

Province of New Hampshire.

GEORGE the third. By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith

To all persons to whom these Presents shall come,

Know ye, that We of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province, and with the advice of our trusty and well-beloved Sir Robert Boscawen, Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in England, and of our Council of the said Province, Have upon the consideration and reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, our heirs and successors, do give and grant in equal shares, unto our loving subjects and to their heirs and assigns forever, whose names are entered on this Grant to be divided amongst them into Seventy two equal Shares, all that tract, or parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, contain by admeasurement, 23,640 acres, which tract is to contain Six Miles square and no more, out of which an allowance is to be made for highways, and unproceable Lands by rocks, ponds, mountains and rivers, one thousand acres free, according to a plan and survey thereof, made by our said Governor, and returned into the Secretary's office, and hereunto annexed, and bounded as follows, viz. — Beginning the northerly or north easterly side — by the Union River (so called) at the mouth of said River, thence running up by said River until it is to a place that is six miles upon a straight line from the mouth of said river, (on the same) thence running upon a line perpendicular to the aforesaid six mile line seven miles, from thence running westerly a parallel line with the first mentioned line to Champlain, thence southerly by the said Lake to the mouth of the River of our pleasure begun at. — And that the same be, and hereby is incorporated into a Township by the name of Colchester. — In the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be enfranchised with all rights and every the privileges and immunities that other Towns within the said Province by law exercise and enjoy: And further, that the said Town is to consist of fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall pay the sum of holding two Pairs, one of which shall be held on the — and the other the — annually, which Pairs are not to continue longer than —

respectively — following the said — and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of fifty Families, a market may be opened on one or more days in each week, as may be thought most advantageous to the inhabitants. Also, that the first meeting for the choice of some officers agreeable to the laws of our said Province, shall be held on the 12 day of — which said meeting shall be notified by John Boscawen Junr. Esq. who is appointed the Moderator of the said first meeting, which he is to govern agreeable to the laws and customs of our said Province; and the annual meeting forever hereafter for the choice of such officers for the said Town shall be on the second Tuesday of March annually. To have and to hold the said tract of Land as above expressed, together with all privileges and immunities, to them and their respective heirs and assigns forever, upon the following conditions, viz. —

I. That Every Grantee, his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate the land within the term of five years for every fifty acres contained in the same or proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional cultivations, on penalty of the forfeiture of the grant or share in the said Township, and of its reverting to us, our heirs, successors, to be by us, or them repainted to such of our subjects as shall desire to settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other kind of trees within the said Township, shall be preserved and not cut down, unless by license from the Governor, and that the same shall be used for the service of the said Province.

...of said Grantee, his heirs and assigns, as well as being subject to the penalty of any Act or Acts that now are, or hereafter shall be enacted.

That before any division of the land be made to and among the Grant a tract of land as near the center of said Township as the land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the contents of one acre.

Yielding and paying therefore to us, our heirs and successors for the space of ten years, to be computed from the date hereof, the rent of one ear of Indian Corn only on the twenty day of December annually, if lawfully demanded, the first payment to be made on the 25th of Dec^r 1753.

Every proprietor, settler or inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto us, our heirs and successors yearly, and every year forever, from and after the expiration of ten years, from the abovesaid twentyfifth day of December namely, on the twentyfifth day of December which will be in the year of our Lord 1773, one Shilling proclamation money for every hundred acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of said Land; which money shall be paid by the respective persons abovesaid, their heirs, or assigns, in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth, or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in lieu of all other rents and services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof, We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Wth Wth 33 Benning Wentworth Esq. our Governour and Commander in Chief of our said Province the seventh day of June in the year of our LORD 1753, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and fiftythree, in the third year of our Reign.

Bth Wentworth

His Excellency's Command,
With advice of Council,
Atainson Jun^r: Secy -

Province of New Hamp^{ts} June 7. 1753
Recorded according to the original Charter
under the Province Seal

Jth T. Atkinson Jun^r: Secy

The names of the Grantes of Colchester, viz -

Edward Burling	Benja ^r Richardt jr	Nich ^s J. Bogart
John Burling	Thos ^s Anthorby	Cornelius J. Bogart
Edward Burling Jun ^r	Willm ^o Van Wyck	Peter S. Bogart
John Lawrence	Willm ^o Keese	Henry J. Bogart
Eltingham Lawrence Jr	John Butler	Edw ^d Burling New York
Caleb Lawrence	Mer ^o Litch Miller	Joseph Latham
Rich ^d Lawrence	Edw ^d Acorn	Joseph Latham Jr
Willm ^o Humphreys	Philip Dauphty	John Latham
Peter Townsend	Francis Pantton	Petrus Pyvanch
Joseph Humphreys	John Burling Jr	John Cornell
Sampson Humphreys	Hugh Alder	Sam ^l Willis -
Daniel Humphreys	Rich ^d Burling	Willm ^o Mott
Willm ^o Field	Sam ^l Burling	Sam ^l Averell
Peter Dobson	George Richey	Charles McCreedy
Thomas Dobson Jr	John Coarants Miller	John McCreedy
Daniel Latham	Thos ^s Burling	Capt ^o Nehemiah Lovewell
John Latham	Eltingham Lawrence	Capt ^o Sim ^l Beale
Thomas Latham	Sam ^l Burling Jr	Hon ^{ble} John Temple
Daniel Latham Jr	Thomas Dobson	Thos ^s Atkinson
David Latham	John Bogart Jr	W th W th 33
Leicester Burling	James Bogart Jr	Henry Harbure
Benja ^r Richardt	John J. Bogart	



His Excellency Benjamin
Kentworth Esq a tract of land
contain five hundred acres
as marked B.W. in the plan
which is to be accounted two
of the within shares, one whole
share for the incorporation
society for the propagation
the Gospel in foreign parts
one share for a Glebe for
Church of England as by Law
established, one share for
first settled Minister of the
Parish, and one share for the
benefit of a School in said Town
Province of New Hampshire
7th 1763. Recorded on
the back of the original
Charter under the Prov
Seal —
J. S. Atkinson Junr. Secy

Province of New Hampshire June 7th 1763.
Recorded from the plan on the back
of the original Charter of the Town of
Colchester J. S. Atkinson Junr. Secy

State of New Hampshire — Secretaries Office
I hereby certify that the above and the within
is a true copy as recorded in the second books
Charters Folio 425 and on wards
Attest Joseph Pearson Secy

Colchester ~

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Whereas application hath been made to me the subscriber, by more than one sixteenth part of the proprietors of the town of Colchester, in County of Chittenden, & State of Vermont, to warn a meeting of said proprietors - I here are therefore to warn the proprietors of said town of Colchester, to meet at the dwelling house of Joshua Stanton, junr: in said town, on the first Monday of June next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, there to act on the following articles, to wit - 1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting - 2nd To choose a proprietors clerk, treasurer & collector - 3rd To choose a committee of one or more persons, to examine the propriety records & other proceedings, in regard to the surveys, divisions, pitches & lots under the quieting act, or Ives vendue sales, so called, or any other claims against the joint interest of the original proprietors now existing, & errors, defects, & illegalities thereto appertaining, to point out particular together with such remedies as shall appear most conducive to justice & the interest of the proprietors & others concerned in that behalf, & thereof make report as soon as circumstances shall permit - 4th To see if the proprietors can & will remedy the injuries & complaints which have arisen from the interference of pitches heretofore made, & take measures to investigate the validity of said pitches, & how far they have been legally authorized, & appoint an agent or agents, to carry it into effect, & likewise to ascertain the quantity of acres that now appears to continue in joint interest in said town, & to order a new & general survey of said town, if thought proper - 5th To call at the same, to determine the manner of allotting, & whether the proprietors will proceed to divide the same into severally by draft, & the time when, & how far settlers shall be quieted in their possessions & hold the same in line of their draft - 6th To determine whether the proprietors will raise money to defray the expenses of alloting and ascertaining and surveying as aforesaid, and all other necessary expenses which the proprietors ought to be chargeable with - 7th To choose some suitable persons to be the representatives of said town, for the purpose of applying to the Legislature of the State of Vermont, at their next session, if the same shall be thought necessary, to pass such a Law as shall be thought expedient, and the necessity of the proprietors may demand. - Since we said proprietors, in their capacity of joint owners of said town, or as owners in severalty under the division or allotment which may be made or directed to be made at the meeting now called for, and to transact any business in that behalf, which may be found necessary - 8th To do and transact all and any other business which may be found necessary and legal; more particularly, to contract and bind themselves to compensate any individuals who shall undertake and carry into effect, any matter contained in any of the foregoing articles that the proprietors shall judge advisable when met hereunder - Given under my hand at Burlington in Chittenden County, this 11th day of March, one thousand eight hundred & five. Stephen Pearl Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Chittenden, Vermont. Subscribed, Proprietors and legal agents of more than one sixteenth part of the town of Colchester, in Chittenden County, Vermont, that have witnessed the foregoing articles, and have signed their names thereto, in the forenoon of the first Monday of June next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, there to act on the following articles, to wit -