

ANDROS RECORDS.

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THE Records of the Council meetings under Governor Andros, presented today, are a continuation of those published in the Proceedings of this Society for October, 1899. They are taken from the Council Records of Massachusetts, Vol. II., in manuscript, at the State House; from the Massachusetts Archives, also in manuscript; and from Vol. III. of the printed Colonial Records of Connecticut. They end a short time before the overthrow of Andros by the uprising of the people on April 18th, 1689, the last recorded entry, that has been found, bearing the date of March 27th, although there is an allusion in the Archives to a meeting on April 11th.

Taken in connection with the Records of the Council meetings under President Joseph Dudley, the temporary predecessor of Sir Edmund Andros, printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society for November, 1899, they form an interesting and valuable series for the student of the early history of Massachusetts, embracing the period of the formation of the short-lived Dominion of New England, which included New York and the Jerseys within its extensive limits, and which fell asunder after the downfall of Andros.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the fourth day of May 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	Wayte Winthrop	Barn: Lathropp
Will ^m Stoughton	Rich ^d Wharton	Nath: Clarke
Thomas Hinckley	John Usher	John Albroo
Walter Clarke	Barth ^o Gedney	Edw: Randolph. Esq ^{rs}

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 121, for the same.

Mr West admitted Deputy Secy had deputed John West in his Offices of Secretary & Register, which was approved & allowed of; and the oath of Allegiance and that for the faithfull Discharge of said Offices was adminstred to the said John West accordingly.

Thos Waters Pardoned for Felony. On the Petition of Thomas Waters a Prisoner condemned for Felony the last Supream Court; Ordered that a Repreive be granted him.

Jurors to be returned for the Supream Court of Essex. *Ordered:* That Leift Jeremiah Neale, Marshall wth the advice of Capt^u W^m Browne Justice of the Peace, doe returne the severall Juryes to serve att the Superiour Court to be holden in the County of Essex the eleventh instant and to attend the service of the said Court.

Fees for the Coll^r and Surveyor of the Customes referred. Mr Randolph presenting a paper of Fees for his Office as Collector &c. itt is Referred to Mr Wharton, Mr Usher, Mr Gidney, Mr Lathropp and Mr Nathaniel Clarke or any three of them to Examine the same and Report to this Board what fitt to bee allowed.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Fryday the sixth day of May 1687.¹

Present: His Excelley Sr Edmund Andros Knt &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Jonath: Ting
W ^m Stoughton	Rich: Wharton	Barn: Lathropp
Thos Hineckley	John Usher	Nath: Clarke
Walter Clarke	Barth ^o Gidney	John Albroe
		Edw: Randolph Esqrs

Severall Acts to be Ingressed. The severall Acts following weare read & *Ordered* to be ingrossed viz^t: An Act for regulateing the Assize of Caske and preventing Deceite in Packing of Fish, Beefe & Porke for sale. An Act for the Regulateing of Cattle, Corne, Fields and Fences. An Act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures.

Juries to be returned for the Supr Court at Charles Towne. *Ordered:* That John Greene Marshall of the County of Middlesex with advice of one of the Justices of Peace doe returne the severall Juryes at the Superiour Court in the said County to be held at Charles Towne on Wednesday the 18th Instant and to attend the service of the said Court.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Munday the 9th day of May 1687.²

Present: His Excelley Sr Edmond Andros Knt

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 122, for the same.

² See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 123, for the same.

Joseph Dudley
Wm Stoughton
Thos Hinckley
Walter Clarke

John Pincheon
Wait Winthrop
Rich: Wharton
John Usher

Jonath: Ting
Barn: Lathropp
Nath: Clarke
John Albroo
Edw: Randolph Esq^{rs}

Order touch-
ing Fishing. *Resolved and Ordered:* That noe Mackerell be taken before the first of July, except for Baite or spending while fresh, nor with a Sceane att any time under penalty of forfeiture of Fish, Craft and Vessell as formerly untill an Act for Regulateing the Fishery shall be passed.

Att a Councill held att a Councill Chamber in Boston on Tuesday the 10th day of May 1687.¹

Present: His Excellcy Sr Edmond Andros Knt

Joseph Dudley
Wm Stoughton
Thos Hinckley
John Pincheon

Waite Winthrop
John Usher
Rich: Wharton
Jonath: Tyng

Barnabas Lathropp
Nath: Clarke
John Albroo
Edw: Randolph Esq^{rs}

Acts past *The Severall Acts following were passed, vizt*

An Act touch-
ing Cask. An Act for regulateing the Assize of Caske and prevent-
ing Deceite in Packing of Fish, Beeffe and Porke for sale.

Act touching
Weights. An Act for regulation of Weights & measures.

Act touching
Cattle &c. An Act for regulateing Cattle, Corne, Fields & Fences

— touching
Wolves, &c. to
be Ingrossed. An Act for Destroying of Wolves was approved &
ordered to be ingrossed.

Leave to Mr
Hutchinson to
build a stable *On the request of Mr Eliakim Hutchinson Ordered:*
That hee have liberty to build a Stable of Timber &
boards about eighteene Foote square, in an out field as
Desired.

Act about
possession de-
ferred. An Act concerning possession was read, & Debate had
thereon, and Deferred till further consideration.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednes-
day the Eleaventh day of May, 1687.²

Present: His Excellcy Sir Edmond Andros Knt.

Thomas Hinckley
Waite Winthrop
Rich: Wharton

John Usher
Jonath: Ting
Barn: Lathropp

Nath: Clarke
Edw: Randolph
Esq^{rs}

Act about
Wolves past. An act for destroying of Wolves was passed.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Saturday
the one and Twentieth day of May 1687³

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., pp. 123, 124, for the same.

² See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 124, for the same.

³ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVI., p. 334. This draft signed by "John West D. Scry" is not complete. See also *ibid.*, vol. CXXVII., p. 125. This draft is complete.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Pincheon	John Usher
Wm Stoughton	Waite Winthrop	John Walley
Robert Mason	Rich: Wharton	John Green
John Fitz Winthrop		Edw: Randolph Esq ^{rs}

Mr Mason & Mr Green sworn of the Council. Robert Mason and John Greene, Esq^{rs} took the oaths of Allegiance, and that for performing the duty of Councilors, being both Lately arrived from England.

Declaration for liberty of conscience read. His Maj^{ties} Letter for Liberty of Conscience to his Inhabitants of Rhoad Island was read.

Letter about the Treaty of Neutrality. His Maj^{ties} Letter for publishing the Treaty of Peace with the French and the said Treaty were likewise Read.

Both to be published. *Ordered;* That the same be published here on Munday next att Change time and in all other Ports with all convenient speed.

And that the severall Acts lately passed and the Proclamation about Mackerell Fishing be likewise published here.

Upon his Maj^{ties} Letter His Maj^{ties} Letter for delivering up a Bond by Mr John Usher to the President on the Account of some Canary Wines seized was Read.

Mr Usher's bond about the Canary Ship to be delivered up. *Ordered:* That the said Bond be delivered up accordingly and all proceedings on that account Cease.

Fees for the Military Commissions to be paid by the Counties. An account being presented by Mr Randolph Secry for severall Commissions of the Peace, Militia Commissions and other publicque writeings for which desired satisfaction.

Resolved and Ordered: That Joseph Dudley, Rob^t Mason, John Fitz Winthrop and John Usher, Esq^{rs} or any three of them doe examine the same and proportion what due to be paid by each County, and present the same to this Board on Wednesday next.

And that Mr Addingtons account for writeings be likewise stated by the said persons.

Att a Council held att the Council Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 25th day of May 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros, Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	John Greene
Robert Mason	John Hincks	Edw: Randolph
Rich ^d Wharton	John Walley	Esq ^{rs}

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., pp. 126, 127, for the same.

distress upon
Mr Upton for
Indian Pur-
chase adjudg-
ed illegall.

Captⁿ Browne one of the Select Men of the Towne of Reading appeared in the behalfe of the said Towne pursuant to his Excys^s order, on Complaint of John Upton for haveing a Distresse made on his goods by the Constable by order of the Towne to pay the Indians for purchase of their Lands &c. but produced nothing to Justifie their proceedings.

Resolved: That the Distresse made by the Constable on said Upton is illegall, and hee to have his remedy att Law for recovery of his Damage sustained thereby.

The Act abt
Indian^s pur-
chases to be
Ingressed.

An Act for the regulateing of the purchase of Lands from Indians was read and and ordered to be Ingressed.

Severall Acts
to be prepared.

Resolved, That an Act be prepared for regulateing the Assize of Boards—And an Act that none keepe schoole or Teach, Educate or Instruct youth, but such as shall be allowed.

The Records
of the last
Govern^ts to be
brought to the
Secretary.

Ordered: That all publicque Records in the Last Governments now annexed under this Dominion be brought to this Towne and putt into the Custody of the Sec^ry or his Depty

A small Ves-
sell to be pro-
vided to keep
the Coast.

Resolved upon the Mo^ocon of Mr^r Randolph that itt is necessary a small Vessel be provided for his Maj^ties service on the Coasts and *Ordered* accordingly.

Licenses for
Publick Hou-
ses to be grant-
ed in open
Sessions.

Ordered. That all Lycences for Publique Houses be granted in open Sessions and to such onely as are persons of good repute and have convenient Houses and att least Two Bedds to entertaine Straingers and Travellers, for which to give security by Recognizance, except att Boston and Charles Towne where none to be Lycensed without the approbation of the Treasurer.

Act about
Wills to be en-
grossed.

An Act for probate of Wills and granting letters of Administracion was read and ordered to be Ingressed.

Mr. Rand-
olphs acct^t for
Comis^s Laws
&c. to be paid
by the Coun-
ties.

Mr^r Randolphs account of what due from the severall Countyes and Provinces for Commissions, Lawes &c. was brought in and allowed to be paid by each County and Province accordingly.

His accounts of Incidents was alsoe allowed & Ordered to be ratified accordingly.

Fees for the
Custom Office
approved.

The account of Fees presented by Mr^r Randolph for his Custome Office, being considered off, were approved & allowed.

Att the Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the first day of June 1687.¹

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 128, for the same.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt.

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	John Hincks
Wm Stoughton	Rich: Wharton	Rich ^d Arnold
Robt Mason	John Usher	Edw: Randolph Esq ^s

Petition of the Quakers distrained for Ministers Rates
The Petition of Edward Wanton of Scituate in behalfe of himselfe and other Quakers who have had their goods seized to pay the Ministers Rates praying to be relieved therein was read.

The Constable to returne acet of his proceedings.
Ordered: That the Constable of the said Towne have notice hereof and make returne to his Excellency in convenient speed of his proceedings therein.

Several acts past. viz^t.
The severall Acts following were passed (viz^t)

touching Wills.
An *Act* for Probate of Wills & granting Administrations.

Fishing.
An *Act* for regulateing the Fishing Trade & Fishermen.
Indian purchase.
An *Act* for regulateing the purchase of Lands from Indians.

Leave to Mr. Wharton to build a salt-house.
The Pecon of Richard Wharton for liberty to build a Wooden Salthouse neere Fort Hill is granted, *Provided* the building intended do not annoy the South Battery or Fortifications there.

Att the Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the two and twentieth day of June 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency Sir Edmond Andros Knt.

Joseph Dudley	Wayte Winthrop	John Albroo.
Wm Stoughton	Wm Bradford	John Greene
Thos Hineckley	Nath: Clarke	Edw: Randolph
Walter Clarke	Richard Arnold	Esq ^s

Judgt between Humph. Johnson & Scituate abt Lands.
The Towne of Scituate being ordered to answer the Pecon of Humphrey Johnson about his Clayme to Lands there, which hee pray'd might be confirmed after full hearing of parties on both sides.

Resolved. That the said Johnson hath three Rights of Land in the said Township in behalfe of Resolved White Josiah Holmes and himselfe and to be ascertained to him accordingly.

Judges salaries to be considered.
A Sallary for the Judges was proposed and to be considered of.

Acts read.
An Act for making Barrells &c. for ale Beere & Syder Regulateing the assize of Staves and Boards read.

The businesse of the Dry Dock to be considered.
Mr Ballard of Charles Towne was sent for & proposed to him what care should be taken to keepe the Dry Dock in good repayre as fitted at his Majt^{ies} Charge and advised to consult with the other persons concerned and to Report their Result on Fryday next; both as to what Interest they expect therein and what for his Majt^{ie} &c.

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 129, for the same.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Thursday the twenty third day of June 1687.¹

Present : His Excellency Sir Edmond Andros Knt

Joseph Dudley	Rich ^d Wharton	John Greene
W ^m Stoughton	Barth ^o Gedney	Rich. Arnold
Thos Hinckley	Jonath: Ting	John Albroo
Walter Clarke	W ^m Bradford	Edw: Randolph
Waite Winthrop	Nathaniel Clarke	Esqrs

Act about

Highwayes re- An Act about Highwayes, Read and rejected.
jected.

The Quakers On the Complaint of Edward Wanton about his goods
not to be dis- being Distreyned by the Constable of Scituate for pay-
treyned for ment of the Ministers Rate
Ministers

Rates.

Resolved. That the said Wanton being a Quaker and attending other Worship then the Ministry of the Towne, and the Distresse made since his Majties gracious indulgence the same is not approved off, but the Goods Distreyned and now in the Constables hands as by his returne to be restored.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Fryday the 24th day of June 1687.²

Present : His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros, Knt &c.

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Nath: Clarke
W ^m Stoughton	Barth ^o Gidney	John Greene
Thomas Hinckley	Jonath: Ting	John Albroo
Walter Clarke	W ^m Bradford	Esqrs

Proposals of
the Dry Dock
to be consider-
ed

Mr Green's
acct. for his
voyage to

Eng^l referred
to Connecticut
& Rhode Is-
land for pay-
ment.

The Proposals of the Owners of the Dry Dock att
Charles Towne read. To be considered of.

The Petition of John Greene for satisfaccon of his
Expences on his voyage for England and returne in the
service of the Collony of Rhoad Island.

Resolved : That the money demanded by s^d Greene being sixty pounds be endeavoured to be raised by contribution as the other money was, and if not gott that way then to be raised in the next Country Rate on Rhoad Island & Providence Plantations being the parts of that Government when hee was sent home.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the Nyne and twentyeth day of June 1687.³

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 130, for the same.

² See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 131, for the same.

³ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 132, for the same.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Nath: Clarke
Robert Mason	Rich ^d Wharton	Edw: Randolph Esq ^{rs}

Grant to Mr. Wharton for Lands in Narraganset Read
A Grant for one thousand seven Hundred & twelve Acres of Land in the Narragansett Countrey to Richard Wharton Esq^{re} was approved off att tenn shillings per annum Quitt Rent.

Mr. Swarton to have 50 Acres in Casco Bay.
On the Petition of John Swarton of Beverly for Grant of Land in Casco Bay
Ordered, That hee have fifty acres laid out to him in some vacant place there.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the thirteenth day of July 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Peter Bukley	John Usher
Robert Mason	Wayte Winthrop	Edw: Randolph Esq ^{rs}

Select to be heard as to his Claime of Land in Boston.
Upon the Peticon of Jonathan Selleck praying that the granting of a Patent to Charles Ledgett Esq^r for a peece of Ground in Boston might be suspended untill his claime was heard &c^a

Ordered, That the said Select appeare the next Councill day and make out his Clayme thereto, and that Ledgett have notice of his Peticon and defend his Clayme att the same time, and that on default of appearance Confirmation to be given to Ledgett [*sic*] as desired.

Mrs Sherman's Petition for Lands in Watertowne &c.
Upon the Peticon of Mary Sherman Widdow for Grant of Land in Water towne &c^a

Ordered. That a Copy of her Peticon be sent to the Constable and Selectmen or Overseers of Watertowne, who is to publish the same. that any persons concerned may appeare next Wednesday in Councill to shew Cause, wherefore what desired by the Pet^r may not be granted accordingly.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the twentyeth of July 1687.²

Present: His Excellency &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Robert Mason	John Usher
W ^m Stoughton	Wayte Winthrop	Edw: Randolph Esq ^{rs}

Order touching Mrs Sherman.
The Answer of the Constable and Select Men of Water towne to the Peticon of Mary Sherman read.

Ordered. That the Hay already Mowed be Stacked on the Land and the Petitioner have Liberty to Cutt the remainder and that those of

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., pp. 132, 133, for the same.

² See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., pp. 133, 134, for the same.

Water towne appeare & shew cause next Wednesday why what desired by the Petitioner may not be granted.

Judgm^t. for confirmation of Lands to Ledgett Jonathan Seleck by one Williams presented a paper setting forth his pretence to the ground in possession of Ledgett as heire to his Father and prayed the Confirmacon thereof may be suspended.

Ledgett likewise appeared and shewed his Title to be by purchase for a valuable Consideration derived from the Administrators of the said Selects Fathers Estate pursuant to the Law and practice of the late Government in the year 1657, and from that time possession of the same, and noe Lawfull Clayme made.

Resolved. That the Ground may be confirmed to said Ledgett as desired.

A House, Lands &c. in Charles Towne confirmed to Jo: Cuttler. The Peticon of John Cuttler for Cofirmacon of his house, Lands and Wharfes in Charles towne read & granted.

A house, Lands &c. in Charles Towne confirmed to Ballatt. The Peticon of Samuell Ballatt for Confirmacon of his house, land and Wharfes in Charles Towne read and Granted.

A house &c. in Boston confirmd to Hen. Mountfort. The Peticon of Henery Mountfort for Confirmacon of a house and Ground in Boston granted.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 27th of July 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Wait Winthrop	John Walley
W ^m Stoughton	John Usher	Barn: Lathrop
Rob ^t Mason	Jonath: Ting	Edw: Randolph Esqrs

Judgm^t between Mrs Sherman & the Town of Wattertown. Several persons of Water Towne who Clayme Interest in the Land Petitioned for by Mary Sherman appeared pursuant to the last order, and confessed that there is about one thousand acres of vacant Land within their Towne of w^{ch} the Petitioners husband was to have a third part but not the whole as desired.

Ordered. That the said Tract be Surveyed and that the Peticoner have about a Third part thereof granted her accordingly.

An Act about Barrells to be Ingrossed. An Act for New making Barrells &c. for Ale Beere and Syder and Regulateing the Assize of Staves and Boards was read and after some amendments *Ordered* to be Ingrossed.

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives* vol. CXXVII., pp. 134, 135, for the same.

The Indian Trade regulated, till further order.

Resolved. That the Indian Trade be Regulated as per former Law till further order.

Courts to be held at York & Wells successively.

Resolved. That the Court of Sessions & Inferiour Court of Pleas for the Province of Maine be held at Yorke and Wells successively.

Courts to be held in Cornwall.

Resolved. That in the County of Cornwall there be a Court of Sessions for Cryminall matters & an Inferiour Court of Pleas to have Jurisdiction in all Causes wherein noe Title of Land is concerned, from whence appeales in cases of Errour may be made to the Governour & Council in any Cause Civill above the value of . . . and that the same include the Inhabitants in or neere the west side of Kennebecque River.

To the Chief Judge £150 per ann. salary.

Resolved and Ordered. That there be allowed & paid to the Cheife Judge of this Dominion out of his Majties Revenue arising here the Sallary of one hundred and fifty pounds per annum; and to each other Judge of the Superiour Court the Sallary of one hundred & twenty pounds per ann.

To the other Judges of the Supr. Court 120£ per ann.

Fortifications to be made on the Fort Hill.

His Excellency acquainted the Council, itt is necessary to have Fortificacons and Lodgings for Souldiers on Fort Hill and a New Battery by the Sconce there; which was approved of.

Att a Council held att the Council Chamber in Boston on Thursday the 28th day of July 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c^a

Joseph Dudley
John Wally
Robert Mason

Waite Winthrop
John Usher
W^m Stoughton

Barn: Lathropp
Edw: Randolph
Esq^{rs}

The Treasurer to issue money for the Fortifications.

Resolved and Ordered, That the Treasurer doe pay from time to time what money is wanting for the Repairacon of the Castle the Battery and Wharfe by Fort Hill and the Fortificacons and Lodgings to be made there.

A Ketch & a Boat to be bought for the Kings service.

That the Ketch Speedwell bought and Employed for his Majties service be continued and a Boate provided for her.

A Boat for the Govr and another for the Castle.

That a Boate be provided for his Excellency and another for the use of the Castle.

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 136. In this draft the name of "Jonath Ting" is given as being present at the Council meeting.

His Majtys order in Councill of the 19. of Novembr. 86 upon Mr. Vaughans appeal agt Mr Mason referred to the Supr Court to be put in Execution.

Upon produceing an Order & determinacon of his Majty and Councill dated 19. November 1686. on the appeale of Wm Vaughan from a Verdict & Judgmt given against him on the sixth day of November 1683. in his Majtys Courts in New Hampshire at the suite of Robert Mason Esqre as proprietor of that Province for certaine Lands & Tenemts in Portsmouth in said Province which Verdict & Judgment is thereby Ratified and confirmed.

Ordered that the Judges of the Superiour Court doe cause the said Judgment to be forthwith executed accordingly.

At the County Rates Mr. Randolphs allowance to be considered.

Ordered, That the Justices of the Peace in each County doe with their next Rates for Publique Charges Raise and Leavy moneys to pay what allowed Mr Randolph.

(signed) John West D: Secry :

New England

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Thursday the 4th day of August 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Edw: Randolph
Robert Mason	John Usher	Esqrs

Letter from Salem about 2 Ketches taken by the French.

A Letter from severall Merchants and Inhabitants of Salem about two of their Ketches being taken by a French Man of Warr and the Masters out of both; and the deposition of John Bissone a Fisherman belonging to one of the said Ketches who looseing the Man of Warr in a Fogg came home without their Master and brought one of the Frenchmen belonging to the said Man of Warr with them, was Read.

The Govr of Port Royall to be written to.

Resolved. That his Excellency write by an expresse to the Governour of Port Royall to have them returned and satisfaction given and to send back the s^d Frenchman.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 10th day of August 1687.²

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt

Joseph Dudley	Peter Buckley	Edward Ting
Wm Stoughton	Waite Winthrop	John Greene
Robt Mason	John Usher	Edw: Randolph Esqrs

Act touching Cask

An Act for new makeing Barrells &c. for Ale Beere Syder and regulateing Assize of Staves and Boards was read and passed.

A commission of Oyer & Terminer to try the Pirates of Ipswich.

His Excellency proposed to know what way proper to try the severall persons committed on suspicion of Pyracy.

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 137, for the same.

² See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., pp. 137, 138, for the same.

Resolved That a special Commiōn of Oyer and Terminer be granted by his Excelleye under the Broad Seale of this Territory to such persons as he shall think fitt, to try all such Offenders.

Patents for The severall Patents following being produced in land. Council were allowed and approved, vizt

For a house and two peeces of ground in Boston to John Usher Esqre att two shillings p^r ann Quitt rent.

For a house and Ground in Boston to M^r Henry Mountfort att two shillings sixpence p^r ann Quittrent.

For a Farme in Charlestowne called tenne Hills conteining nine hundred twenty Acres to Lt Col^o Charles Ledgitt att tenne shillings p^r ann Quittrent.

An addition- On Consideration had of the Charge of the Gov-
al Impost. ernmt^y and Revenue not sufficient to defray the same.

Advised and Resolved: That the most proper and easy way to supply the same is that wine may pay thirty or forty shillings p^r Pype Custome and Rumm, Brandy and Strong Waters twelve or sixteene pence p^r gall: excise.

At a Council held att the Council Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 17th day of August 1687 ¹

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Edw: Ting
W ^m Stoughton	Jonath: Ting	Edw: Randolph Esqrs

Order touch-
ing Courts.

The Judges representing, it would be more convenient for the Superiour Court appointed to be holden at Falmouth to be held at Welles for the Province of Maine & for that Court att Plymouth to be holden on the first Tuesday in October and Aprill and the Court att Bristol the Frydayes following. The same was *Resolved* & *Ordered* accordingly.

The Inhabit-
ants of Kenne-
bunk to pay
Rates under
Welles.

Upon mocōn made by M^r Treasurer that the Inhabitants of Kennebunck in the Province of Maine, pretending themselves a Townshipp, refuse to pay Rates under the Towne of Welles.

Ordered: That they be accounted as parte of the said Towne of Welles and pay their Rates to the Constable there accordingly.

Att a Council held att the Council Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 24th August 1687. ²

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Edward Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	Edw: Ting	Francis Nicholson Esqrs

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., pp. 138, 139, for the same.

² See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., pp. 139, 140, for the same.

Cap^t. Nichol- Pursuant to his Majestyes Command Captaine Francis
son of the Nichol- son was this day sworne of his Majestyes Council
Council. in this his Territory and Dominion of New England and
tooke his place accordingly.

Declaration Upon reading his Majestyes Gracious declaration for
for liberty of conscience and his Proclamation for calling in
conscience & and suppressing Pyrates and Privateers with the letters
Proclamation from the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of his Majestyes Privy
ag^t. Pirats to Council for publication thereof
be published.

Ordered. That the said Declaration and Proclam^acon be published to
morrow before noone in Boston & forthwith sent to the other principall
places.

Money belong^g Upon the Petition of John Danson a person lately
to Danson to Committed on suspicion of Piracy and on his tryall ac-
be restored. quitted, praying the money belonging to him lately seized
may be restored being to the value of about nine hundred
peeeces of eight.

Ordered. That what shall appeare before the Judges or any three or
more of the Council to belong to him after examinacon of the Master
of the Ketch Sparrow be restored accordingly.

Nich. Page Upon the Petⁱcon of Captⁿ Nich : Page abt money seized
the same. on Board the Ketch Sparrow as the goods of Pyrates
claimed by him and prayed may be delivered.

Ordered: That the Master of the said Ketch being examined there-
upon before the Judges or any three or more of the Council what shall
appeare to belong to him may be delivered by the Treasurer on their
Reporte accordingly.

Advised and Resolved, That it's necessary for his
Majestyes service to permitt Vessells to goe to the
Commissions wrecke and that his Excelleye give Commissions to some
to be given for the Wreck take security for persons to Command on said voyages security being first
the tenths. given for their good Department and to bring what they
gett to this Porte and there share and pay his Majestyes
tenths.

Upon the Petⁱcon of Seth Perry for liberty to build a shedd over his
horsemill granted; *Provided* it be removed when found inconvenient.

Att a Council held att the Council Chamber in Boston on Wednesday
the 31st day of August 1687.¹

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &ca

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Edw : Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	Edw : Ting	Francis Nicholson
Tho ^s Hinckley	John Greene	Esq ^{rs}

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., pp. 141, 142, for the same.

Upon reading this day in Council the Petition of John Greene Esqre to be satisfied his disbursements on his voyage to England in the service of the Government of Rhoad Island amounting to sixty pounds, the same is referred to the Examination of the Judges and such of the Council as shall be att Rhoad Island when they goe the Circuite there who are to direct and determine therein as they shall judge proper.

Upon reading this day in Council the Petition of Edward Ting Esqre about the Millrents granted to him by the President and Council for his care and service att Fort Loyall in Cases yet uncollected.

Ordered. That the Millrents due for the year one thousand six hundred eighty six be forthwith collected and payd to the s^d Edward Ting accordingly.

And that the Treasurer do forthwith cause a particuler account to be taken of all the Mills and Rents due in the said Province and take care for the effectuall gathering & receiving the same in the payment of which no person to be excused, except particuler order for the same.

Mr Isaack Addington presenting to this board an account for his attendance and writing by order of the Committee appointed for revisall of Laws &c^a amounting to tenne pound nine shillgs eight pence, the same was allowed & *Ordered* to be paid by the Treasurer accordingly.

Shadrach Wilbore Clerke of the Towne of Taunton being by the Messenger brought before this Board and Examined about a scandalous, factious and seditious writeing sent from the said Towne to the Treasurer in answer to his Warr^t for the publicque Rate signed by him as Clerke he owned the same and declared it to be the Act of the Towne.

Ordered That the said Shadrach Wilbore be bound over to answer for the same att the next Superiour Court to be holden att Bristoll.

And that in regard Justice Tho: Leonard was present att the Towne meeting when the said writeing was voted and did not hinder the same, that he be suspended from the said Office.

And that the Constables of the said Towne be likewise bound over to answer att the said Court for neglect of their duties in not obeying the Treasurers Warrant.

And that the Constables and Select Men of the said Towne doe forthwith cause the said Warrant to be fully executed.

Att a Council held att the Council Chamber in Boston on Saturday the 3rd day of September 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency S^r Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Thos Hinckley	John Greene
W ^m Stoughton	Waite Winthrop	Edw: Randolph
Peter Bulkeley	John Usher	Francis Nicholson
	Jonath: Ting	Esq ^{rs}

Ordered: That Joseph Dudley W^m Stoughton Rob^t Mason, John Usher and Edward Randolph Esq^{rs} or any three of them whereof One

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 143, for the same.

of the Judges to be one with the Deputy Sec: do forthwith make a settlement & Regulacon of all the Fees for Courts, Offices and Officers throughout this Dominion and Reporte the same to this Board accordingly.

The Order made by the President and Councill appointing the places and times for unloading of Goods &c. is confirmed and to be observed accordingly.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 21st day of September 1687.¹

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Nath. Clarke
W ^m Stoughton	John Usher	Edw: Randolph
Robt Mason	Barth ^o Gedney	Francis Nicholson
Peter Bulkeley	John Hincks	Esq ^{ts}

Upon reading this day in Councill the Peticon of Nicholas Tepott and Henry Jourdain French Protestants, who lately arrived here from Plymouth in England in a small Barke with some Wines and Brandy seized by the Capt^y of his Maj^{ts} Friggatt

Ordered. That Mr President or any other of the Judges, Robt Mason Edw: Randolph and Francis Nicholson Esq^{rs} do examine the matter contened in the said Peticon, the Condition and necessities of the Peticoners and their manner of coming to this Porte and to make Reporte thereof to this Board att their next sitting.

Jacob Murrill, Joshua Bayley, William Hutchins, John Pierson, John Dresser, John Wise, Robert Kinsman, John Appletoun, John Andrews, John French, W^m Rayment and W^m Goodhue, all of the County of Essex, being committed for refusing to pay their Rates pursuant to the Treasurers Warr^t and making and publishing Factious & seditious votes & writeings against the same, were this day severally Examind^d in Councill.

Ordered. That they stand committed till they have their tryalls at Boston by speciall Commicon which his Excell^{ty} will please to issue forth the next weeke.

Benjamin Stevens, John Stevens, James Bayly, Joseph Jewett, Nathaniell Treadwell, John Whipple & John Weed being committed for the like misdemeanour & Examined

Ordered. That they be bound over in two hundred pound each with surtyes to appeare att the next Superiour Court to be holden in the County of Essex to abide their trials and in the meane time to be of good behaviour.

Nathaniel Browne, John Bayly, Joseph Chaplin, Thos Hart, Symon Wood, John Harris, Thomas Patch, Andrew Elliott and John Sibly, being likewise apprehended for the same misdemeanour but on their

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 144. In this draft, which is incomplete, the first two clauses only are given. The rest of the record beginning with "Jacob Murrill" is omitted.

Examinacon appearing more ingenuous and lesse culpable then the others; upon their humble submission and acknowledgement were discharged paying their Fees.

Ordered That the severall writts issued forth by M^r James Cornish for the Superiour Court in the County of Hampshire be for this time Esteemed good and valide as if issued out by the propper Clerke of that Court or his Deputy.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Fryday the 23^d day of September 1687.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Nath: Clarke
W ^m Stoughton	John Usher	Edw: Randolph
Robt Mason	Barth: Gedney	Fran: Nicholson
Peter Bulkeley	John Hincks	Esq ^{ts}

The severall Townes in the County of Essex except Salem Newberry and Marble head, having neglected and refused to do their dutyes in choosing a Commissioner and makeing the lists and Assessments of their respective Inhabitants as by Law they ought.

Ordered. That Charles Bedford Esq^{re} High Sheriffe of the said County with W^m Browne, John Hawthorne and Phillip Nelson Esq^{rs} Justices of the peace within the said County or any two of them doe summons [*sic*] the Inhabitants in their respective Townes to meete together and to bring a particular account of their Estates as by Law directed, and that the Select men attend accordingly, & that they have a list made of all the male persons above sixteen yeares of age and a true estimacon of all their reall & personall Estates according to Law; and returne the same severally unto the said Treasurer with all speed. And that they also make enquiry in the severall Townes of Gloster, Haverill and Boxford and examine & binde over such persons as have beene Factious and Seditious there and contemptuously refused to obey and execute the warr^{ts} of the Treasurer. And that the charge of this service be defrayed by the said severall Townes proporconably.

Ordered. That the Judges doe (against the meeting of the Councill tomorrow) assist and advise abt^t preparing Bills to be presented on the heads following viz^t

For regulateing the choice of Select Men and Towne Meetings.

For enlargeing the Jurisdiction of the Inferiour Courts.

And to require Masters of Shipps to give Security.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Saturday the 24th day of September 1687.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c.

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Nath: Clarke
Robert Mason	John Usher	Edw: Randolph
Peter Bulkley	John Hincks	Fran: Nicholson Esq ^{ts}

An Act for continueing the choice of Select Men and regulateing Towne meetings being twice read, was

Ordered to be ingrossed.

Ordered. That the Justices of the peace in the Towne of Boston or any five of them doe forthwith meete together and consider of the prices of Corne att this time for money, and how like to continue betweene this & Christmas, and thereof to make returne to this Board.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 28th day of September 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Peter Bulkley	Nath: Clarke
Wm Stoughton	John Usher	Edw: Randolph
Robert Mason	John Hincks	Fran: Nicholson Esqrs

Upon reading this day in Councill the Peticon of John Marsh of Newberry about a new Ferry from Newbury to Salisbury to be kept by him neere his dwelling. As alsoe the Peticon of James Carr of Salisbury about his right to the Swing bridge and old Ferry there.

Referred to the Justices of the Peace in the County of Essex to examine the offers and allegacons of both the Peticoners and forthwith to reporte to this Board what they conceive therein to be most suitable and convenient for Travellers and the publike service of the Country.

Upon reading this day in Councill the Peticon of Nath^l Weare to be releived against an Execution issued out in the late Government of New Hampshire for a fine of fifty pounds then sett upon him on pretence for imbezzling the Records and now given to the Sheriff to levy.

Ordered, That in regard the said Execucon hath beene so long time since issued forth and not yet served it be suspended untill the allegacons be Examined by the Judges at their next Circuite into those parts and reporte made thereof to this Board.

On the Peticon of John Fletcher for the same matter the like order was given.

Upon reading this day in Councill the Peticon of Samuell Walker for liberty to make and cure his Fish on Stratton Island, in the Province of Maine, where he hath built a house and made a Stage and Flakes.

Ordered. That a copy of his Peticon be sent to Joshua Scottow, and that he forthwith make appeare what title he hath to the said Island, and that in the meane time he give no disturbance to the said Walker or Agents in their Fishery on said Island untill his title be approved and allowed.

Upon reading the Reporte made by the Judges & others of the Councill on the Peticon of Nicholas Tepott & Henry Jourdaine,

Deferred untill Captaine Georges arrivall & that he be heard therein and that on security, the wine and Brandy may be Landed and such parte disposed of for the present necessity of the Peticoners as shall be allowed by any one of the Judges.

Upon reading the Reporte made by the Justices of the Peace of Boston pursueant to an Order of this Board the last day, concerning the prices of Corne for money.

Ordered. That the currant prices of Corne in payment of the publike rates be as followeth, vizt; Wheate, four shillings p^r Bushell, Rye two

shillings eight pence, merchantable Indian Corne one shill. eight pence, Pease three shill: sixpence, Oates one shill^s four pence, Mault and Barley att three shill^{gs}

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Fryday the 30th day of September 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Edw: Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	John Hincks	Fran: Nicholson
Rob ^t Mason	John Albro	Esq ^{rs}

Upon reading the Peti^on of Mr Symon Lynds of Boston Merch^t praying his Majestyes confirma^on of a certaine farme on Paucatuck neck in Kings Province, of which he hath long beene possessed and is improved conteing about seven hundred seventy four acres, with the addi^on of vacant Land thereto adjoining to make the said Farme one thousand or twelve hundred acres.

Ordered. That it be granted to him accordingly with an addi^on to make up the whole one thousand acres.

Upon reading this day in Councill the Peti^on of Alsoe Adams the Reliq & Administratrix of Will^m Adams late of Dedham Decd praying shee may be enabled to make a conveyance of a house and ground to one W^m Hunt of Weymouth, which was conveyed to her said husband in trust for him.

Ordered. That shee be and is hereby authorized accordingly.

Upon reading the Reporte of Francis Hooke & Charles Frost on the Peti^on of Suball Dummer, for confirma^on of certeine Lands in his possession as alsoe the peti^on of John Alcock thereon.

Ordered. That all partyes concerned have notice & attend the hearing on the 1st Wednesday in Nov^r next.

Mr Dudley Broadstreet Commi^oner for the Towne of Andover being Committed to the Custody of the Messenger for neglecting and refusing to discharge his duty with the other Commi^oners in examineing compleating & returning the rates and assessments of his Towne; upon his Examina^on confessing, that what he did was pursueant to the directions and Instructions he had from his Towne; was *Ordered* to stand committed till further Examina^on.

Att a Councill held att Boston Wednesday the 5th day of Oct^r 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c.

William Stoughton	Barn: Lathrop	Fran: Nicholson
Robert Mason	John Hincks	Esq ^{rs}
John Usher	Edw: Randolph	

Upon reading the Peti^on of Edward Calley and Tho: Dunston setting forth that about six hundred and forty peeces of eight, about tenne or twelve ounces of plate, three Gold Buckles, two Rings and a parcell of Stones seized on board the Ketch Sparrow belonged to them and praying they may be restored.

Referred to W^m Stoughton, Robert Mason, John Usher Edw: Randolph & Francis Nicholson Esq^{rs} or any three, whereof the said Stoughton or Mason to be one to examine and reporte the same.

The Peticon of John Wickes and Roger Burlingham for themselves and Associates, about a scire facias sued out against them by the Partners and Associates of W^m Harris late deced about the title to certaine Lands att Nahantatato, was *Referred* to M^r President to doe therein as shall be proper.

M^r Dudley Broadstreete beeing again brought before this Board acknowledged his greate imprudence and folly in being misledd by the Direcoons and Instructions he received from his Towne to the neglect of his duty humbly submitting himselfe to the mercy and favour of the Board.

Ordered. That he be discharged from the Messenger on giving security in Recognizance of one thousand pounds for his appearance att the next superiour Court att Salem and in the meantime to be of his good behaviour.

Major Samuell Appleton of Ipswich being likewise committed into the Custody of the Messenger on suspicion of being concerned in the late disorders and Tumults in the County of Essex and now brought before this Board, prayed to be discharged refusing to answer what demanded of him.

Ordered. That he stand committed to the Messenger untill further Examinacon.

Att a Councill held on Wednesday the 19th October 1687.

Present: His Excellencye S^r Edmond Andros Kn^t &c.

W ^m Stoughton	Nath: Clarke	Edw: Randolph
John Usher	Richard Arnold	Francis Nicholson, Esq ^{rs}

John Osgood, Samuell Howlett and John Hovey of the County of Essex being apprehended and brought before this Board to answer for the contemptuously refusing to make their Rates pursuant to the Treasurers Warrant and makeing and publishing factious and seditious votes and writeings against the same and thereupon being severally examined.

Ordered. That they give security by Recognizance in five hundred pounds each, to appeare at the next Sup^r Court att Salem, and in the meane time to be of their good behaviour.

Christopher Osgood being likewise apprehended to answer for the same misdemeanour but on his examinacon appearing more ingenuous and lesse faulty then the others, upon his humble submission and acknowledgement was *Ordered* to be discharged paying his Fees.

Major¹ Samuell Appleton of Ipswich committed to the Custody of

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 213. The order was signed by "John West, Sect." "That this is a true Coppie of the order of Council by weh M^r Appleton (now under my Custody as Messenger) is to be discharged. Witnesseth. Thomas Larking"

a Messenger for being a factious and seditious person and disaffected to the Government and now brought before the Council for further Examination

Ordered. That he continue committed until he give sufficient surety by Recognizance in the summe of one thousand pounds to appeare att the next Superiour Court to be holden att Salem to answer what shall be objected against him and in the meane time to be of good behaviour.

Att a Council holden att Boston on Saturday the 22nd Oct^r 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	Walter Newbury	Fran: Nicholson
W ^m Stoughton	Nath: Clarke	Esq ^{rs}
John Usher	Edw: Randolph	

His Excellencye acquainting the Council with Orders he had received from his Majestye about Connecticut annexed to this Government.

Advised and Resolved. That his Excellencye doe goe in person or send about the latter end of next weeke to take the said place under his Government pursuant to the said Orders with such of the Council or other persons, Guards and attendance as he shall think fitt; of which to give notice to Governour Treat and Secretary Allen.

Upon reading the Reporte made by W^m Stoughton Esq^r, and others of the Council on the Peticon of Edward Calley and Thomas Dunston.

Ordered, that the Treasurer doe restore to them the money, plate, Buckles, Rings and Stones by them peticoned for.

Att a Council held att the Council Chamber in Boston on Tuesday the 25th October 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Nath. Clarke
W ^m Stoughton	Walter Newbury	Edw: Randolph
Rob ^t Mason	Jonath: Ting	Fran: Nicholson Esq ^{rs}

Upon reading a letter from Captⁿ John George in answer to an Order of this Board of the 28th of September past, upon Reporte of the Judges and others of the Council on the Peticon of Nicholas Tepott and Henry Jourdain, about a French shipp seized.

Ordered. That the Superiour Court in this County being past and no prosecucon, she be effectually proceeded against att the next Superiour Court at Salem.

Upon reading the Reporte made by the Justices of Essex about a New ferry from Newbury to Salisbury allowed off to be kept and maintained by John Marsh of Newbury if James Carr of Salisbury on notice refuse to keep the same; the Justices to lay out the wayes and case-way and regulate the Ferry and take security for the making thereof and keeping in good repaire.

Ordered. That the Treasurer doe take care to defray the expence and charge of his Excellencyes journey to Connecticut.

Att a Councill held att Hartford on Tuesday the first day of Novr 1687.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c^a

Joseph Dudley	John Fitz Winthrop	Barth: Gidney
W ^m Stoughton	John Usher	Edw: Ting
Robt ^t Mason	John Pincheon	Esq ^{rs}

His Excellency pursuant to the Orders & Commands he had received from his Maj^{tye} being come to take that Collony under his Government as annexed to the Dominion of New England, advised what way proper further to proceede to effect the same accordingly.

Resolved. That Robert Treat Esq^{re} Governour of the said Collony and John Allyn Esq^{re} Secretary be sent for to attend his Excellency in Councill and that his Majestyes said Commands be first communicated to them; Pursuant to the said Resolve the said Governour and Secretary came and to them was signified by his Excellency his Majestyes Commands for that Collony and for the further publication of his Majestyes said Commands it was *Advised and Resolved* that the said Governour and Magistrates doe forthwith attend on his Excellency & Councill and bring with them such persons as they shall think fitt to heare his Majestyes said Commands.

Before noone the said Governour and Magistrates attending on his Excellency att his Lodging they altogether went from thence to the publique Court house where his Excellency publiqly signified the occasion of his coming and commanded his Majestyes Letters Pattents for the Government of New England and his Maj^{tyes} Orders to his Excellency for annexing the said Collony to this Dominion of New England and to take the same under his Government to be publiqly read, which was done accordingly.

His Excellency after repeated the substance of what had beene read and shewed how Gracious his Majesty had beene to his subjects of Connecticut telling them, that they were now intituled to all the Grace and favours contened in the said Letters Pattents, and that the former Authority & Gen^{ll} Court of that Collony was dissolved, and the said Collony annexed to the Dominion of New England accordingly.

Pursuant to his Majestyes Commands Robt^t Treat Esq^{re} the late Gov^r of Connecticut and John Allen Esq^{re} the late Sec^{ry} were sworne of his Maj^{tyes} Councill.

Att a Councill held att the Towne house in Hartford on Wednesday the 2^d day of November 1687.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c^a

Joseph Dudley	John Pincheon	Robert Treat
W ^m Stoughton	John Fitz Winthrop	John Allen
Robt ^t Mason	Barth: Gidney	Esq ^{rs}
John Usher	Jonath. Ting	

His Excellency in Councill was pleased to nominate and appoint the persons hereafter named to be Justices of the Peace and Sherriffes for

the respective Countyes following, for whome Commissions are ordered to be prepared accordingly. vizt

For the County of Hartford.

John Talcott	} Quor.	} Justices of the Peace.
Sam ^l Willis		
Humph: Davye		
Gershom Bulkeley		
Benj: Newberry		
John Wadesworth		
Sam ^l Talcott		
Gyles Hamblin		
John Chester		

Phineas Wilson Sherriffe.

For the County of New London.

Edward Palmes	} Quor.	} Justices of the Peace.
James Fitch		
Sam ^l Mason		
George Denison		
Daniell Witherby		
John Chapman		
Matthew Grizell		

Richard Edgecombe Sheriffe.

For the County of Newhaven.

Will ^m Jones	} Quor.	} Justices of the peace.
James Bishop		
Will ^m Roswell		
Andrew Leete		
Tho: Trowbridge		
Rich: Bryant		
John Beard		

John Hudson Sheriffe.

For the County of Fairefield.

Nathan Gold	} Quor.	} Justices of the peace.
Jonathan Sellick		
Sam ^l Sherman		
Joseph Haley		
John Burr		
Joseph Judson		
Tho: Fitch		
Jonath: Lockwood		

Will^m Sydenham Sheriffe.

Upon the motion of John Allen Esq^{re} one of the members of the Board, that the rate lately appointed by the Generall Court of Connecticut for payment of the Country debts may be raised and applied to that use.

Ordered. That an account be taken of the Country Debts, and what the said Rate may amount to, and that the same be collected and applied to satisfye the same accordingly.

His Excellencye travelled from Hartford to Fairfield saw the Justices of the Peace in their respective Countyes and Sheriffes sworne, Comiconated Military Officers in each Towne and Custome Officers in the severall sea Ports.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Saturday the nineteenth Novr 1687.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Fran: Nicholson
Wm Stoughton	Barth: Gidney	Esq ^{rs}
Robert Mason	Edw: Randolph	

Ordered. That Thursday the first day of Dec^r next ensueing be solemnly and Publiqly kept & observed in all Townes and places within this his Majestyes Dominion of New England as a day of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his Majestyes health (whom God long preserve to Reigne over us) & his many Royall favours bestowed on his subjects here & for all other blessings and mercyes of health, plenty, &c^a

Ordered. That a Bill be prepared to inforce the observance of the severall Lawes lately passed by his Excy^e and Council in the late Collony of Connecticott now annexed to this Dominion and for settling the times of the Courts of Judicature there.

A Paper presented to his Excellency by Doctor John Clarke, containing severall seditious expressions delivered by Mr Charles Morton Minister at Charlestowne in a Searmon Preached by him on a lecture day there being read in Councill.

Ordered. That the said Mr Clarke and Mr Charles Morton do attend this Board on Wednesday next.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 23^d day of November 1687.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Edw: Randolph
Wm Stoughton	John Usher	Fran: Nicholson
Rob ^t Mason	Barth: Gidney	Esq ^{rs}

An Act declareing the former Laws made by the Gov^r and Council of force in Connecticott annexed and for settling the times and places of Courts there being read. *Ordered.* That the Titles of the severall Acts be particularly inserted and the same brought in the next meeting of the Councill.

An Act for continueing the Choice of Select men & regulateing Towne-meetings being read as ingrossed after some amendments, was *Ordered* to be new Ingrossed and brought in the next Meeting of the Councill.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Thursday the 24th day of November 1687.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Fran: Nicholson
Wm Stoughton	John Usher	Esq ^{rs}
Robert Mason	Edw: Randolph	

An Act for continueing the choice of Selectmen and regulateing Townemeetings being new Ingrossed was againe read but objected agst & could not passe.

Doct^r Clarke and Mr Morton appearing pursuant to the Order of this Board, the said Morton was Examined about what he was charged by Doct^r Clarke to have delivered in a Sermon att Charlestowne the second of September past, parte whereof he denyed and seemed to evade or excuse other parte.

The said Clarke being likewise Examined affirmed to the truth of what he had charged him with and was contained in the paper by him presented to his Excellency upon his Oath.

Ordered. That the said Charles Morton be bound over to appeare att the next Superiour Court in five hundred pounds, and that he be prosecuted for the same by informaçon on his Majestyes behalfe.

James Atkins being committed by Captⁿ Nicholson for spreading lyeing and false news and Reports

Ordered. That he be proceeded against for the same att the next Sessions.

Liberty is granted to the French Congregation to meete in the Latine Schoolhouse att Boston as desired.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 30th day of November 1687.

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c^s

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Barn: Lathrop
W ^m Stoughton	John Usher	Edw: Randolph
Robert Mason	John Walley	Fran: Nicholson Esq ^{rs}

Upon reading the Petition of Anthony Chickley

Ordered. That the causes depending in Chancery betweene him and Joshua Scottow and Humphrey Davye be heard on this day sevennight.

Ordered. That the Justices of the peace in the severall Countyes, Townes and precincts throughout this Dominion doe provide for the necessary releife and maintainance of the Poore in each Towne in such manner as by the Laws and Statutes of England is directed.

Upon informaçon given by the Messenger, that Major Samuell Appleton hath not attended the last order of this Board.

Ordered. That he be committed to the custody of the Sherriffe, there to remaine untill he give security in one thousand pounds for his good behaviour, and to appeare att next Salem Court & pay his Fees &c^a ¹

¹ In *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., p. 301, is found the following: "Att a Councill held at ye Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday ye 30th. of 9ber 1687. p^{sent}: His Excellency Sr Edmond Andross Knt &c. Joseph Dudley, W^m Stoughton, Robt Mason, Waite Winthrop, John Usher, John Walley, Barnabas Lathrop, Edw: Randolph, ffr: Nicholson, Esq^{rs}. Whereas by an order of this board ye 19th of sber past, it was ordered y^t Maj^r Sam^l Appleton yⁿ in the custody of ye Messinger should stand Committed untill he gives sufficient security to appeare at ye next Superiour Court to be holden att Salem in the County of Essex and in the meantime to be of his good behavior and whereas Informations hath been this day given to this board by Tho: Larkin Messinger y^t ye sd Sam^l Appleton hath refused to Comply with ye sd order, but is still in his Custody and that he is and hath been at greate charge & trouble to looke after & provide for him for which he also refuseth to pay

Att a Councill held att Boston on Fryday the 2^d day of December 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &ca

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Edw: Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	John Usher	Fran: Nicholson
Robert Mason	John Walley	Esq ^{rs}

Upon reading a Letter received by his Excellencye from Gov^r Dongan att Albany, dated the eighteenth Nov^r past desireing assistance of Souldiers &c. against an invasion said to be made by the French on his Majestyes Governm^t of New Yorke.

Advised and Resolved. That an answer be returned to Governour Dongan by his Excellencye signifying the receipt of his, and his Excellencyes readinesse to assist him with such force as this Government can afford when his Majtyes service shall require it; and to know how far he is engagd or what else particularly may be of advantage for his Majestyes service.

Att a Councill held att Boston the 19th day of December 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &ca

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Edw: Randolph
Robert Mason	John Usher	Fran: Nicholson Esq ^{rs}

Upon reading the Peti^on of Joseph Dudley & W^m Stoughton for confirma^on of a certaine Tract of Land in the Nipmug Countrey of the contents of eight miles square formerly granted to them and Major Robert Thompson by the late Generall Court.

Ordered. That the same be granted to them and Dr. Daniell Cox as desired.

Upon reading the Peti^on of Joseph Dudley for Confirma^on of certaine houses and Lands whereof he is possessed lyeing in Roxbury and other parts mentioned in a list annexed.

Ordered. That the same be granted accordingly.

Upon reading the Peti^on of Nicholas Page and Anna his Wife for confirma^on of severall houses and Lands in Boston and Rumney Marsh

Granted accordingly.

Upon reading the Peti^on of John Gifford for confirma^on of two hundred and sixty acres of Land in the Towne of Lynn.

him any fees, or other satisfaction, praying y^e if y^e board thinck fitt he may be elsewhere secured. It is therefore ordered y^t s^d Sam^l Appleton be by y^e s^d Messinger delivered into y^e Custody of y^e Sheriffe of y^e County of Suffolk where by warrant from this board he is to remaine and be kept in y^e common Goale, untill he give sufficient security in a thousand Pounds for his good behaviour untill y^e next Superiour Court to be holden at Salem afores^d & for his appearance at y^e s^d Courte & pay y^e Messingers fees & charges afores^d

By order in Councill
John West D. Secty [not West's
signature]

Ordered That notice thereof be given in the said Towne, that if any others lay Clayme thereto, they may bring in the same. ¹

Upon reading the severall Petitions of George Dansen and Charles Crosswaite for Grants of Land in the Towne of Worcester.

Ordered. That Captⁿ Wing have notice thereof and attend next Council day if he hath anything to object against the same.

Upon reading the Petition of Malachi Holloway for confirmacon of one hundred and fifty acres of Land lyeing beyond Wadeing River in the Towne of Dorchester

Ordered. That notice thereof be given in the said Towne that if any others lay Clayme thereto they may bring in the same.

Upon reading the Petition of Captⁿ Rich^d Martin for confirmacon of his house and ground in Charlestowne

Granted accordingly.

Upon reading the Petition of Edward Ting Esq^re for confirmacon of severall parcells of Land in the Province of Maine.

Granted accordingly.

Upon reading the Petition of Richard Thayre for a Grant of Land neere Punckapauge Pond.

Ordered. That it be surveyed and disposed as his Excellencye shall think fitt.

Upon reading the Petition of Captⁿ Silvanus Davies for confirmacon of severall parcells of Land in the Province of Maine, *Granted.*

Upon reading the Petition of Vines Ellicott for a Grant of Hogg Island in Casco Bay.

Granted.

Upon reading the Petition of Edward Shippen for confirmacon of severall houses and Ground in Boston whereof he is possessed.

Granted.

Upon reading the Petition of Roger Clap for confirmacon of five hundred Acres of Land in Dorchester.

Granted.

Upon reading the Petition of Captⁿ Benjamin Davies for Confirmacon of severall houses, Warehouses & Ground in Boston whereof he is possessed.

Granted accordingly.

Att a Council held att Boston on Tuesday the 20th day of Decr 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Knt &c^a

Joseph Dudley

Waite Winthrop

Edw: Randolph

Robert Mason

John Usher

Fran: Nicholson Esq^rs

An Act declaring the severall Lawes made by the Gov^r and Council to be in force in Connecticut &c. and

¹ See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 294. This order is signed by "John West D. Sec^ry." Also *Ibid.*, vol. CXXIX., p. 12. Also *Ibid.*, vol. CXXIX., p. 75.

An Act for enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Inferiour Courts being read.

Ordered. That they be putt into one and brought in the next meeting of the Councill.

Att a Councill held att Boston on Tuesday the 21st day of Dec^r 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sir Edmund Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Waite Winthrop	Fran: Nicholson
William Stoughton	John Usher	Esq ^{rs}
Robert Mason	Edw: Randolph	

An Act declareing the severall Lawes made by the Governour and Councill to be in force in Connecticott; and for settling Courts being read.

Ordered. That the same be ingrossed.

Att a Councill held in Boston on Fryday the three & twentyeth day of December 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

William Stoughton	Waite Winthrop	Edw: Randolph
Robert Mason	John Usher	Fran: Nicholson Esq ^{rs}

Upon reading the Peticoⁿ of Robert Orchard, praying redresse for injuries sustained by the late Governour and Company of the Massachusetts, and his Majestyes letter to his Excellencye relateing thereunto, dated the 30th July past.

Ordered. That the case of the said Robert Orchard be recommended to the Judges of the severall Courts, that speedy right and Justice be done him therein.

Att a Councill held in Boston on Tuesday the 27th day of December 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Peter Bulkley	Edw: Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	Waite Winthrop	Fran: Nicholson
Rob ^t Mason	John Usher	Esq ^{rs}

An Act declareing the severall Lawes made by the Governour and Councill to be in force in Connecticott and for settling Courts there being read and Ingrossed.

Ordered. That the Superiour Courts in Essex and Midd^x be reduced to two Circuites in the yeare and so inserted in the said Act.

Att a Councill held in Boston on Thursday the 29th day of Dec^r 1687.

Present: His Excellencye Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c^a

Joseph Dudley	Peter Bulkley	Edw: Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	John Usher	W ^m Bradford
Rob ^t Mason	Barth: Gidney	Fran: Nicholson Esq ^{rs}

An Act declareing the severall Lawes made in force in Connecticott and for settling Courts together with a Clause for lessening the often holding of the Superiour Court in the Countyes of Middlesex and

Essex,¹ being read and the said clause approved and added to the said Act the same was passed.

The above written are true Coppins—Examined

P^r John West D. Secy :

I Robert Lemon Chief Clerk in Her Majesty's State Paper Office, London, do hereby Declare that this Transcript of the Minutes of the Council of Massachusetts Bay in New England from the 20th of December 1686 to the 29th of December 1687 inclusive, is a true Copy from the Originals preserved in the State Paper Office.

Witness my hand this 16th day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Six.

Robt Lemon.

I hereby Certify that Mr Robert Lemon made the above Declaration and signed the same in my presence this 16th day of September 1846.

J. McHenry Boyd,

Chargé d'affaires ad interim
of the United States, London

¹ In the printed *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, vol. III., p. 402 *et seq.*, is found an account of the laws enacted by Governor Andros and his Council, and transmitted to Connecticut as part of the Dominion of New England. On the 29th of December, 1687, and in March, May, June and August of the next year, the following Acts were verified by John West, Deputy Secretary: "1. An Act for the continuing and establishing of severall Rates, Duties and Imposts; 2. An Act establishing Courts of Judicature and Publique Justice; 3. An Act impowering Justices of the Peace to decide differences not exceeding Forty shillings; 4. An Act against Pirates, and for prevention of Piracy; 5. An Act settling the value of Pieces of Eight; 6. An Act for regulating the Assize of Cask, and preventing deceit in Packing of Fish, Beef and Pork for sale; 7. An Act for the regulation of Cattle, Corn Fields and Fences; 8. An Act for the due regulation of Weights and Measures; 9. An Act for destroying of Wolves; 10. An Act for regulating the purchase of Lands from Indians; 11. An Act for Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration; 12. An Act for regulating the Fishing trade and Fishermen; and one other act intituled, 13. An Act for making of Barrells, Kilderkins, and other Vessells used for Ale or Beer and Syder, and for regulating the Assize of Boards."

Almost all of the above Acts, engrossed on parchment, signed by Governor Andros, some bearing the signature of Edward Randolph, Secretary, the others that of John West, Deputy Secretary, are at the State House in Boston.

On the same day, the 29th of December, 1687, the details in regard to holding Courts in Connecticut, mentioned in the last entry of the *Council Records of Massachusetts*, vol. II., given above, were arranged, and the number of Courts to be held in Middlesex and Essex was diminished. A Court of Sessions was ordered to be held at Hartford on the first Wednesdays of March, June, September and December; at New London on the second Wednesdays; at New Haven on the third Wednesdays, and at Fairfield on the fourth Wednesdays. An Inferior Court of Pleas was established for the same towns and counties, and also a Superior Court of Judicature to be held twice a year. The jurisdiction of the several Inferior Courts of Pleas, in the Dominion of New England, was extended to all cases "personal and mixed wherein title of land is not concerned, to any sum or value whatever." Right of appeal maintained. The Superior Courts to be held in Middlesex and Essex twice a year. In the County of Middlesex on the first Tuesdays of May and November; in the County of Essex on the first Wednesdays of March and September. At Portsmouth on the following Mondays after the Essex Courts.

Probably the "Act concerning Peddlers," which prohibited them from going from town to town, found in *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, vol. III., pp. 435, 436, was passed in the latter part of 1687 or in the beginning of 1688.

The Council Meetings which follow are taken principally from the unpublished Massachusetts Archives, as they have not been found at the State Paper Office in London, while the printed Colonial Records of Connecticut mention some not found elsewhere. It is more than probable that the records of other meetings have been lost.

Att a Councill &c. 4th Jan. 1687[8]¹

Att a Councill held in Boston on fryday the third day of february 1687[8].²

Present: His Exc^ye Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Edw ^d Randolph
Will Stoughton	Barth: Gidney	Fran: Nicholson
Rob ^t Mason	John Hincks	Sam ^l Shrimpton
Tho ^s Hinckley	Nath ^l Clarke	Will Browne Esq ^{rs}

Upon reading this day in Councill the peticon of Edward Randolph therein praying his Majestyes grant of a certaine part of vacant Land lyeing nigh the Towne of Lynn in the County of Essex comonly called Nahant neck & conteyning about five hundred Acres.

Ordered³ that the constables of said Towne or either of them on receipt hereof doe give publique notice in the said Towne of Lynn that if any person or persons have any Clayme or Pretence to the said Land they appeare before his Exc^ye the Govern^r in Councill on Wednesday the seventh of march next then and there to shew forth the same and why the said Land may not be granted to the Peticoner as desired and that they faile not therein and to make due returne.

By order in Councill &c.

John West D. Sec^y.

Att a Councill held at the Councill Chamber in Boston y^e 3^d day of february 1687[8].⁴

Present: His Exc^ye Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t etc.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Edw ^d Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	Barth: Gidney	fran: Nicholson
Rob ^t Mason	John Hincks	Sam ^l Shrimpton
Tho: Hinckley	Nath: Clarke	W ^m Browne Esq ^{rs}

Forasmuch as the severall Orders formerly made for taking an account

¹ See *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, vol. III., p. 401. The late Treasurer of Connecticut was ordered to collect the taxes due, and pay the Colony debts properly certified. Executions upon former judgments were ordered to be issued, while pending causes were to be tried in the new Courts of the Dominion.

² Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 173. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, Prince Society, vol. IV., p. 201.

³ Endorsed on the order is the following: "Received this order from the hands of Jeremiah Belcher the 2^d day of this instant March 1688 and attending thereunto have given publique notice of the matter ordered therein this 5th day of March &c. by me John Edmands Constable in Lynn"—See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVII., p. 173.

⁴ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVIII., p. 36. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, Prince Society, Vol. IV., p. 206.

of the publique Records of the late Massathussets Collony have not bene attended that the same might be putt into the Secryes Custody and all persons have recourse to them as Occasion *Ordered* that M^r Isaac Addington and M^r John Herbert Coward be and are hereby desired and authorized in the presence of M^r Edward Randolph Secry and M^r Edward Rawson the late Secry or some one in his behalfe to take an account in writeing of all the said Records and that they beginn the same on Tuesday next and continue day by day about the same till compleated and that then all the said Records be delivered into the hands and Custody of the said Secry and the account thereof by them taken forthwith returned to this board under their hands.

By order in Councill etc.

John West D. Secry.

Boston Council Chamber, on Wednesday, the 15th of February, in the 4th year of his Majesty's reign Annoque Domini, 1687[8].¹

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the nyne and Twentyeth of february 1687[8].²

Present: His Excellency Sr Edm^d Andros Knt^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Francis Nicholson
John Winthrop	John Greene	Samuell Shrimpton
Waite Winthrop	Edward Randolph	Esq ^{rs}

Upon Reading this day in Councill the Peticon of Edward Randolph Esq^{re} praying his Majesties Grant of a Certaine Tract of vacant and unappropriated Land Containing about Seaven Hundred Acres Lyeing betweene Spy Pond and Saunders Brooke neere Watertowne in the County of Middx.

Ordered, That the Sheriffe of the said County Doe forthwith after Receipt hereof give Publique Notice both in Cambridge and Watertowne That if any person or p^{rs}ons have any Clayme or p^{nt}ence to the said Land they appeare before his Excellency the Governour in Councill On Wednesday the Seaventh of March next then and there to shew forth the same and why the said Land may not be granted to the Peticon^r as Desired of w^{ch} he is not to faile; and to make due Returne.

By Ordn^t in Councill &c.

John West D. Secy

¹ See *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, vol. III., pp. 433, 434, 435. "An Act for additional Duties of Imports and Excise, for the better collecting and securing his Majesty's Revenue." The duties and excise on Wines, Brandy, etc. were increased. The names of the ports where goods should be loaded were also given: Verified by "John West, Dept. Secretary." The original Act, on parchment, is at the State House in Boston.

² Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVIII., p. 56. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, vol. IV., p. 207.

³ "by virtue of this Order Notice is given to y^e p^{rs}ons concerned 5 March 87-8 pr Sam^l Gookin Sh^{ff}." *Massachusetts Archives ibid.*

"March 4 1687-8. memd: This warrant was sent up from Boston to Camb. on y^e sabbath Day morning by a boate, w^{ch} was an unusual thing in y^t place to see y^e sabbath day so prophaned & a warrant posted up on y^e meeting house to give notice" See *Massachusetts Archives ibid.*, p. 68.

M^d In Councill Feb. 29th 1687 [8]¹

An Act for regulateing y^e Choice of Selectmen

Peticōn of Sam ^{ll} [Niles?]	} For land at Branetry
W ^m Veasey	
Jn ^o Cleverley	

Peticōn of W^m Burrows to have his bond up.

Peticōn of Nath^{ll} Page for Land in Dorchester

Peticōn of Sa^{ll} Walker & al for Land att Saco.

Mr Hinks Patent for Land.

Att a Councill held att y^e Councill Chamber in Boston on Tuesday y^e 6th day of March 1687 [8].²

p^rsent His Excelle^y Sr Edm^d Andros Knt &c.

Joseph Dudley	Jn ^o Usher	Edw ^d Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	Jn ^o Lathrop	fran. Nicholson
Jn ^o Winthrop	Nath ^{ll} Clarke	Esq ^{rs}
Waite Winthrop	Rich ^d Arnold	

Upon Reading this day in Councill y^e Reporte made by Edw^d Randolph Secry, Edw^d Rawson, Isaack Addington & Jn^o Herbert Coward together with y^e account by them taken of y^e publique Records of y^e late Massachusetts Collony pursuant to an Ord^r of this Board bearing Date y^e 3rd of february past.

Ordered that y^e Records be forthwith taken into y^e Custody & Charge of y^e Secry & kept with y^e other Records of this Dominion in the Secrys office where all p^rsons may have recourse to them as occasion [may require?] & that y^e key hitherto Kept by Mr Rawson of y^e place where y^e Records are be forthwith delivered to y^e Secry.

By order in Councill.

At a Councill held att y^e Councill Chamber in Boston on Thursday y^e 6th day of March 1687 [8].³

p^rsent: His Excelle^y Sr Edm^d Andros Knt &c.

Joseph Dudley	Jn ^o Usher	Edw ^d Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	Barn: Lathrop	fran. Nicholson
Jn ^o Winthrop	Nath ^{ll} Clarke	Esq ^{rs}
Waite Winthrop	Rich ^d Arnold	

The Peticōn of Mr Edward Rawson being this day read praying to be Considered for his trouble & time spent & Employed in sorteing & takeing an account of y^e publique Records of y^e late Massachusetts Colony.

Ordered that the Sum^e of ten pounds be payd him by y^e threasurer out of his Mat^{ies} threasury as a Gratuity for y^e said service.

Mr Isaac Addington & Mr Jn^o Herbert Coward praying this board to be allowed y^e Sum^e of £3: 9s: 9d. for their trouble Attendance & Ex-

¹ This draft is found in *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVIII., p. 68.

² Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVI., p. 238. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, Prince Society, vol. IV., p. 210.

³ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVIII., p. 82. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, Prince Society, vol. IV., p. 208.

pences in sorteing & takeing an Account of ye Publique Records of ye Late Massathussetts Collony p'suant to an Ord^r of this board as by their acct p'sented. Ordered that ye said Sūme be allowed them & payd by ye treasurer out of his Maties treasury accordingly.

Upon heareing ye Petiçon of Edw^d Randolph Esq^r praying an Ord^r for ye Sūme of £47: 10: 9 being for his trouble Charges & Expences in travelling from Boston to Bristoll & there Removing & Secureing ye halfe parte of ye Silver & plate Imported in ye Brigantine Supply W^m Burrowes Mar from ye Wrecke for his Maties use & bringing ye same by Land to Boston afforsd as by his acct thereof likewise p'sented wch this board takeing into Consideraçon doe allow ye same & Order that ye sd sūme of £47: 10: 9 be forthwith payed him out of his Maties mony received for his Maties use as aforesd.

Upon heareing ye Petiçon of Edw^d Randolph Esq^r praying an Allowance of ye Sūme of 10^{li} ye value of his horse lost on a Journey to Hartford in July 1686 & eight pounds more for his Expences being for his Maties service wch this board takeing into Consideraçon doe Order that ye Sūme of 15^{li} be payed unto him by ye treasurer of his Maties thrasury for his horse and Expences on sd Journy.

Council Chamber in Boston, on Saturday the 17th day of March 1687 [8], in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James the second.¹

Council Chamber in Boston, 24th of March, in the 4th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James the second, Annoque Domini 1687 [8].²

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday ye 30th May 1688.³

¹ See *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, vol. III., pp. 427, 428, 429. At this meeting was passed "An Act for regulating the Choice of Select men, Constables and other Officers in the respective Towns within this Dominion." Only one town meeting a year was to be permitted. "That from henceforth it shall not be lawful for the inhabitants of any town within this Dominion to meet or convene themselves together at a town meeting, upon any pretence or colour whatsoever, but at the times before mentioned and appointed for the choice of town officers as aforesaid." Any one refusing to accept the office of Constable was made liable to pay a fine of five pounds. A Commissioner to levy taxes, by warrant from the Treasurer, was to be selected by the inhabitants of each town. This Act was verified on 17 March 1687 [8] by "John West D. Secretary."

² See *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, vol. III., pp. 429, 430, 431, 432, 433. "An Act for settling the Militia." All above sixteen years of age were to serve, except certain enumerated persons including members of the Council, justices of the Peace, Court officers, ministers, president, officers and students of Harvard College, schoolmasters, physicians, etc. The Act was verified by "John West, Dep. Sec." The original Act, on parchment, is at the State House in Boston. There were probably other meetings between the 24th of March and the 30th of May.

³ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVIII., p. 222. The same is found in *ibid.*, p. 231. In this record are added the words "John West. D. Secry."

p^rsent: His Excell^y Sr^t Edm^d Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	Jn ^o Usher	Edw ^d Randolph
W ^m Stoughton	Bartholomew Gidney	Francis Nicholson
Waite Winthrop	Walter Newberry	W ^m Browne Esq ^r s

Upon heareing the Peticon of Nicholas Inglesby Commander of ye Barke Rose of Boston lately returned from the Wrecke Setting forth that he hath p^rformed ye Condicon of his bond given & fully satisfied & payd his Maties dues & therefore prayed his s^d bond may be delivered up unto him Its Referred to Mr^r threasurer with any two or more of ye Councill in towne to Examine the s^d allegacons & make Reporte thereon accordingly.

By order in Councill &c.

Att a Councill held at ye Councill Chamber in Boston on Wednesday ye 30th day of May 1688.¹

p^rsent: His Excell^y Sr^t Edmund Andros Kn^t &c.

fforasmuch as by severall writeings und^r ye hands of Lieut Coll. Jn^o Pincheon one of his Maties Councill and Capt James fitch, Justice of ye Peace Now produced before this Board It appeares that some Indians were Inquireing after & Searching for an Indian Called Will who its said abt^t the beginning of this month Murthered an Indian Woeman att Albany & that he is now taken neere New Roxbury Its Ordered that the s^d Indian Will be forthwith Conveyed to Hartford & there Examined before some, one or more, of his Maties Justices of ye peace & if he shall appeare guilty of ye s^d Offence to be secured in ye County Goale till further Ord^r

By Ord^r in Councill &c.

Att a Councill att the Councill Chamber on Thursday the 25th June 1688.²

Present: His Excell^y Sr^t Edmond Andros Kn^t &c.

Upon hearing the Petition of Jonathan Tyng Esq^re of the Councill, setting forth that there is a Certaine Tract of vacant and unappropriated Land Lyeing att Weymesitt on the East side of Concord River Containeing two hundred and Twelve Acres and an other Tract on the West side of the said River Containeing Seventy acres both Lately Improved by the Indians who he hath satisfied to Leave the same Praying his Maties Grant for the said Land under such quitt-rent as his Excell^y shall think

¹ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXVIII., p. 227.

² Taken from *Massachusetts Archives* vol. CXXIX., p. 22. Under the above, on the same pages is found the following: "In observance of ye abovesaid order we whose names are under written do testify, that the above said land hath bin (to our knowledg) improved by the indians by planting upon it, above 34 years last past, and that we know not that any English ever had, or challenged any interest in said lands, & further we testify, that the indians whom ye said Jonathan Ting Esq^re hath satisfied for said land are to our knowledg ye reputed owners of said land, and their fathers before them.

Witness our hands. July 3^d 1688.

The Hinchman
Jonathan Danforth, sen^r.

fit. Itt is Referred to Majr Thomas Hinchman & Capt^y Jonathan Danforth to Examine & make Report thereupon without Delay.

By order in Council &c.

John West D. Secry

Att a Councill held att y^e Councill Chamber in Boston on thursday y^e 28th day of June 1688.¹

Present: His Excell^y Sr Edmond Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	Jn ^o Usher	Francis Nicholson
W ^m Stoughton	Nath ^l Clarke	Rich ^d Smith
Waite Winthrop	Edward Randolph	Sam ^l Shrimpton Esq ^{rs}

Upon reading this day in Councill y^e Peticon of Philip Severett & his Maties ord^r in Councill bearing date y^e 27th of January past upon a Reporte made by y^e Right Honoble y^e Lords of y^e Comittee for trade & foreigne plantacons on y^e Peticon of s^d Philip Severett Mar & owner of y^e ship Johanna lately seized in New England Directing that y^e s^d ship be delivered to y^e Peticoner upon his giving security to abide by such orders as shall be made by his Matie or his Courts of Justice in New England relating to y^e s^d ship praying that some able p^{rs}ons be speedily appointed to appraise y^e s^d ship in ord^r to his giving security & being delivered accordingly *Ordered* that some able persons be forthwith appointed & authorized by his Excell^{ys} Warrant to value & appraise y^e s^d ship upon oath & on Returne thereof made & security given as afores^d the s^d ship be delivered to y^e s^d Philip Severett p^{rs}uant to his Maties s^d ord^s

By ord^r in Councill &c.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in Boston on Thursday the 28th of June 1688.²

Present: His Excell^y Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t etc.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Francis Nicholson
W ^m Stoughton	Nathan ^l Clarke	Richard Smith
Waite Winthrop	Edward Randolph	Sam ^l Shrimpton Esq ^{rs}

Upon further heareing of the Petition of Edward Randolph, Esqr praying his Majesties grant for a Certaine parcell or Tract of Vacant and unappropriated Land Containeing about seaven hundred Acres Lyeing betweene Spye Pond and Saunders Brooke neare Water towne in the County of Middlesex as alsoe a Certaine Writeing p^{rs}ented by Samuell Andrewes & others of Cambridge Termed the Reply of the proprietors of the Lands Lyeing betweene Saunders Brooke and Spye Pond to an Answer made to their Address But they declareing they had no Authority to speake in behalfe of others but onely for them selves and by Reason of the Generall Discription of the Land Petitioned for not knowing

¹ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., pp. 1. The order of the Privy Council dated 27 January 1687[8]. Signed W^m Bridgeman is found *ibid.*, p. 4.

² Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., pp. 2, 3. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, Prince Society, vol. IV., p. 229.

whether the Lands Claymed by them be within the quantity desired or not, It is ordered that a Survey and Draft be forthwith made of the said Land and Returned in to the Secretaryes Office accordingly.

By order in Council

John West. D. Secry.

[The oath of the Provost Marshall is given in full.]¹

. . . . The above Oath was approved in Council ye 6th July 1688 & Administred to Sr W^m Phipps Provost Marshall Generall of this Dominion Appointed by his Maties Letters Patents.

Att a Councill held att ye Councill Chamber in Boston on Thursday ye 12th day of July 1688.²

Present: His Excelley Sr Edm^d Andros Kn^t &c.

Joseph Dudley	Jn ^o Usher	Sam ^{ll} Shrimpton	
William Stoughton	Barth. Gidney	Rich ^d Smith	
Robt Mason	Edw ^d Randolph		Esq ^{rs}
Waite Winthrop	francis Nicholson		

Upon Reading this day in Councill ye Peti^on of George Turfrey praying his Maties Grant of Six or Eight hundred acres of unimproved Land upon ye West side of Saco River att a place there called Salisbury Brooke with a p^ocell of f^oresh Marsh & ye Desarts to w^{ch} one M^{rs} Phillips claymes a right. It is Referred to M^r Attourney Generall to Examine w^t right or title ye sd^d M^{rs} Phillips hath or claymes to ye same & forthwith to make Reporte thereupon.

By order in Council &c.

By his Excellency.³

A Proclamation for the Continueing all Officers in their Respective places.

Whereas his Majtie hath bene graciously pleased by his Letters Patents to Annex his province of New York and East & West Jerseys to his Territory & Dominion of New England and to Constitute and appoint me Captⁿ Gen^{ll} and Governour in Cheife of the same . . . the seventeenth day of Aprill last past I have therefore thought fitt and Doe hereby wth the advice of the Councill Continue & Confirm all Officers both Civill & Military till further Order Given att Boston the 19th Day of July in the 4th Yeare of his Majties Reigne Annoq Dom. 1688.

By his Excellys Comand

E. Andros

J. W. D. S.

God Save the King.

Oath of Deputy Secretary and Register.⁴

. . . . John West tooke ye above Oath in Councill ye 20th July 1688, upon ye Desire of ye sd^d Edw^d Randolph.

Ed Randolph Secry

¹ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., p. 30.

² Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., p. 47.

³ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., p. 72.

⁴ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., p. 90. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, Prince Society, vol. IV., p. 231.

Att a Councill held att New Yorke on Wednesday ye 29th day of Augt 1688.¹

p^rsent his Excellcy Sr Edmund Andros Knt &c.

Joseph Dudley	Jarvis Baxter	Jn ^o Young
Robt Mason	Steph: Courtland	Nich ^o Bayard
Anthon Brockholes	Jn ^o Usher	Richd Smith
Walter Clarke	Edwd Randolph	Jn ^o Allen
Jn ^o Winthrop	Jn ^o Walley	Esq ^{rs}
ffred: Phillips	Walter Newbery	

Whereas ye Execucōn of An act made ye 7th day of May last past by his Excellcy thomas Dongan late Capt^r Generall & Governour in Cheife of hs Maties Province of New Yorke in America Intituled an act for Raising ye Sume of £2555: 6s by or before ye first day of November in ye yeare of our Lord 1688 hath been & is by Ord^r of his Excellcy in Councill dated ye 30th day of July last past for ye Reason therein menconed Suspended till further Ord^r which being taken into Consideracon It is Ordered that ye sd^d Act be fully & Duly Executed according to ye tenor & true Intent & meaneing thereof & ye mony therein menconed duely Levved Raised Collected & payd as therein is directed of wch all Justices of the peace & other Officers & persons Concerned are to take notice & Conforme themselves accordingly.

By order in Councill.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 27th day of March 1689.²

¹ Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., p. 162. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, Prince Society, vol. IV., pp. 233, 234. In *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, Vol. III., p. 447, are added "John West. D. Secy" and also "George Brewerton declareth upon oath y^e he being then Clerk of y^e Secretaryes Office at New York did write y^e foregoing order of y^e Governor & Council wch was signed by John Witt, Deputy Secy Jacob Milborne Cl. Council."

The Act, engrossed in parchment, signed by Governor Thomas Dongan and the Council of New York, is at the State House in Boston.

Probably at this meeting or at a subsequent one in New York, the record of which has not been found, was passed "An Act requiring all Masters of Ships or Vessels to give security." See *Andros Tracts*, Prince Society, vol. I., p. 141. The Act is called also "An Act against Emigration." See *ibid.*, vol. III., p. 92. It was asserted that the Council at Boston opposed the passing this Act of restraint, but that it was finally passed in New York.

The cost of annexing "New Yorke and y^e Jersies" to the Dominion of New England was £180. 1. 5. and of annexing Connecticut £489. 11. 6. See *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CI. pp. 5, 12. See *ibid.*, p. 16, for "sundry disburse^{ms} for Gov^r & Council to Pemaquid £33. 0. 7." From this last entry it is probable there was a Council meeting at Pemaquid, Maine, during the latter part of 1688, when hostilities against the Indians were being carried on.

² Taken from *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., p. 354. Printed in *Edward Randolph*, Prince Society, vol. IV., p. 263.

There is an allusion to a Council meeting on April 11th but no record of the meeting has been found. In *Massachusetts Archives*, vol. CXXIX., pp. 373, 374, there is an indorsement upon Governor Andros' order of the 13th of April, 1689, for an examination of the claims to land in Maine petitioned for by Joshua Downing of

Present: His Excellency Sr Edmund Andros Knt &c.

Joseph Dudley	John Usher	Nathaniel Clarke
W ^m Stoughton	Edward Randolph	Sam ^l Shrimpton
Wait Winthrop	John Palmer	

Ordered That the Treasurer do satisfy his Excell^y for his Salary out of his Maties Revenue till X^tmas last past.

A true Copy as appeares in the Minutes of Council ¹

Exam^d p^r Isa^a Addington Sec^y.

Kittery, as follows, "Memorand. in Councell 11th April 1689." This is the only evidence, as yet found, of a meeting being held on that day.

There is also indorsed on the same order, "Petitions of y^e men of Braintry for grants of Land there."

The administration of Sir Edmund Andros was overthrown, as is well known, on the 18th of April by a sudden rising of the people.

¹ *Erratum.* In the Andros Records printed in the Proceedings for October 1899, p. 242, l. 37, the word "plans" should read "places."

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