be fallen by any, otherwise then [than] this order intends and upon knowledge of it, the said John hath power given ~~to~~ him to impose the penalty of twenty shillings upon every one such delinquent & forthwith to distraine it for the use of the towne and Furthermore there is power granted to the said John to bargaine with any that will buy masts, provided that before any mast shalbe put into the water, the towne x shall have the price of the mast, delivered into the select mens hands, for the use of the towne, the price or pay mt to be of that natur as the said John Folsom shall sell them for. The prices of the masts to be as followath: from thirty inches and upwards, thirty shillings; under ~~thirty~~ <sup>four</sup> and twenty inches, twenty shillings; from foure and twenty to twenty inches, ten shillings: It is alsoe ordered that the said John shall have an allowance for his paines out of the masts that he shall sell as shalbe iudged equall, and further it is ordered that besides the twenty shillings to be paid by the delinquent abovesaid the said delinquent shall pay all <sup>m</sup> damage~~s~~ that may arise from such tree fallen contray to order.

Jonathan Thing dissents from this order  
 John Gillman senior dessents from this order  
 Moses Gillman dessents from this order

At a towne meeting March 4th 1658

It was ordered that Jonathan Thing Nicholas Smith & John Tid are chosen townsmen for the p sent yeere ensuing, for the managing of the prudenshall affaies of the towne, & have all power committed unto their hands as other townesmen have had wch is only limited to the giving out of land and timber.

At the same meeting it was ordered that Mr Sam: Dudley and Mr Hilton shoud have power to treat with Captaine Wiggin and alsoe to agree with him what annual paymt he is to make to the towne towards the bearing of charges of the publique ministry according as the rates are made for the p sent by the saw mills and pipe staves, or as they shalbe made afterwards.

At the same meeting, It is ordered that the bridge made by some pticular men upon the little fresh river shalbe owned for a towne bridge

Alsoe ordered at the same meeting that Thomas King and the rest of the p tners wch have interest in the mill set up about three mile of up the river of Exeter shall have liberty to set up a bridge for their owne occasione upon the common where they shall find it most convenient, as alsoe to make a high way for their best advantage, but not to prohibit other men to passe on foote or horse or driving over cattle, but in case any other shall make use of it in way of carting, such are (to) allow proportional allowance to the aforesaid p tners according ~~xx~~ as their use shall be.

2 ← It is ordered that Nicholas Smith hath liberty from the towne to keepe an ordinary It is ordered alsoe that John Gilman Senior is to be ioyned a lot layer to Humfry Wilson and Thomas King already chosen, ioyntly with them, or with one of them, in se the other be hindered to lay out lotts highwayes or other lands.

1 ← It is ordered that Nicholas Smith is chosen Grand Jury man for the p s<sup>ant</sup> yere

It was granted at this towne meeting to Sam: Dudley that tract of land betweene Griffin Mountagues house lot and Mr Stanions Creeke lying all on the right hand of the path next to the river upon consideration of drawing out all the grants in the towne booke or any other necessarie orders contained in the same wch grants & orders are to be fairly written. provided that if there be found an order or grant recorded recorded formerly in any towne booke to hinder this grant, then this grant to Sam: Dudley to be of noe effect, otherwise to stand in force.

At the same meeting there was granted to Joseph Taylor the son of William Taylor forty acres of upland lying fourescore rod square eastward of the path toward Hampton adioyning to Assebrooke.

The 30th day of August, 1659

● a towne meeting it was ordered that whatsoever swine of any sort shall be found upon the meadows being not sufficiently ringed shalbe lyable to be taken and whosoever shall bring any such swine to the pound or for want thereof to a yard or house shall have fyve shillings for each swine to be paid by the owner of the swine before they be released; and moreover the owners of the swine are to pay ful dammages for what hurt the swine shall doe to the meadows: This order is to stand in force till by the towne it be repealed.

At the same meeting Johm Robinson was chosen Constable for this yeere ensuing

At a towne meeting the 16th day of March (60) John Gilman John Robinson Jonathan Thing are chosen select men for the ordering of all prudentiall affaires of the towne & have power committed to them to repaire all high wayes, bridges, to make rates and what else concernes the good of the towne, and in case upon due and legall warning, any man shall refuse to performe the service which is required it shall be lawfull for the said select men to distreine upon them that shalbe defective, for any day they shalbe wanting, what shalbe by them iudged equall, and to dispose of it for the good of the towne, and alsoe to distreine so much over as to pay themselves for their labor and trouble: and alsoe if the said select men shalbe forced to ~~alay~~ lay out of their owne estates towards the fitting of the meeting house or any other necessary work appertaing to the towne, it shalbe lawfull for them to make a rate and levie it soe as may answer their disbersemt, if not in the same kind as they pay out then to have an equal overplus soe as the said townsmen or select men may not be damnified: The limitation of the said selectemens power is only in giving out of land, or timber, or laying out of new high wayes & a cart bridge over the great river.

At a towne meeting it is ordered that the ten acres granted to Gowen Wilson wch John Folseme hath bought of him shalbe layd out by the said John as neere Captaine Clerkes mill as conveniently it may by the river & Thomas King doth dissent from the vote.

(29) August 1661

Layd out according to agreemt butting upon the river

At a towne meeting the 25th of Aprill (64)

It was voted that Captaine Clerkes mill shall pay 5<sup>lib</sup> annually to the publique ministry, though there be something dubious within the grant (at such tymes that it shall not be improved)

Thomas King & Jonathan Thing entered their dissent from this vote.

At a towne meeting the 1 of Decembr (64)

It was granted to Henry Magoone ten acres adioyning to Thoma Warrens except It was before granted.

Layd out by the towne measurers according to the boundaries here marked Theop Dudley

At the same meeting there was granted to John Gilman Senior that tract of land lying betweene William Bromfields grant & Thomas Biggs not to goe beyond Lamprey river path, still provided the pine timber (except masts) to lye in common to the mills. [Accompanying description of location indiscipherable]

At a towne meeting this 4th day of Jne this (68) John Gilman John Folsom Senior, Jonathan Thing are chosen select men and have full power committed ~~to~~ into their hands for the managing of the affaires of the towne and are noe wayes limited or bound, but only in giving out of land or medling with timber, to fell or dispose of.

At the same towne meeting Leiftenant Hall hath full power given him ~~to~~ to arrest and sue any that belong to the towne, that refuses to pay to the rate of the ministry, wherein Leiftenant Hall is concerned to gather up or to distrain any such rates.

At the same towne meeting it was ordered that for tyme to come after this present yeare, that what is to be payd ffrom the towne to the ministry (notwithstanding any former order to the contrary) all boards shalbe delivered, at or before the 20th of Aprill, and all pipestaves shalbe delivered at midsommer at paces, prices and kind, according to covenant.

By a towne meeting the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Septembr 1668

It was ordered and granted by the towne that that thirty acres of land wch was granted to Charles Gilman upon a condition of improving the same is now given and granted to John Gilman his brother absolutely without exception

At the same towne meeting there was granted to John Folsome Junior twenty acres of land, about Salisbury old way betweene James Walls land and Hampton line, provided it was not formerly given

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Samuell Levit twenty acres of upland lying at the heade of Humphrey Wilsons land, on the left hand of Hampton high way.

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Jonathan thing all that p cell of upland lying betweene John Gilmans two hundred acres and betweene the land in the said Jonathans possession lying upon the left hand of the way going to the little river bridge not p<sup>r</sup>judicing the high way.

At a towne meeting (68) March 29.

Sam Levit was chosen constable for the yeare ensuing.

At the same meeting John Gilman Jonathan Thing John Folsome Senior Moses Gilman were chosen to be the men to run the line betweene the two meeting houses of Hampton & Exeter.

At the same meeting there was chosen Jonathan Thing Robert Smart Leiftenant Hall John Folsome Senior Nicholas Lissen to run the line betweene Dover and Exeter.

At the same meeting there were chosen John Folsome Senior John Folsome iunior, Jonathan Thing, William More, Moses Gilman to run the line betweene Hampton and Exeter upon the line west and by north.

At the same meeting there was granted to Philip Cartee to the quantity of sixteen or seventeen acres of upland lying at the head of Morgans lot betweene that and John Folsom iunior, if it be not granted before, always provided that it doth not hinder any high way, that may be iudged convenient betweene Exeter & Hampton, if layd out according to grant butting to the westward  
John Folsom, Senior

At the same meeting Williaam Moore was chosen lot layer to be loyned to John Folsom Senior.

At a towne meeting the 22th of Feb (70)

There we [re] chosen these men following to be added to the men formerly agreed upon to run the lyne with Hampton men, Leiftenant Hall Nicholas Lessen, John Gilman who are impowered with John Folsom senior, Moses Gilman, Jonathan Thing John Folsom iunior William More (for to run the lyne between Hampton and Exeter according to the Court order, that is to begin at the bound tree at Asse brooke and soe to direct upon a direct lyne so as to leave Exeter falls inter a myle and ~~X~~ halfe due north of the same, and from thence upon a lynd west and by north lyne to the extent of ten myles)

This and soe to direct upon a direct lyne so as to leave Exeter falls inter a myle and ~~X~~ halfe due north of the same, and from thence upon a lynd west and by north lyne to the extent of ten myles)  
to run the lyne with Hampton men, viz. to run the lyne to the extent of ten myles from the south point into the woods and to pfect the lyne to Asse brooke from the south tree, and what these men or the maior pte of them shall doe or consent to, any three or more of them doing the worke, shall stand in as good force as if the whole towne were p sent.

March 30. 70.

At a towne meeting there was granted to Edward Gilman one hundred acres of land upon the farthest extent of that parcell of land next to Hampton line, given to the towne by Captain e Wiggin.

At the same meeting there was granted to Peter Folsome thirty acres of land

Granted ot John Yong thirty acres of land

Granted to Edward Smith thirty acres of land

Granted to Thomas Rawlings thirty acres of land

Granted to jeremy levit thirty acres of land

Granted to Jonathan Thing iunior thirty acres of land

Granted to Goodman Clerke thirty acres of land

~~Granted~~

All which foresaid lands lye upon the tract of land upon which Edward Gilmans land above said lyes being pte of that p cell of land which Captaine Wiggin gave to the towne of Exeter

At the same meeting there was granted to Sam: Dudley ten acres of land lying betweene Mountagues lot and stanions brooke if there be so much to be found there.

There was granetd to John Robinson thirty acres of land adioyning to his lot upon which he lives if soe much is to be found there. It is layd out according to the grant  
by Johm Folsom Senior towne measurer

The abovesaid grantees, Edward Gilman, Peter Folsom, John Yong Edward Smith, Thomas Rawlings Jeremy Levit Jonathan Thing Goodman Clerke doe bind themselves each of them ten pound a peece to the towne to try the title of their lands with the towne of Hampton if neede require.



At a towne meeting this 10th of Octob<sup>r</sup> (64)

It was granted to Thomas King three points of upland whereby his fence might run straight from one piece to the other wch he hath made cleare, not exceding three acres.

At the same towne meeting It was granted to William Hacket thirty acres of Upland begining at the upper bridge where Moses Gilman & the same William loggd, provided that the same was not heretofore granted.

At the same towne meeting there was granted to William Moore about three quarters of a mile distant from Moses Gilmans howse to the quantity of about six acres of swampe land lying to the nerest guesse in a round to make meadow of, provided that to his best conveniens he addresses himself to that purpose, with thirty acres of upland to be adioyned to it. This land by the town measurers was layd out according to grant

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Alexander Gording twenty acres adioyning to the north side of that land which his father Lissen gave him lying beyond the little river & provided alwayes that the same land hath not beene granted to any other before. Layd out according to grant on the north side of Nicholas Lissens land.

At the same towne meeting there was granted to William Taylor twenty acres lying to the right hand as the way lyes to Hampton butting or adioyning upon Hampton lyne.

Alwayes provided that in these grants or in what grants that shalbe after given according to an order before recorded all pine timbers are appropriated to the saw<sup>mills</sup> except before excepted in that order) & alsoe that there shalbe liberty for high ways to draw the timber to the mills through the said lands.

At the same towne meeting there was granted to John Warren forty acres adioyning to William Taylors above granted, provided that as in his so in John Warrens there is an exception if the said land before was granted.

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Thomas King forty acres adioyning to John Warrens before granted

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Arthur Cham, Sam: Folsom: Sam: Levit. John Sincler. fyfteene acres a man, lying in old Salisbury way, beyond James Walls land.

Jonathan Things threescore acres bounded as follows, begining  
at a white oake betwene the foote path and the Cart way going  
to pickpocket, and runs ~~threescore~~ fourescore rod upon a west and halfe  
a point northerly, to a yong white pine, standing by a great rock  
neare maior clerkes mill the pine marked with a T, and from thence  
to a white oake tre upon a North & halfe a point  
east lyne, which tree stands upon the hill, neere to a place  
called the Cave Hill marked with a T & and from thence upon an East  
& halfe a point south [line] to a little white pine in the cat tayle swamp  
The pine marked with T. and from thence to a white oake first  
specified in this returne upon a South and halfe a point west lyne  
Layd out 21 of March (81)

Ralph Hall  
Moses Levit

The 10th day of Oct Octobr the 10th (64)

There was granted to John Robinson fyfteen acres of upland adioyning to his ten acres formerly granted

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Moses Gilman fyfty acres on the other syde of the great cove ioyned to the upper end of Captaine Morrills Lot.

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Cornelius Lare fyfteen acres of land adioyning to the land that was given to Teague Driscoll and Jeremy Comier land

At the same towne meeting there was granted to William Bromfeild thirty acres more or lesse formerly given to Philip Chesley now forfeited

At the same time was granted unto John Timm and John Beane therty acres of upland next to the land of John Cram over the Litell River not exseding the halfway tre

John Kiming layd out according to grant 60 rod in length

There was granted to Richard Bray thirty acres of land adioyning to that grant bought of Mr Sam: Dudley

There was granted to Jonathan Thing threescore acres of upland and swampe adioyning to the three hundred acres lying to the mill commonly called Captaine Clerkes mill.

There was granted to Nicholas Lissen at this towne meeting forty acres of Land at the south side of the great playne ioyning to the swamp given to Mr Dudleye, except it was before granted.

At the same towne meeting there was granted to Richard Morgan twenty acres of land adioyning to Nicholas Lissen above granted (except before excepted)

There was granted to Ralph Hall, formerly of Dover, & fyfty acres of land adioyning to Richard Morgans twenty acres of land upon the south side of the great playne.

At a towne meeting the 10th of Octbr (64)

There was granted to Sam Dudley that peice of land specified before given to Mr Rashly notwithstanding all exceptions in the towne booke recorded.

At this towne meeting there was given to Theophil Dudley & Biley Dudkey to each of them fyfty acres adioyning to Robert Smarts land between that & Lampry river.

At the same meeting there was granted to Joseph Hall fyfteene acres adioyning to the syde of John Hiltons grant one the towne syde

There was granted unto Duney Kelley ten acres adioyning to Hampton lyne in Salisbury path

At a towne meeting the third of Aprill (65)

There was granted to James Kidd 20 acres of land ioyning to Henry Magoons towards Asse brooke

It was ordered and agreed at the same towne meeting that what person so ever shall hire any servant for more or lesse tyme & if it happen that that he that is hired shalbe lamed or any ways unserviceable made, in worke during that tyme [he] shalbe kept by the charge of him that hires him, if he be not able to keep himselfe that see the towne may be free from such charges.

There was granted to ~~James Kidd~~ John Gilman iunior twenty acres of land lying onthe left hand of the way going to Pascasack joyning upon Dover lyne.

1664

Octobr 10th

It was granted to John Folsom Senior threscore acres of land adioyning to his Indian feild, and twenty acres of the Cattaild swampe lying at the right hand of the path going to Captaine Clerkes mill, and moreover twenty acres of upland given to John Folsom iunior lying between the halfe way tree & Captaine Clerkes mill. Sixty acres layd out according to grant On Margin: adioyning to Hampton lyne.

Twenty acres of the Cattaild  
Swampe layd & bonded next to Jonathan Thing

It was granted to Robert Smart at this towne meeting twenty acres of swampe and meadow begining at the markt tree of Dover lyne up the two branches of the brooke of Pascasock and ferscore acres of upland adioyning to it. This land is layd out according to grant by the towne measurers  
[Line above is a later insert]

There was granted to Robert Powell twenty acres adioyning to Leiftenant Halls land: provided before excepted. At this towne meeting there was granted to Jonathan Robinson fyfteene acres of land adioyning to his fathers last grant upon the same place.

There was granted at the same tyme to Nathaniel Folsom Peter Folsom and Israel Folsom to each of them ten acres upon the pine hill next to Thomas Kings fall. (Layd out according to grant bounded with John Folsom Senior lying to the westward) [later insert]

There was granted at this meeting to Thomas Warren Junior the son of John Warren ten acres adioyning to Jonathan Robinsons before granted.

At a towne meeting upon this day Thomas King John Folsom Senior & John Robinson have power given them to aly out high wayes wherethey shal iudge convenient.

Upon this day Leiftenant Hall of Dover is admitted an inhabitant of this towne & hath liberty to make use of the common as any other inhabitant.

From this day forward notwithstanding a|| grants formerly given there is liberty of egressse & regresse given & propriety of pine timber given to the saw mills, except Mr Rashijy lot given to Mr Dudley

At a towne meeting 4 Aprll (66)

Imprimis is granted unto Francis Godfry ten acres of land loyning to John Hiltons grant with the same condition that ther lands are granted. wch lot of John Hiltons the said John Godfry hath bought of him. These ten acres were measured and layd out loyning to the single acre granted to John ~~Rixson~~ Hilton. by John Robinson & John Folsom town measurers

At the same towne meeting it was ordered that goodman Robinson Leiftenant Hall and Nicholas Leeson have full power to commence an~~a~~ action against John Folsome senior concerning not giving an account & paymt for masts taken of from the common & to prosecute the same to effect till it be ended, as alsoe to choose attorney or attorneyes about the same.

At a towne meeting July 3 (66) It was ordered that Leiftenant Hall, John Robinson, Nicholas Lissen were to have ~~three~~ three pounds for gathering the ministers rate being chosen select men for this yeere,

At the same meeting there was granted to Charles Gilman thirty acres of land at Lamprey river to adioyne to his brother John Gilmans Land, provided he improves the said land by fencing & ~~pl~~ planting & alsoe that there may be a high way through it, to Mr Hiltons saw mill.

At a towne meeting (68) 15 day of March John Gilman by an order and act of the towne, was empowered to petition to the General Court for an enlargement of the bounds of the towne, & to prosecute that business & to procure Captaine Hubbard or Josias Hubbard to assist him if he saw it needfull: & moreover it was promised him by vote at the same meeting that he should be paid for his costs and paines therein, accordingly as he was promised before upon the same occasion.

At the same meeting there was granted to Nicholas Lissen and Robert Wadley ten acres of upland betweene them by Lamprey river syde, neere the landing place of their boards, if there be any not yet granted, provided that within two yeeres, they improve it, by building on it or fencing.

At a towne meeting the 30th of March (68)

It is ordered that John Gilman, John Folsom senior Jonathan Thing Leiftenant Hall John Warren are the men deputed to lay out the line betweene Mr Scammon, the holder of Shrewsbury patent and the bounds of Exeter adioyning to the said patent, with the consent of the said Scammon.

It is ordered at the same meeting that the high way formerly the mast way running through Christians land by Rocky Hill shalbe exchanged for that land wch lyeth on the south syde of the said mast way, for the land wch lyeth between Jeremy Conyer lot and Christians ten acres upon the north syde of the way.

At the meeting of the towne the said Day, there was chosen Jonathan Thing, John Gilman, Leiftenant Hall commissioners for the towne of Exeter to iudge upon small causes.

At a towne meeting the third of Maye (69)

There was granted to John Folsom Senior twenty or thirty acres if it be there to be had lying betweene the head of James Walls great lot and Richard Morgans lot and Philip Cartees, upon the right hand of the path going to Hampton. These 20 acres are layd out and bounded according to the grant butting upon the high way at Walls swampe.

At a towne meeting the 25th of October (1670)

There was granted to Leiftenant Hall thirty acres of upland lying on the south <sup>west</sup> syde of a twenty acre lot of Sam: Levits if it be there to be had, which grant was given upon a consideration of fyfty acres granted upon the <sup>great</sup> ~~grat~~ <sup>plaine</sup>.

At the same <sup>towne</sup> meeting there was granted to Sam: Folsome a parcel of land not exceding two acres <sup>lying</sup> betweene the head of his home lotte and that which was called James Walls great lot.

At the same towne meeting, Nicholas ~~W~~ Lissen and John Robinson were chosen by the towne to goe and forwarne Humfry Wilson not to set his damme over the high way upon the yland neere to John Gilmans grist mill.

-- At a towne meeting the 4th of June (68)

It is concluded and voted that Leiftenant Hall <sup>and</sup> Humfry Wilson are ioyned to the select men, John Gilman, John Folsom Senior and Jonathan Thing and empowred with them to take an account of them that made masts in the towne about three yeeres since, and what they find due to the towne to use all means to get the said dues, and upon the receipt thereof, to acquaint the towne, that see it may be disposed and layd out, for the good of the towne, as it shalbe iudged convenient.

This is to give notice to the inhabitants of Exeter to bring in a list of all your estates both of outlands and what else to some one of the select men, with all your debts due from the towne, at or before the 6th of March next ensuing, upon the forfeiture of what is due from the towne, upon the neglect of bringing in their due from the towne; and to forfeit two shillings, for the neglect of every one, that shall not bring in their liste of their estates, to make a true rate by.

by the Select men of Exeter

John Gilman  
Jonathan Thing  
William More

Feb 10th 71



At A towne meteing the 26 october 1670

Whereas theare has bin formurly to oure undurstandinge  
a priveledge of watur And a liburty of accese granted to humphrey  
Willson upon Condison that he shoulde suply the townes use in Respecte  
of grindeinge theare Corne and the towne since findeinge especieall of  
late by Expedence to theare greate losse and damage that they  
have not bin ansured to theare Expectation the towne doe thinke  
good to grante and doe heareby grant to John Gillman  
the priveledge of the wotter, that is to saye the priveledge of the  
wotter see that the sawe milles or any other mill or milles or  
any other wayes by stoping of gates that may hindur his griste  
mill shall be at liburty for the use of the gristemill to ansur  
the towne for grindeing theare Corne.

Upon which considuration the saide John Gillman doe promis  
upon all ocasions to suply the towne in grinding theare Corne  
exsepte moer then ordinary provedence hender

At a towne meeting the 3d of April 1671

It is ordered and agreed on that there shalbe no boome, or any thing that shalbe kept crosse the fresh rivers, to hinder the owners of the saw mills from bringing downe their tymber to the mills by water at such tymes when there is sufficient of water for bfringing of loggs over the falls, except that boome wch is already for the townes use. Voted. according to the copy which  
Leiftenant Gilman brought me wrytten by himself

At the same meen<sup>t</sup> g  
Moses Gilman and Sam: Levit were chosen surveours for the high wayes for this yeere ensuing and whosoever of the inhabitants shall fayle of not coming into the high ways at such tyme or tymes as they shall appoint, shall forfeit fyve shillings for every dayes defect to be strained upon by the constable forthwith.

At the same meeting there was granted to John Bean on the north west of the lot wch was Hackets a peice of ground upon that hill wch is commonly called Pine Hill six acres be it more or lesse.

At the same time there was granted to Henry Magoone twenty acres adioyning to that swampe whereof part he hath made medow on the west syde of the little river.

This land is bounded by the towne measurers according to the grant

Old Mr Hiltons grant made to him by composition by the towne measurers was bounded south east upon the river, upon the townes land northwest, with Robert Smarts land northeast, with the creeke next to his house and the townes land southwest--and this land being a mile and forty eight rod square, upon the north west corner there is a white wood tree marked with the letter E upon the southwest syde at the upper corner in the woods a pyne tree marked with the letter E.

At a towne meeting the tenth of July (71)

It was ordered, that whereas heretofore the select men of the towne were appointed and bound together up the ministers rate It is from this tyme forward ordered and agreed upon that Mr Sam: Dudley is to gather up his rate himselve, and for consideration of his paines and labor, whereas his yeerely rate amounted to the sume of fyfty pounds formerly, there is now granted to him sixty pounds in such kind of pay as hath beene formerly agreed of betweene him and the towne, and to be paid at such tymes as the last towne order mentions: The select men are to amke the sixty pound rate yeerely and in case that any inhabiatant shall refuse to pay his rate, the select men of the towne are to empower the said Sam: Dudley to get it, by the Constable: Moreover, at the same meeting, it was ordered and granted that what is due over and above by way of rates, these three yeeres last past, every man being paid his due, the overplus is to be paid to the said Sam: it was alsoe ordered at the same meeting that when the rates for these three yeeres last past are delivered up into the hands of the said Sam: the townsmen are to be discharged of further trouble in gathering of said rates for the minister.

At the same meeting there was chosen for select men of the towne for the p sent yeere John Gilman Jonathan Thing William More for the ordering of the towne affaires; noe wayes limited in their power but only in giving out of land and disposing of timber.

At this towne meeting there were chosen to make an end of measuring the line betweene Hampton & exeter Philip Cartee and Christian Dollaf with John Folsom Senior.

At the same meeting there was chosen to run the line betweene Exeter Falls & Lamprey river falls Nicholas Smith John Bean John Yong with John Folsom Senior. If any of these men above wrytten refuse to goe he is to pay ten shillings.

At the same meeting there was chosen John Gilman, Jonathan Thing Williaam More Leiftenant Hall Moses Gilman Nicholas Lissen Sam: Levit, Peter Folsome, Robert Smart, with John Folsom Senior one of the towne measurers, to run the lyne betweene Dover and Exeter, and what the aforesaid men shall determine of or the maior pte of them, in runing of the said lyne, to be of fprce, and to stand to as ggod effect, as if the whole towne of Exeter had heene p sent

There was discovered by John Folsom Senior upon the measuring of the lyne betweene Dover & Exeter a parcell of meadow conteing to the quantity of twelve or sixteene acres, lying westward from Mr Symonds mill about two mile betweene Lampry river and Dover lyne.

March 25 (72)

Edward Smith was chosen constable for this yeere ensuing.

John Folsom Senior Moses Gilman were chosen Jury men  
Jonathan Thing chosen to answer p sentmts for want of stocks and pound

At a meeting at Dover of their select men there were John Gilman Jonathan Thing & William More deputed in the behalfe of Exeter, where for the ending of the differences betwixt the two townes of Exeter & Dover about Lamprel point. It is mutually agreed, and they have chosen Maior Pike Mr Dalton Mr John Wincol for the hearing and determining of the said differences, and Captaine Walden and Leiftenant Gilman shall appoint tyme and place, and give notice to each towne of the same, that they may have timely notice to prpare themselves, this 25 March 72.

Richard Walden	Select men of
Henry Longstaffe	Dover
Peter Coffin	
Robert Burnham	
Anthony Nutter	

John Gilman	Select men of
Jonathan Thing	Exeter
William More	

August 30th (71)

Whereas there is likely to be great damage to the towne by laying loggs on the meeting house hill by beating downe the banks of it. It is therefore ordered that there shalbe no more loggs layd betweene Nicholas Norris his howse and the south east syde of the hill, upon forfeitur of what timber shalbe layd their, to be forthwith seised on by the constable for the use of the towne.

Whereas there is great annoyance in high ways, and in some places loggs kept very dangerous for travaillers. It is therefore ordered that there shalbe a sufficient high way for a Loaden cart to pase in all high ways in the convenient places and whosoever shal block up the high ways see as a cart cannot conveniently passe, or what tymber shal lye dangerous shalbe forfeit to the towne, and the constable forthwith to take it away by distress.

It is ordered that no man shal receive any p son or psons into towne without the consent of the select men, or security for to free the towne from any charge that may ensue thereby, upon twenty shillings a month forfeiture, to be taken by the constabel as soone as it is forfeited and also that no man shall come to inhabit by purchase or other waye without the consent of the select men upon the same penalty.

By the Select men  
John Gilman  
Jonathan Thing  
William More

At a towne meeting march 16 (72)  
Leiftenant Hall, Moses Gilman, John Robinson were chosen  
select men for this present yeere, only limited in giving out of land  
and timber.

The 29<sup>th</sup> of April (72)

There is granted to Sam Levit fyfty acres of land to the north west of the halfe way tree going to Pickpocket

At a towne meeting April 29 (72)

It is ordered & agreed that M<sup>r</sup> Dudley, Leiftenant Hall and John Gilman shall and have ful power to treat and agree with Hampton men, and to issue all differences that are or may be betweene the inhabitants of Hampton and Exeter concerning lands.

Voted.

At a towne meeting the 11<sup>th</sup> of March (72)

Edward Gilman, Edward Smith, Kensley Hall, Peter Folsom, were admitted into the towne for inhabitants.

There was chosen constable for this ensuing yeere Humfry Wilson.

At a towne meeting the 9<sup>th</sup> of Febr. (73)

It was ordered that Leiftenant Gilman should be ioyned to the select men of the towne to make the country rate.

At the same meeting there was granted to Moses Gilman that land which lyes between his owne land by his barne & that land that was formerly William Moors, that which was the high way provided the said Moses set up two gates, & leave in sted of it a way to goe up into the woods, lying betweene M<sup>r</sup> Dudleys & Israel Folsoms.

Alsoe at the same meeting there was granted to Kensley Hall ten acres of land lying at the south syde of the great playne lying betweene a parcell of land formerly Abraham Drakes & Nicholas Lissens, provided it hinders not the high way going to the Temple, provided alsoe it is to be had there.

These p<sup>r</sup>misses attested to  
by

Leiftenant Hall

Moses Gilman.

Know all men by these presents that Leiftenant Hall & John Warren have agreed that the line that is betweene Leiftenant Hall and John Sinclar, which land John Warren sold to John Sinclar, is and shall run from a tree that is fallen a little way of John Sinclars fence shewd this day to M<sup>r</sup> Dudley John Clerke and William More, and see to run on a strait lyne to a white oake marked, and see to the extent of the bounds, betweene Leiftenant Hall and John Sinclar, the white oake that is marked is known to John Clerke. To this agreement wee have hereunto set our hands this 11th of Febr. 1672

Ralph Hall

Witnes

John Gilman

John W        Warrens marke  
I    W

Humfry Wilson

At a towne meeting upon the nyne & twentyeth day of Septembr there was ~~granted~~ chosen Leiftenant Gilman Leiftenant Hall towne measurers to continue in that office till there bee new chosen.

The six hundred acres of land granted to M<sup>r</sup> Dudley by the towne measurers, Leiftenant Gilman & William More, is layd out and bounded as followeth, from the great hill upon the south syde of Picpocket, begininge at a tree marked on the stump, & from that tree loyning to Hampton line, west and by north, runing to a brooke or little river one myle and an halfe, where there are several trees marked by the said rivers syde, from thence being bounded by the said river twelve score rod. North and by east, and from thence foure hundred and forty rod, east and by south, where there is both a twin hemlock and a single hemlock marked, neere unto John Folsom Seniors planting feild. In which compasse there is contained fourescore and ten acres above six hundred, for this reason, that what land shall appeare legally to be John Folsoms senior, either granted to himselfe, or to any other, within the said compasse, from whom he can claime iust right and title from, may be allowed unto him. if otherwise, the overplus of the said six hundred acres is to be throwen up again to the towne on that syde next to Picpocket.

John Robinsons grant of two hundred acres, was bounded by the aforesaid towne measurers, from the trees at a little river marked, being one bound mark of M<sup>r</sup> Dudleys by Hampton lyne, west and by north tenscore rod, and by the little rivers syde, from the said bound mark, north and by east, eightscore rod. by the said measurers  
Leiftenant Gilman 600 acres returned

At a great hemlock marked upon the great red oake hill at the westerne end from thence eighteene score rod unto a plump of scrubbed pine trees, wherof three or foure are marked, this former lyne runing by a swamp side, from the south east one mile, to a dead stump by the high way going to Wadleighs upon a pine plaine, to an Indian feild formerly planted, wherein there is some wheat sowen, & from that Hemlock stump, a south west lyne to a branch of Lampry river halfe a mile, the turne of this river being neere Little Neds wigwam & an Indian path that ledes to Teaghacquack. for the land wch is supposed to be land minerall being left out, there is an allowance of an hundred acres on the north west syde on the other syde of the river.

by the lot layers  
John Gilman  
William More

(omission)

Neds wigwam, & from that wigwam upon a triangle to two great red oakes, marked together towards the north west neere unto another Indian wigwam & an Indian path ---&c



At a towne meeting the thirtyeth day of <sup>M</sup>arch (74)

There was granted to Sam: Dudley Six hundred acres of land for a farme to be layd out where he shall find a place convenient any where he shall make a choice of, provided it be within the space of two miles distant from the towne, which is to be understood from the meeting house.

At the same meeting there was granted to Leiftenant Gilman Six hundred acres of land in the same compasse, and in the same manner, as was granted to the said Sam. Dudley.

At the same meeting there was granted to Moses Gilman Six hundred acres of land for a farme, to be layd out as before granted.

At the same meeting there was granted to John Robinson two hundred acres of land, to be layd out at the same distance as before granted.

At the same meeting there was granted to Leiftenant Hall foure hundred acres of land, to be layd out as before specified.

At the same meeting there was granted to Hum~~phry~~ Wilson foure hundred acres of land, to be also layd out as the former Grantes, Alwayes provided that according as the grantes have beene given in tyme and order, soe they are to be layd out by the lot layers appointed and ordered by the towne, and noe lot is to be detrimentall and to infringe any upon another.

At the same meeting there was granted to Edward Gilman two hundred acres of land, out of which two hundred acres there is thirty acres granted to him as neere the towne as he can find it most commodious for himselfe, not intrenching upon any former grants.

At the same meeting there was granted to Thomas Rawlings twelve acres of land, adioyning to that land which he bought of Joseph Taylor neere Asse brooke, provided it be in the power of the towne to give it.

At the same meeting there was granted to Christian Doller ten acres of land within a myle and halfe of the towne as you goe to Pick. Pocket, next to the land that he hath cleared if it be so granted. This land according to grant was lad out by John Folsom

~~Senior betwixt Jon Things land & the halfe way tree~~

Senior betwixt Jonathan Things farme & the halfe way tree.

At the same meeting there was granted to David Lawrence ten acres of land on the left hand going to Pick Pocket upon the-- not to preiudice any former lotts ~~upon~~ Pine Hill.

Written on the margin: White oake log marked on the south syde of the way

Moses Gilman 600 acres returned by the

Towne measurers John Gilman  
William More

From Mr Hiltons tree marked E  
at northwest runing South east forty rod to a corner tree of Robert Smart  
marked on foure sides, being a white oake, & with the letter M: for Moses  
and from hence six score & foure rod, meeting at Lampry river path. being the  
old path northeast, to a white oake marked with three marks, one mark facing  
the path, and two marks on each syde of the tree as the path goes, soe due  
north according as Lamprey river path runs, being fourteen score rod to a  
young red oake at Gliddens fence, from thence to an white oake tree marked on  
three sydes one myle and forty rod due west over to the tayle of the mil,  
northerly tenscore rod to a white oake upon the pitch pyne playne marked on  
foure sydes from thence eastward eightscore rod butting upon Dover lyne to a  
great pyne marked E so long to Robert Smarts mil by the bridge foote, & from  
thence to Gliddens tree before marked in which tract of land there is an  
allowance for an hundred acres & high wayes.

At a towne meeting March 30th 74.

Moses Gilman was chosen Lot Layer to be ioyned to Leiftenant Gilman & Leiftenant Hall

At the same meeting there was chosen select men of the Towne for this present yeere. Leiftenant Gilman, Leiftenant Hall & Moses Gilman, with all power put into their hand except giving out of lands and timber.

At the same meeting for this present yeere there was chosen for Constable Sam: Levit.

**\*\*** At a towne meeting the nyneteenth day of March (76)

There was granted to Sam: Levit six acres of upland lying on the north east end of his twenty acres of ground, towards the mast swamp. the twenty acres lying at the end of Humfry Wilsons Land.

At a towne meeting August 10th (79) Mr Dudley was chosen Commissioner to cary in the estates of the inhabitants of the towne.

At a towne meeting met the 19th of May (80)

Moses Gilman was chosen Grand Jury man & Kinsley Hall for the petty Jury at Dover Court.

Edward Gilman was taken in with the select men in Capt: Gilmans room. John Folsom iunior & Daniel Gilman were chosen surveyors of the high ways. John Dean was chosen pound Keeper for this yeere. Jonathan Thing was confirmed Constable for this yeere as he was before. Leiftenant Hall & Edward Smith were chosen Select men as alsoe Edward Gilman. And all power given them to act for the welfare of the towne: only giving out of land & other immunities and properties of the towne in which they are restrained.

At a towne meeting the 7th of February (80)

Daniel Gilman was chosen Constable, for one yeere ensuing complete.

Edward Gilman, Kinsley Hall and John Folsom iunior, were chosen Select men for the towne, for the said terme of tyme above set, and the same power given them, with their limitations as heretofore given to Select men.

Moses Levit was chosen measurer & layer out of lands to be ioyned to Leiftenant Hall, Ensigne Moore, & John Folsom Senior who are deputd by the towne for that worke.

It was ordered at the same meeting that whereas the ministers rate was to be paid at or before the twentyeth day of Aprell, upon some reason seeming good to the freemen it is now ordered from henceforth it shalbe paid in at or before the twentyeth day of March.

Ensigne Moore and Mr Wadley were chosen Deputies for the Towne of Exeter, for this yeere ensuing begining in March next ~~xx~~ coming.

There was granted to Mr Dudley on the north west syde of his dwelling howse on the back syde of his pasture next his howse, twenty acres of land or so much as may be foud there if not all the said quantity, not invading upon any mans propriety.

These twenty acres are bonded as followeth. begining at a white oake above his howse upon the hill and soe from thence runing upon a north west lyne to a great hemlock marked upon foure sydes S.D. from thence upon a north east lyne to a white oake marked as abovesaid, and from thence in a southeast lyne to a great hemlock marked as above, and soe butting upon the heads of the Lotts--

[signed on the left margin]

The towne measurers being  
Leiftenant Hall Moses Levit

FIRST RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF EXETER, N.H.

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It is also to be understood that if the 25 acres abovesaid doe infringe upon any former grant then to make up the compleat abovesd with the land of the common thereunto adioyning.

Ralf Hall	towne
Moses Levit	measurers

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At a towne meeting the 3d of March (73) Jonathan Robinson, Eleazar Elkins, Thomas Rawlins were admitted inhabitants into the towne of Exeter.

At the same towne meeting there was granted unto William Maur twelve acres of land lying upon the south syde of Henry Magoons Land next his meadow.

At the same meeting it was ordered, that from this tyme forward that to every single person that is legally admitted into the towne, he hath liberty to make one thousand of pipe staves which bee cut, within one yeere, or according to the value of them either in hogshed staves or varrell, red or white, and noe more, and to every family from under foure in a family, servants being excepted, three thousand, and to every family above foure, fyve thousand, provided that neither single persons nor families shall have power to sell their priviledge to any other, but that they may hire either of them to hire men to worke out their proportions, and that this order is to remayne firme till the maior parte of the towne shall revoke it. And for the farther prosecution ~~of~~ of this order it is agreed that Sam: Levit, and John Wedgwood, shall have full power and alsoe is now given, that in case they shall find that there be any transgressors of this order, to sease upon such delinquents, and for their paines, one halfe of the overplus to be their fees, and the other halfe to returne to the townes use.

At the same ~~meeting~~ meeting it was alsoe ordered, that what pine trees are already fallen, the fellers of them have liberty for one yeeres space to carry them away, but in case they neglect that tyme, it shalbe in the liberty of any other of those to whom the mills appertaine to convey them away to their owne use of their mills, and from this tyme forward whoever they be that shall fall any pine trees, and shall not carry them away within three months tyme, they shalbe forfeited to him that takes them away, provided alwayes that they be for the use of the owner of one of the mills.

It was further ordered at the same meeting that whatever person shall fell any pine tree (except for canoes masts building) and shall not improve it, and bring it to the use of the mills to which the priviledge of the timber is granted, for every tree soe fallen shall forfeit ten shillings to the towne.

At a meeting of the Select men of Exeter March 26 (75)

It is ordered that Mr Scammon shalbe surveyor of the high ways upon the eastward syde of the river, and shall have ful power to warne the inhabitants and all psons on that syde of the river that are liable by law to come into the high ways till they be repayred, and to keepe a iust account of the labour, and to return it to the select men and upon refusal of any that shall not come into the wayes according to the surveyors order, shall forfeit fyve shilling, whereof halfe shall belong to the surveyor.

Alsoe It is ordered that John Folsom Senior shalbe surveyor for the Westerna syde of the river, and hath the same power as above expressd, upon the same penalty to be paid in the same manner as above, and to give the same account of their labor to the select men.

It is ordered that Cornelius Lary shall take care conserning the swine rooting up the meadows, and shall have halfe of the fine for his labour, he either informing the owner of the meadow or the owner of the meadow informing him, that so upon their complaint to the select men or the maior pte of them, a warrant may be issued out to the constable, to distrein fyve shillings for every swine, that is not sufficiently ringd, found rooting upon the meadows, and the owners of the swine shalbe liable to make good all damages to the owners of the meadow.

It is ordered that Christian Dolhoffe & Philip Carte shalbe vewers of fenses for this yeere, and that fenses shalbe set up by the 20th of Aprill next that are in common.

Edward Gilman is chosen for measuring of boards, and for any that desire him, they are to allow him twelve pence p. thousand, for what he measures & takes account of, and further he is made choice of for sealing of weights & measures

John Gilman  
Leiftenant Hall  
Moses Gilman            Select men

At a towne meeting the 2<sup>d</sup> of Aprill (75)  
There was granted to William Moore three hundred acres of upland which is to lye two miles from the town, where he can find it, which land is, to be layd out by the last of June, bounded on Robert Smarts, on the northeast & against Leiftenant Hall to the south-west, butting toward Edward Hilsons, south-east & against Pascasick river north-west.

There was granted to Edward Sowel, at the same meeting, a parcel of upland not exceeding foure acres, in part lying against John Beans fyve acre lot, betweene the mast way & the way going to Pickpocket, and the towne is to give satisfaction by other land to Robert Smart Senior Nicholas Lessen & John Beane, upon prooffe it can appeare they have interest in the said parcell, and the said Sowel hereby is enioyned to improve the said land which is granted to him for a howse lot

Layd out and bonded with the mast way northeast with the land of John Beane westward & with the way going to Capt: Clerks mil south-east  
Will: More John Folsom

Granted to John Gilman iunior thirty acres of land by the mast way.

John Folsom  
Ralph Hall  
mesaurers  
Granted to Daniel Gilman adioyning thirty acres to the Lot above written, as neere as may be had: This land layd out and bounded with the land of Joel M Judkins, and forty rod of John Gilmans and M Jonathan Thing eastward & with the land of Nicholas Smith & with the little river westward.

Granted to Edward Smith one hundred acres of land within two miles from the meeting house

Granted to John Folsom Senior two hundred acres from the meeting howse two miles

Granted to Robert Smart Senior three hundred acres after the same manner Bounded on the common northeast to the south west next to Ensigne Moore's butting against Mr Hiltons grant & Pascasett river

Granted to Goodman Lissen three hundred acres as a foresaid

Granted to Sam: Levit three hundred acres after the same manner.

Granted to John Folsom iunior two hundred acres as above for firewood.

Granted to Joel Judkins ten acres of land being pte of <sup>that</sup> land formerly given to Tho Cornish & Nich Lissen.

All which lands above saide & which were granted March the 30th (74) are to be layd out and bounded in one entire place for the persons for which they are respectively granted to, and such that are granted in March the 30th (74) to be layd out by the last of May: and those now granted by the last of June. otherwise, the order of first taking place to be of no validity, in reference to the grants in March 30th

At a towne meeting the <sup>3<sup>d</sup></sup> ~~third~~ of March 7

There was granted to John Clerke , what land is common betweene Leiftenant Halls thurty acres on the left hand going to Hampton and James Skids [Kidd] lot upon the same hand, not hindering any high way.

February 18<sup>th</sup> (78)

At the request of Jonathan Thing Edward Gilman & Edward Smith, Peter Folsom Nathaniel Lad Moses Levit for the erecting of a Gallery at the end of the mens Gallery for their wives, It is granted unto them the priviledge thereof provided they build the same upon their owne charge, leaving alsoe roome to build another end gallery if the same be required. Alsoe the gallery wherein Edward Smith Biley Dudley Edward Gilman and the rest doe set in, ~~an~~ have upon their owne proper charges built, we doe farther confirme and allow of. As upon the same day above wrytten we doe attest our hands

	Captain John Gilman
Select men	Leiftenant Hall
	Edward Smith.

2 July 1680.

The north end of the meeting howse is granted to M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Wadley Sarah Yong, Alice Gilman, Abigail Wadley, Ephraim Mastins wife Grace Gilman and Mary Lawrence there to erect & set up another gallery adioyning to the other womens

by Ralp Hall	
Edward Gilman	Select men
Edward Smith.	



At a towne meeting the 2<sup>d</sup> of Aprill (75)

Leiftenant Gilman, Leiftenant Hall & Sam: Levit were chosen select men for this yeere ensuing, and have the same power with their limitations, as select [men] before chosen, have had.

Leiftenant Hall, Leiftenant Gilman, & Goodman Robinson are chosen Commissioners, for to iudge small causes, as the law directs.

John Folsom Senior is chosen in the roome of Moses Gilman, to be a towne measurer of lands.

For the yeere ensuing above wrytten, Cap. Gilman Leiftenant Hall and Jonathan Thing were chosen select men, with the same power, and their limitations, as select men before chosen are wonted to have.

At a towne meeting Sept 26 (76)

MR Robert Wadleigh, John Folsom iunior Moses Levit and Nicholas Norris were accepted for inhabitants & for commoners of the township according to law. Witnes

John Gilman  
Jonathan Thing  
Ralph Hall  
Select men of Exeter

At a towne meeting April 23<sup>th</sup> (77)

Captaine Gilman, Leiftenant Hall, & Moses Gilman were chosen select men for this psant yeere, according to the same way & order, as select men heretefore have beene chosen.

At a towne meeting March 11<sup>th</sup> (78) Exeter

In answer to Maior Walderns request of some of our towne to come and meet with some of their towne, in reference to the running of the lyne betweene us, and for a final agreement of the same, It is agreed by the towne, that they will not any other wise, run the lyne or agree with the towne of Dover, but as the lyne is already run by the towne of Exeter.

At the meeting abovesaid It is the townes act, that debts that are due in the towne amounst our selves are to be paid by way of rate. At the same meeting Edward Smith, Edward Gilman, & Peter Folsom are appointed for a committee to determine the towne debts, and the legality of the same, & the said debts to stand and to be payd as the said committee shall bring in their iudgmts.

At the same meeting it is agreed that a new towne booke shalbe bought & that Edward Smith shall transcribe the grants out of the old towne booke into the new, as hee the said Smith and the select men shall agree for the payment of the same.

It is alsoe ordered at the same meeting that Jonathan Thing is put in the roome of Ensigne Moore with M<sup>r</sup> Dudley and Leiftenant Hall for the equal distribution of lands, to such as had none when the great lotts were granted.

At the same meeting Jonathan Thing is chosen constable for th<sup>is</sup> yeere ensuing.

At the same tyme James Kid & Theophilus Dudley are chosen for the jury of trialls for the next court at Salisbury.

At the same meeting Captaine Gilman, Leiftenant Hall, & Edward Smith are chosen select men for th<sup>is</sup> yeere ensuing with the same power as heretofor<sup>e</sup>

At the same meeting it is agreed that all such as will or doe expect to have any share of the lands that are to be layd out by the psons before agreed upon, are to give in their names by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month to either of the th<sup>ree</sup> psons aforesaid, viz. M<sup>r</sup> Dudley Leiftenant Hall, & Jonathan Thing.

At the same meeting Sam: Hall & Nathaniel Folsom are chosen suryeyers for this next yeere.

At the same meeting Sam: Hall is accepted as an inhabitant & free-commoner.

Alsoe Richard Morgan at the same tyme hath the same priviledge as Sam: Hall.

August 27 (77)

There was granted to Kinsley Hall what land is common betwene Nicholas Lissens & Drakes, provided it doth not priudice the high way, that leades to ~~the~~ the Temple, and from Mr Dudleyes swampe to the Patent Land.

At a towne meeting April 1, 78.

Edward Gilman was chosen Constable for the p sent yeere

Jonathan Thing, John Folsom iunior Jonathan Robinson Theophilus Dudley were chosen tything men.

Leiftenant Hall and John Folsom Senior were chosen for Jury men of trialls.

Captaine Gilman, Leiftenant Hall, and Edward Smith were chosen Select men.

Leiftenant Hall was chosen to answer the p<sup>r</sup>esentment in the towns behalfe

Moses Gilman was chosen for this yeere surveyor of the high ways for the west syde of the river

Moses Levit was chosen ~~surveyor~~ for this yeere of the high ways for the east ~~syde~~ of the river

And it is voted that every man not coming to worke upon the high ways, when warned, to pay fyve shillings for one day and two shillings sixpence for one yoke of oxen

Biley Dudley, Robert Steward, Ephraim Folsom, Nathaniel Folsom, John Gilman Junior, George Person, David Lawrence were admitted and taken in inhabitants of the towne.

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James Kid gives in his name as to his share for land

Item John Clarke, Thomas Rawlins, Richard Morgan, John Kimmin  
Robert Powel, John Snicker, Sam: Hall, Charles Glidden, John Gilman  
iunior, Moses Levit, Jonathan Smith, John Barber

John Kimmin at the same meeting is accepted an inhabitant and free commoner.

At the same meeting it is agreed upon and declared for free commones  
that thay shall have the same privilege noe longer then they doe live  
or remayne in the towne.

At the same meeting John Barber is received an inhabitant as the rest.

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John Yonge hundred acres layd out and bounded as followeth:  
begining at a white oake tree at the head of Jonathan Things lot  
marked with J, and from thence upon an easterly line, to a  
white pine marked with Y, in the cat taile swamp, and from  
thence, upon a northerly line to an Hemlock marked with Y  
and from thence upon a westerly line to a hemlock tree  
marked with Y and from thence ~~to~~ upon a straitline, to the tree  
first mentioned. Layd out by us towne measurers

March the 23th (82)

Ralp Hall  
Moses Levit

At a towne meeting March 14 (81)

Edward Gilman Jonathan Thing Moses Levit were chosen Select men for the yeere ensuing.

There was granted to Sam: Dudley iunior Stephen Dudley Moses Gilman Junior Jeremy Gilman, all [or] each of them one hundred acres of land where they can find it provided the said lands entrench not upon high wayes or other former grants or pticular mens proprietyes

It is ordered that all the inhabitantys of this towne have free liberty to cleere any swamp land within the towneship, for the producing of meadow, not exceding ten acres for each inhabitant, provided they entrench not upon former proprietyes: And it is further ordered that what heretofore hath been done, and hereafter may be done, in psuance of this act and order, shalbe as good a title as any other towne grant.

Whereas it was formerly enacted by this towne, that the neck of land on the south west syde of the little river was to lye for a perpetual common, but being not found upon record: It is now ratified & confirmed at this meeting: And the select men are to set the bounds: which said neck of land is intended to be all the land betweene the great river and the little river, and towards Pick Pocket neere about Kings falls and on the North west syde as far as a place called Kings meadow.

There was granted unto Nathaniel Lad one hundred acres of land where he can find it, provided he intrench not upon high wayes or former grants, or any pticular proprietyes

There was Granted to M<sup>r</sup> Robert Wadleigh two hundred acres of land about Lampril river where he may see find it out not intrenching upon former grants or other mens proprietyes, nor to come within four miles of the meeting house.

It is ordered, that hereafter the select men of this towne, are restrained from selling of any mast trees, within this township for tyme to come, without the consent of the maior pte of the towne at a legall town meeting.

March 30 (81)

At a legal towne meeting There is granted unto Joseph Wadleigh one hundred acres of land in the towneship of Exeter, if it doth not intrench upon any former grant or high wayes.

At the same meeting there was granted unto John Yong one hundred acres of land upon the same condition aforesayd.

At the same meeting there was granted unto Ephraim Folsom one hundred acres of land upon the said termes aforesaid.

At the same meeting there was granted unto David Robinson one hundred acres of land upon the termes aforesaid.

At the same meeting there was granted unto Richard Morgan sixty acres of land after the same manner as abovesaid.

At the same meeting there was granted unto Cornelius Lary forty acres of land upon the same condition as aforesaid.

To the confirmation of all the grants  
here wrytten, the select men Kinsley Hall  
John Folsom  
Edward Gilman  
doe attest.

At the same meeting it was enacted by a general consent, that that peice of land betweene Edward Sowell's fence Christian Douholfs fence or land, John Beans fence, Henry Magoons fence or land and the way that goes from Henry Magoons land to Picpocket mill, which said peice of land now lying common, it is enacted that it lye perpetually common for the use of the towne, either for a common feild, or for what else shalbe thought convenient for the towne.

At a towne meeting January. the 31 (80)

There was granted to Biley Dudley fyfty acres of land any where within the townshipp where it is to be had not entrenching upon any former grant<sup>x</sup>.

At the same meeting there was grantd to Nicholas Norrise fyfty acres of land, upon the same conditions aforesaid

At the same meeting there was granted to Mr Wadley all that land adioyning to his dwelling howse in Exeter that is already within the fence.

There was granted to Edward Smith one hundred acres of land anywhere upon the commons not entruding upon any former grant and high ways allowed

There was granted to Kinsley Hall one hundred acres of land after the same manner as aforesaid.

There was granted to Moses Levit fyfty acres of land any where within the township, not entrenching upon any former grant

Moses Levitsland bounded as followeth, viz. begining at a little white oake neere Halls bridge, and being the corner marke of Sam: Folsoms, and marked with M.L. and from thence upon a southern lyne to Hampton bound, to a blacke birch marked with M.L.<sup>u</sup> and soe loyning upon Hampton lyne runing towrads Walls cove to a little tree marked with M.L. and from thence runing northerly ot David Lawrence his marke lower tree next Walls cove, of his land which was given him by John Folsom, and soe from thence running upon an easterly lyne to the little white oake again neere Halls bridge aforesaid, and an high way allowed, as it was layd out the 17th of Feb<sup>r</sup>. (80)

Ralph Hall

Moses Levit

Town measurers

Feb. 22th (80) Layd out for Biley Dudley 25 acres of land which is part of the £ 50 acres of land given him, bounded as followeth, viz begening at a white oake marked with B. which is the corner marke of the south west end, and the south east syde of the said land, and being neere the bound mark of John Sinclers land, and soe running upon a north west and by west lyne, to a black ash marked with B. and butting upon the lower end of Thomas Warren, Henry Magoon & part of James Skids [Kidds] land, and from thence runking upon a north east & by north lyne, to a Popler tree marked with B. and from thence upon a south east & by east lyne to a Hemlock marked with B. and ~~from~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ being the bound mark of the said Sincler: And from thence runing upon a streight lyne, to the white oak first above mentioned & lying within the bounds aforesaid, the said Biley Dudley [to?] accept of for the aforesaid 25 acres whether any pte doe infringe upon a former grant or not.

Feb 24th (80)

Edward Smiths hundred acres bonded as followeth, begining at a Hemlock marked with E. by a very great rock and a little brook running by it and from thence runing by a west south west lyne, to a red oake marked with E. neere to the way called the mast way, and soe from thence upon a streight lyne, runing to a white pyne marked with E, and soe from thence runing upon a noth north west lyne, to a white pyne marked with E, and soe from thence upon a streight lyne, to the Hemlock first above mentiond, but if the land aforesaid and as abovesaid bounded doe infringe any former grant, then the same to be made up one hundred acres at the upper end, or end of Moses Gilmans fresh meadow.

Ralph Hall  
Moses Levit

At a towne meeting the thirty-one of January (80)

There was granted to Theoph: Dudley one hundred acres of land anywhere upon the commons, not intruding upon any former grant and high way, to be allowed.

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Layd out to the said Theoph. one hundred acres of land and twenty acres to Biley Dudley in part of the fyfty acres granted unto him, all layd out together, & being in all one hundred and twenty acres, & thus bounded viz begining at the heather syde of Brayes lot, to the meeting house ward being eight score rod or thereabouts from the watersyde, and soe runing upon a west & by north lyne to Moses Gilmans fresh meadow, or a pitch pine being there marked with B, and from thence runing upon a north point, against the head corner of Leif-tenant Halls land, And soe all that land lying betweene the said Halls land, and above the head of Brays lot, & within the bounds specyfyed, to include the sixscore acres above said: But if any part of the land aforesaid doe infringe any other mens grant, Then the same to be allowed at the head of the land above expressed. Alsoe it is by consent agreed that the said Biley Dudley may take his twenty acres of land or fixt part thereof, before mentioned upon corner or angle of the land, provided he take it from one corner or angle to another

Ralph Hall  
Lot Layers  
Moses Levit



Ralph  
Hall  
Moses  
Levit  
measurers

John Sinclers twenty acres bounded as followeth,  
Bounded with a Hemlock marked with J.S. begining at the north  
wset syde, soe runing from thence a south east & by east, upon a  
strait lyne, to an Hemlock marked with the same letters, and  
runing from thence upon a north west & by north lyne to  
an Hemlock marked with the same letters, and from thence upon a  
north west and by west lyneto a forked beach, marked with the same letters  
from thence upon a south west and by south line to the first Hemlock  
marked, this land lyes neere the mast swamp formerly called Mr Dudleys.

Nicholas Norris his land bounded as followeth, begining at a great  
hemlock upon the west syde of the mast way, and soe runing west  
& by south, nynety rod, to the little river, to a marked walnut tree  
and from thence 90 rod north and by west to a marked red  
oake tree, and from thence 90 rod east and by north to a  
marked hemlock tree, and from thence to the hemlock aforesaid.

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by the towne measurers

Moses Levit  
Ralph Hall

John Wadleighs land bounded as followeth  
begining at a beach tree on the south west syde of Walls cove  
marked with J.W. and from thence by Robert Wadleighs fence  
upon an east & by North lyne to a maple tree marked with J.W.  
and from thence upon a straight lyne to the great river  
to a beach tree marked with J.W. and soe the river  
to be the bounds upon the north west syde: A high way  
is to goe through some part of this land where the select  
men shall lay it out, foure rod wide.

Towne measurers  
Ralph Hall  
Moses Levit

Peter Folsoms hundred acres bounded as foloweth  
begining at a maple tree, which is Moses Levits former  
marked tree, and from that upon a strait lyne to David  
Lawrences corner tree neere to Walls cove, which was  
formerly John Folsoms, and from thence upon a north west  
& by west lyne to a beach tree marked with P.F. and  
from thence south west & by south to a beach marked with  
P.F. and from thence upon a strait lyne to the merked  
tree afore mentioned.

Layd out by  
Ralph Hall  
Moses Levit

At a towne meeting Jan 31 (80)

There was granted to John Clarke fyfty acres of land not entrenching upon any former grant, allowing high ways therein.

There was granted to Philip Cartee twenty acres of land as above specified

Granted to Jeremy Conough [Conner] twenty acres of land, excepting as above said.

Granted to John Sincler twenty acres of land excepting as abpve

Granted to Henry Magoon twenty acres of land, exceptig as abovesaid

Granted to Nicholas Norris fyfty acres of land, upon the same conditions abovesaid.

Granted to Teag Drisco twenty acres of land lying between the two paths going to Pickpocket, not intrenchig as aforesaid & high ways allowed if required.

Granted to Eleazar Elkins fyfty acres of land any where within the towne bounds, upon the same conditions as abovesd.

Granted to James Sinclar fyfty acres of land, any where within the township not intruding upon any former grants, & high ways allowed.

Granted to John Kimmin 50 acres of land, excepting as abovesd.

Granted to Sam: Hall & Joseph Hall each of them fyfty acres of land, exceptig as abovesaid.

Granted to Peter Folsom one hundred acres of land, excepting as abovesaid.

Granted to John Wadleigh fyfty acres of land, excepting as abovesd.

Feb 19th (80)

The Hundred acres of land granted to Kinsley Hall is Layd out and bounded as followeth, begining at a little white oake, above Cornelius Larys howse lot, with K.H: and so runing upon a west & by north lyne to a bāack burch marked with K.H. and soe runing upon a south & by west lyne to a tree marked with K.H. and so runing upon, upon an east and by South lyne to a great Hemlock which is Mr Dudleys corner mark marked upon the foure sydes, and soe lying to Mr Dudleys lot of twenty acres afore mentioned to the little white oake above Cornelius his howse marked with K.H. and if this land doeth intrench upon any former grant, it is to be made up on that syde of land next stonny brooke, if it be there to be had.

The towne measures being  
Ralp Hall  
Moses Levit

Philip Cartees 20 acres bonded as foloweth. Runing from his own land upon a northerly lyne to a white oake marked with P.C. from thence to a red oake upon an easterly lyne marked with P.C. from thence upon a southern lyne ioyning to his own land where his howse stands.

Ralp Hall Moses Levit

Page 119. It is ordered and enacted by the select men of Exeter that Leiftenant Hall & Kinsley Hall have granted to them liberty to erect a gate or a paire of barrs any where betweene John Sinclers and Robart Powells, upon condition that the gate or barrs be made wide enough for a cart and teame to passe currantly, and to make a stile for footmen crosse the high way. Dated June 8th 1682

Edward Gilman  
Jonathan Thing  
Moses Levit  
Townsmen

April the 5th 82  
There was layd out twenty  
acres of land

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At A Towne Meeting at Exeter Desenber y<sup>e</sup> 25th 1689  
Then Chosen to meete the Mesengers of the prouince  
to Consult About settling Matters for this Towne  
Robt wadleigh seanur  
Ensine will<sup>m</sup> Moo [re]  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Leavit

Alsoe these three men are Impouered after they  
Returne home to Conveane the people together to  
Receave the opinion of saied people of the other towns

At y<sup>e</sup> same Meeting Jonathan Thing Chosen Towne Clarke.

At y<sup>e</sup> same Meeteing Cap<sup>t</sup> Gillman Robart  
wadleigh seanur Mr Theophilas Dudley John  
Foulsham and Kinsley Hall are Chosen and Impowerd  
to Demand and Receave payment of Any person  
or persons y<sup>t</sup> fell ouer Maste trees

At A Toune meetinge 8th of october 1691  
Cap<sup>t</sup> william More and Cap<sup>t</sup> peter Coffin was made Choys  
of to treatte with Elder winworth to Subply [supply] and Carry one  
y<sup>e</sup> worke of Ministry in the Toune y<sup>e</sup> Insuen yare ensuing year

At y<sup>e</sup> same meeten Cap<sup>t</sup> william More Lif<sup>tn</sup> Samuell Leavit,  
John Foulsham, Moses Leaveit Epheriam foulsham  
ware made Choys one [on] for Towns men y<sup>e</sup> yare Insuen

At A Toune meeten y<sup>e</sup> 8th of october 1691- Cap<sup>t</sup> william  
More Lif<sup>tn</sup> Samuell Leavit and John Foulsham ware  
made Choys of to make up y<sup>e</sup> Account with Mr peter Coffin  
for all y<sup>e</sup> masts he have halled with in y<sup>e</sup> Tounship and  
Lyable to paye y<sup>e</sup> toune for according to former custome [custom]

Aest [attest] Bily Dudly  
peter B Foulsham  
his mark

voted Att A Towne Meeten in Exceiter y<sup>e</sup> 11th of march 1689<sup>90</sup>

David Larence and Richard Hillton ware Chosen Constables  
for y<sup>e</sup> towne of Exceter for y<sup>e</sup> yare Insuen

voted Att y<sup>e</sup> Same Meeten Above Cap<sup>t</sup> william Hillton mr  
Billey Dudley Mr Kinsley Hall mr Frances Lyford and  
Mr Edward Gillman ware Chosen Selecte men for y<sup>e</sup> yare  
Insuen

voted Att y<sup>e</sup> Same Meeten Above Steven Dudley phillip Carty  
Richard Makoone Thomas Rallings ware Chosen suruayers  
of ye heigh wayes in y<sup>e</sup> twown of Exceiter for y<sup>e</sup> yare Insuen

voted Att y<sup>e</sup> Meeten Above Robert Smart ~~Sanuer~~ (senior) Eleazer Elkins  
and Jonathan Thing ware Chosen veuers of fences for  
y<sup>e</sup> yare In-suen

Att A publicke Toune Meeten Houlden in Exeiter  
y<sup>e</sup> 6th of october 1690

voted that Elder william winworth is to be treated with  
for his Continance with us in the work of y<sup>e</sup> Menistry in  
this Toune for one Complate yeare Insuing y<sup>e</sup> men  
Chosen to treat with hime is M<sup>r</sup> Biley Dudley M<sup>r</sup>  
Kinsley Hall M<sup>r</sup> Moses Leaveit

Att y<sup>e</sup> same Meeting votted that peter Coffin  
is Reseaved in an Inhabitant into this towne---

Att y<sup>e</sup> same Meeting granted to peter Coffin A  
Conveanance of land at hye water mark wheare y<sup>e</sup>  
Maj<sup>r</sup> part of the Select men shall see Covenant for  
the Bulding of wharfe and house

Att A towne Meeten at Exeter y<sup>e</sup> 15th Feb<sup>y</sup> 169<sup>1/2</sup>

voted that Cap<sup>tn</sup> peter Coffin and Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Gillman should goe  
to porchmouth one y<sup>e</sup> 17th enstant to meet with y<sup>e</sup> Justis of peace  
of y<sup>e</sup> provence to treat with them of y<sup>e</sup> way and meathod for  
Adjusting of y<sup>e</sup> Charges of y<sup>e</sup> province for y<sup>e</sup> Indaine wars\_

voted Att A towne Meeten in Exeter y<sup>e</sup> 18th of August 1692  
Daniel Larrance was Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> yare  
Insuen or untill Annother be established in his place

voted Att y<sup>e</sup> same meeten Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Gillman peter foulsham  
Kinsley H all and Richard Hillton: ware Chosen  
suruayers of y<sup>e</sup> hy wayes for y<sup>e</sup> yare Insuen

Att A Towne meetten in Exeter y<sup>e</sup> 30th of March 1693

1. Moses Gillman-San<sup>r</sup>, Theaofalas Dudley Kinsly Hall  
Richard Hillton John Willson ware Chosen Select men  
for y<sup>e</sup> town of Exeter y<sup>e</sup> yare Insuen or untill others  
be Chosen in thayer stead.

2. Att y<sup>e</sup> Same meetten as Above Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Gillman  
was Chosen Commishener to Joyne with y<sup>e</sup> Select men to  
make y<sup>e</sup> present provance Rate

3. Att y<sup>e</sup> Same meetten as Above voated and paste by y<sup>e</sup>  
Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> town of Exeter that y<sup>e</sup> salary payeable to  
the minister is and shall be Accounted the nesary Charge  
of y<sup>e</sup> towne

4. Att y<sup>e</sup> Same meetten Jeremiah Gillman Charles Runlet  
and Elaxsander Magoone ware Chosen vewers of fences for y<sup>e</sup>  
yare Insuen or untill others be Chosen in thayer stead

5. Att y<sup>e</sup> Same meetten as Above voated that y<sup>e</sup> Commitee  
laste before Chosen to make up y<sup>e</sup> Accounts with Mr peter Coffin  
for all mastes bowlsprettes and yards halled within ye town-  
shipe and to Reseave all such sume or sumes of mony due to y<sup>e</sup>  
towne for all such tresx halled by saied Coffin or any other  
person are stille Impowered in y<sup>e</sup> behalfe of y<sup>e</sup> towne.

6. Att y<sup>e</sup> Same meetten Agreed with m<sup>r</sup> william wintworth to  
suply and performe y<sup>e</sup> office of A minister in this towne  
one whole yare if he be Able and if performed the towne  
doe promise to paye him y<sup>e</sup> sume of forty pounds in currant  
paye or proporshonable to any parte of ye yare

7. At y<sup>e</sup> Same meetten as Above ordered that If any swine  
be found in any medowes not being suficiently Ringed the  
owners thereof shall for time to come pay 5<sup>s</sup> Apeece for  
every Swine soe taken doeing damage: and if y<sup>e</sup> owners  
after fairely demanded refuse to pay for such trespass  
the swine may be Impounded and y<sup>e</sup> damage recovred as  
in other cases provided according to law.

Att A Towne meetten in Exeiter June y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>. 1693

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gillman and Mr Billey Dudley ware made Choise of  
in behalfe of the Towne to goe to the Nabouring ministers  
and ~~to~~ take thayer Advise for a mette person to suply the office  
of the ministry in y<sup>e</sup> towne of Exeiter

Att the Same meetting as Above Agreed and voated by the  
Inhabitants that any person that shall bring loges downe  
the fresh River ~~wixxinto~~ to the great bridge shall hall saied loges  
out of y<sup>e</sup> River with in one month After so brought downe  
or upon default thereof it shall be in ye power of the Survaiers  
of y<sup>e</sup> hy ways or any other person tp pase the logs by y<sup>e</sup> bridge pass  
down the strame so that the bridge may not be damnified by  
the said loges.

Att the same meetten as Above Christain Dolhoof was Chosen Culler of Staves  
for y<sup>e</sup> towne of Exeiter

At A Legoll towne meeting of the freeholders of the towne  
of Exeiter Septem<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 18th 1693

Then voated that thre men be Chosen to treat with Mr John Clarke  
aad procuere him to come to this towne to be ouer minister  
The men Chosen are: Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Gillman Cap<sup>tn</sup> peter Coffin  
and Cap<sup>tn</sup> Robart wadleigh

Octoberve 10th 1693. At A meetten of ye free houlders of ye towne  
of Exeiter voated that Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Gillman Cap<sup>tn</sup> peter Coffin  
and Cap<sup>tn</sup> Robard wadleigh are Impowered to Agree with  
Mr John Clarke to be our minister and what Salarey they doe  
agree with him for y<sup>e</sup> first halfe yare y<sup>e</sup> towne doe ingage  
to paye--

At y<sup>e</sup> Same meeting octobr y<sup>e</sup> 10th 1693= there was Chosen Richard  
makoon Benjamin Jones Daneill bean James Gillman  
Survaiers of y<sup>e</sup> hy ways for y<sup>e</sup> yare Insuing.

At A towne meeting in Exeiter octobr y<sup>e</sup> 10th 1693

granted to Cap<sup>tn</sup> peter Coffin all that parcell of land lying  
and being and Joyning to dover line one the north side  
and upon ye hy waye to pascasut mille one the west and so  
downe to y<sup>e</sup> mille at Tamperill River falls not to Infrindg upon  
any formare grant or possession of Charles Gliden and y<sup>e</sup> ould  
Indaine feild at y<sup>e</sup> landing place and all y<sup>e</sup> land of M<sup>r</sup> Nutters  
Sould to John Godard and william follit as may Apeare by bill  
of Salle: y<sup>e</sup> saied p<sup>ter</sup> Coffin Ingageing in Consideration of y<sup>e</sup>  
former primises to paye to y<sup>e</sup> towne ~~and~~ of Exeiter the sume of ten  
pounds forthwith after y<sup>e</sup> date hereof.

At A towne meeting in Exeiter october y<sup>e</sup> 10th 1693

granted to Cap<sup>tn</sup> peter Coffin that parcell of land that John  
wadleigh formerly fenced on both sides y<sup>e</sup> little River and to  
Run backe into y<sup>e</sup> land Comonly Called y<sup>e</sup> neck to make  
up y<sup>e</sup> quantity of sixty acers he Alowing A hy way through the land  
and over the River at y<sup>e</sup> place Comonly called John Gilman bridge  
and to paye y<sup>e</sup> towne of Exeiter ten shillings for every acer of  
the Afore said primises forth with and said land to be layd out  
forth with by y<sup>e</sup> towns men and they to make Return of the land  
so layd out to be Recorded in y<sup>e</sup> towne booke

Voated

Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Gillman desents from y<sup>e</sup> Above grant

Moses Gillman desents

John Foulsham desents

Att A meeten of y<sup>e</sup> freholders in Exeter Aperill the 20th 1694

1. Men [were] Chosen Select men for y<sup>e</sup> yare Insuen Cap<sup>tn</sup> william Moore  
Theofalis Dudley billy Dudley Robard Smart Sen<sup>r</sup> Moses Gillman Junr
2. Att y<sup>e</sup> Same metten Jonathan Thing Moses Leavit John Foulsham  
were voated and Chosen A Committia in the behalfe of ye towne to calle  
those persons that ware Select men y<sup>e</sup> last yare to give in account of y<sup>e</sup>  
mony raised to defray y<sup>e</sup> town Charges and how desposed, and to make  
report of y<sup>e</sup> same at y<sup>e</sup> next towne meeten \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. Att the Same metten Robard Powel was Chosen Culler of Staves for y<sup>e</sup>  
towne of Exeter in y<sup>e</sup> place of Christaine Dolhoof.
3. Att the same metten Moses Leavit Jeremiah Gillman John Willson  
ware Chosen towne maserers to lay out land
5. Att A metten of y<sup>e</sup> freholders of Exeter y<sup>e</sup> day and yare above mentioned  
Chosen and voated by them peter Coffin Esq<sup>re</sup> Cap<sup>tn</sup> Robard wadleigh and  
Richard Hillton in y<sup>e</sup> behalfe of the towne of Exeter to treat with and by of  
Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Gillman, Moses Gillman Sen<sup>r</sup>, humphrey willson, Samuell  
Leavit, John Foulsham, peter Foulsham Jonathan Thing John Wadleigh  
A sartin house and land lying and being nere unto the present metten  
house and to be Inproved by the towne for y<sup>e</sup> use and benefit of y<sup>e</sup>  
minister of y<sup>e</sup> towne for y<sup>e</sup> time being, and what sume or sumes of mony  
ouer Said Committia doe Agre for and covenant to paye for y<sup>e</sup> Afore said  
primises shall be good and valued [valid] and payable by y<sup>e</sup> towne of Exeter by way  
of Rate upon ye Inhabitants as y<sup>e</sup> Law directes, and also y<sup>e</sup> house being bought  
for y<sup>e</sup> use Aforesaid y<sup>e</sup> said Committia is Inpowered to finish y<sup>e</sup> said house and to  
make it habitable for y<sup>e</sup> minister forthwith and to repayer y<sup>e</sup> fences About y<sup>e</sup>  
land; and to Inquire into y<sup>e</sup> account of what is payable for y<sup>e</sup> redeming  
of y<sup>e</sup> marsh at whelrights creek commonly called y<sup>e</sup> towne marsh and what  
ouer said Committia doe Judge to be due for y<sup>e</sup> primises above said: to make  
Report to y<sup>e</sup> Select men and thay to make Rate for y<sup>e</sup> Same upon the  
Inhabitants= voated and acted in y<sup>e</sup> metten above said- - - -