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1775 Dec 29

December 29, 1775 the Selectmen of the Town of Concord met and appointed a Town meeting to be held in the Town house in said Town on Monday next at two o'clock in the afternoon to Consider and act on the following article viz -

Articles for
Consideration

Resolved Wood
be conveyed to
Camp at Cambridge

Jan 1

In as much as it is ~~ordered that~~ Resolved that a Certain Quantity of wood be conveyed from this Town to the Camp at Cambridge Therefore To see what method the Town will take to Procure said Wood and act on said affair as the Town shall think proper -

and the Selectmen ordered the warrants to be drawn for the calling said meeting

Town Meeting

1776 Jan 1

at a General Town meeting of the notable Inhabitants of the Town of Concord legally assembled on the first day of January 1776 in the Town house in said Town -

John Cuming
Moderator

John Cuming Esq^r was Chosen Moderator

Army encamped
near Cambridge
in need of wood

Price given by
General being 3 cord

3 Cord per day

The Town taking the Great necessity of the army now being encamped at and near Cambridge stands in need of at this Season of the year ^{of having wood} and Considering that the price given by the General of the Army being small for us in this Town to convey any Quantity to said Camp, therefore the Town to encourage the Inhabitants of said Town of Concord to fulfill what was laid by the General Court on us (that was three Cord Per Day) the Town voted to give Over and above what was the Price

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<p>24 Shillings a Cord</p> <p>Each man Produce a Certificate for wood del at Cambridge be Loged with Town Clerk</p> <p>Col James Barrett give information of the Town's Resolves -</p>		<p>Given by the General (which was twenty four shilling) twelve shillings ^{Per Cord of four} one month and that each man who Carried wood Should Produce a Certificate for the wood he delivered at Cambridge and to be Loged with the Town Clerk. (Ephraim Wood Jun) Every Saturday and also voted that Col: James Barrett Give Information of this the Town of Concord's Resolve that said Certificates may be Procured —</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned</p>	Jan. 29	<p>And the Town meeting was ajourned to the twenty ninth day of January at one o'clock afternoon —</p>	
<p>Town Meeting upon adjournment</p>	1776 Jan 29	<p>At a General Town Meeting of the Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Concord upon an ajournment on the twenty ninth of January 1776 on Monday at two o'clock p.m.</p>	
<p>John Cuming Moderator</p>		<p>John Cuming Esq: Being Moderator</p>	
<p>Town further lengthens Time for Carrying wood</p> <p>General Washington</p>		<p>Voted that Considering the necessity of wood in the army The Town further lengthens out the Time for the Inhabitents of said Town for Carring wood as above viz at two Dollars Per Cord more then Given by General Washington for what said Inhabitents will carry within the space of one fortnight and the Certificate be Produced and Loged as above mentioned</p>	
		<p>and the meeting was dismissed</p>	

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1776		Selectmen as Assessors	Vol. 4 Page 434 annexed												
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Assessment to Pay Bounty for Wood taken to Cambridge		<p>Concord February ye 26 1776 The selectmen of said Town met and agreeable to the vote of the Town at their meeting on the first day of January last where in they granted two Dollars per Cord of wood over and above what the General Washington gave to any Person within this Town who should deliver the same at Cambridge in six weeks from the date of said meeting ^{for the use of the army} did assess the Inhabitents for the sum of one Hundred & twenty six pounds ten Shillings & four pence. and made out three Lists for said sum as follows</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>To Nehemiah Davis Constable</td> <td>---</td> <td>£ 47. 10. 8. 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To Asa Brooks</td> <td>---</td> <td>36. 8. 11. 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To Cap^t Tho^s Barrett</td> <td>---</td> <td>45. 10. 7. 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">126. 10. 4. 0</td> </tr> </table> <p>Which Lists was delivered to the said Constables to Collect & pay in the same unto M^r Abijah Bond Town Treasurer agreeable to the Warrant there with annexed - and for which sume the said M^r Abijah Bond is debitor to the Town -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The above annexed to Page 434</p>	To Nehemiah Davis Constable	---	£ 47. 10. 8. 3	To Asa Brooks	---	36. 8. 11. 3	To Cap ^t Tho ^s Barrett	---	45. 10. 7. 2			126. 10. 4. 0	
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		Constable Thomas Barrett Jun ^r for his Province Rate being too big - - - - 0x9.10.2 Constable Asa Brooks de ^d for his Province Rate being too big - - - - 1x9.1- added to M ^r Brooks Rates after Commitment than Broun Pole - - - 0.12.0 added to M ^r Nehemiah Davis Rate after Commitment by adding to Simon Blood Rate - - - - 0.19.9	
John Buttrick well sweep & crotch & pole	1776 Jan. 29	1776 January 29 th Then Paid Maj ^r John Buttrick by an order to M ^r Bond Town Treasurer for a well Sweep and Crotch & pole 10/ and for a Load of wood for the alma House 4/ and money paid when having said crotch & sweep	0.15.2.2
Abial Buttrick Carting Load of Hay to Cambridge	1776 Jan. 29	1776 January ye. 29 th then Paid Abial Buttrick by an order to M ^r Bond Town Treasurer for his Carting a Load of hay from Concord to Cambridge 17 miles ½ Seventeen & Six pence	0.17.6
John Flint Keeping & clothing Lucy Flint	1776 Jan. 12	1776 January ye. 12 th Then Paid M ^r John Flint by an order to M ^r Bond Town Treas ^r for keeping & clothing Lucy Flint from Feb: 2.3: To October 19 th 1775 as per his acc ^t three Pound Seven	3.7.0
Capt Andrew Conant Rice for son ^s VPiper	1776 Feb. 18	1776 Feb: 18 th Then paid Cap Andrew Conant by an order to M ^r Bond Town Treas ^r for two Buschels of Rice for Jon ^s piper ten Shil & Eight pence	0.10.8

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Mr Nathaniel Barrett Conveying hay to Cambridge	1776 Feb 21	1776 Feb 21 st Then Paid Mr Nathaniel Barrett by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for Conveying hay to Cambridge had of Mr. Swan at Wolburn two Tuns one Pound eight Shillings eight pence } 1..1..8	
wid Mary Harris Suspect her mother	1776 Feb 23	1776 Feb. 23 then Paid the wid ^o Mary Harris by an order to Mr Bond Town Treasurer for Supporting her mother from Feb. 21 1775 to Feb. 21. 1776 one year at 2/8 per week with an ax being 9/ 6 pounds nine Shillings & eight pence } 6..9..8	
Sam ^l Buttrick his daughters Keeping school	1776 Feb. 23	1776 Feb. 23 ^d . Then paid Mr Sam ^l Buttrick Jr ^r by an order to Mr Bond Town Treas ^r for his dau ^r Keeping School in Buttrick Society being in full of their money for ^{the year} 1775 one pound twelve Shillings - - - } 1..12..0	
Sam ^l Clerk Keeping school	1776 Mar. 16	1776 March 16 then paid Mr Samuel Clerk by an order to Mr Abijah Bond for his wives Keeping School on Bloods Farms for the year 1775 thirty Shillings - } 1..10..0	
Jesse Hooper Timber he found for Bridges & ways	1776 Mar. 16	1776 March 16 then paid Mr Jesse Hooper by an order to Mr Bond Town Treasurer for Timber he found for the Bridge and way near Charlize Clevel Shilling & six pence } 0..11..6	
Ephraim Melven School money	1776 Mar. 18	1776 March 18 then paid Mr Ephraim Melven by an order to Mr Bond Town Treas ^r twenty four Shillings for the Remainder of the School money for that Society for last year - - - } 1..4..0	

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		1776 March 21 st Then Paid by a general order to M ^r Bond Town Treasurer the person hereafter named the sums sett against their names for their service as minute men by order of the Town	
		£ s d	£ s d
		• Cap ^t Charles Miles --- 1.17.0	• Peter Wheeler --- 0.9.0
		• Lt. Jon ^a Farrar --- 1.9.8	• Ebenezer Stow --- 1.10.0
		• Lt Francis Wheeler --- 0.17.4	• Joseph Dudley --- 0.10.0
		• Sarg ^t David Hartwell 1.0.6	• Oliver Buttrick --- 0.10.0
		• Sarg ^t Amos Hosmer 1.0.6	7.10.10
		• Corp ^t Simeon Keyward 0.18.8	• Amos Wright --- 0.11.0
		• Corp ^t Natham Peirce 0.19.8	• Sam ^l Cray --- 0.10.0
		• Simeon Burridge --- 0.5.0	• Jotham Wheeler --- 0.10.0
		• Joseph Stratton --- 0.13.0	• Edward Flint Jr --- 0.11.0
		• Stephen Stearns --- 0.12.8	• Eze ^l Hagar --- 0.11.0
		• W ^m Brown --- 0.3.0	• John Brown Jr --- 0.10.0
		• Benj ^t Hosmer --- 0.15.0	• Charles Flint --- 0.11.0
		• Oliver Wheeler --- 0.13.4	• Phin ^t Allen --- 0.11.0
		• Jesse Hosmer --- 0.12.4	• W ^m Mercer --- 0.9.0
		• John Connal --- 0.13.0	• Edward Flint --- 0.11.0
		• Amos Melven --- 0.14.0	• Willard Buttrick --- 0.10.0
		• Sam ^l Melven --- 0.14.0	• John Minott Jr ^t --- 0.11.0
		• Natham Dudley --- 0.15.0	• David Hubbard --- 0.11.0
		• Oliver Parlin --- 0.9.4	• Sam ^l Buttrick --- 0.11.0
		• Oliver Harris --- 0.2.0	7.8.0
15.4.0		• Cap ^t David Brown --- 1.7.0	9.10.10
Total so far		• Lt David Wheeler --- 1.2.0	Total of this 16.18.10
		• Sarg ^t Amos Wood --- 0.13.6	General order £ 32.2.10
		• Sarg ^t Emerson Cogswell 0.15.0	15.4.0
		• Corp ^t Reuben Hunt --- 0.10.8	32.2.10
		• Corp ^t Stephen Jones --- 0.12.0	
		• Corp ^t Stephen Barrett 0.12.0	
		• Corp ^t Amos Barrett --- 0.10.8	
		• John White --- 0.11.0	
		• John Buttrick Jun ^r --- 0.11.0	
		• Humphrey Barrett Jr 0.11.0	

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Meeting of Selectmen	1776 Feb. 23	Concord February 23 1776 The Selectmen of Said Town meet and appointed a Town meeting to be held at the Town house in Said Town of Concord upon Monday the fourth day of March next at one o'clock on said day to Consider and act on the following articles viz -	
Articles for Consideration	Mar. 4		
Sum to be Raised to pay Bounty for carrying wood for Continental Army		1 st To see what sum of money the Town will Raise to pay the Bounty given by this Town for Carting wood to Cambridge for the use of the Continental army	
Chose Town officers		2 ^{ly} To Chuse the necessary Town officers for the ensuing year	
Maintain Highways & Bridges		3 ^{ly} To see what sum ^{of money} the Town will Grant to maintain their Highways & Bridges the year ensuing, and that sum the Town grants to be on the same footing as in years Past in this Town	
Chose a Comtee of Correspondence - Resolve of General Court		4 ^{ly} To Chuse a Committee of Corripondance & agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court	
Comtee to settle acct. with Town Treasurer.		5 ^{ly} to Chuse a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer	
What method be taken to pay the Remainder of the minute men		6 ^{ly} To see what method the Town will take to pay the minute Remainder of the minute men, & give directions thereon	
Swine go at Large		7 ^{ly} To see if the Swine may go at Large the present year And the Selectmen gave order the	

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Town Meeting		warrants should be drawn and committed to the constables that the meeting might be warn'd accordingly	
John Comming Moderator	1776 Mar. 4	<p>at a General Town Meeting of the Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Concord Legally warned as appears by the Returns on the warrants for said Meeting began & held at the Town house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of March 1776</p> <p>John Comming Esq^r was Chosen unanimously Moderator of said Meeting</p>	
The Militia of this Regiment this day called upon by Gen ^l American Army to adjourn to some future day	Mar. 18	<p>The Militia this day ^{of this Regiment being} call'd upon by the General of the American Army to assist them and the people being chiefly gone therefore it was thought advisable not to proceed to business but to adjourn to some future day according the meeting was adjourned to Monday the eighteenth of the March Current at one of the o'clock in the after noon —</p>	
Town Meeting upon adjournment	1776 Mar 18	<p>at a General Town Meeting of the Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Concord upon an adjournment at the Town house in said Town upon Monday the eighteenth day of March 1776</p> <p>John Comming Esq^r being Moderator of said Meeting</p> <p>on the first article voted —</p>	
John Comming Moderator			

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Opposition for Bounties for wood - wood carried by John Brook of Lincoln		on the first article voted to Raise one Hundred and Eight pound Deducting the wood out which John Brook of Lincoln Carries which was nine feet $\frac{1}{4}$ -	
Town Clerk		The Town officers as follows - Town Clerk. Ephraim Wood Jun ^r	
Selectmen		Selectmen Ephraim Wood Jun ^r . Mr. Nehemiah Hunt & Nathaw Meriam - Said Selectmen was also appointed Assessors	
Constables		Constables Mes ^{rs} Jonas Bateman, Elisha Jones, and Amos Wood -	
Wardens		Wardens Mes ^{rs} John White, George Minott, and William Parkman	
Sealers of Weights & Measures		Sealers of Weights & Measures Mr. Ebenezer Hubbard	
Town Treasurer		Town Treasurer Mr. Abijah Bond -	
Surveyors of Highways		Surveyors of Highways Mr. Sam ^l . Brooks, Cap ^t . Jonas Heywood, Maj ^r . Nathaw Barrett, Mr. Stephen Hosmer Jun ^r , Mr. Oliver Farrar, Asa Green, En ^t . James Chandler and Mr. Elijah Hosmer -	
Tything men		Tything men Mes ^{rs} . Thomas Briant Benj ^r . Clark Jun ^r . Josiah Meriam and Joshua Bond	
Sealers of Leather		Sealers of Leather Mr. Reuben Brown & Ephraim Wood Jun ^r	
Fence Viewers		Fence Viewers Mes ^{rs} . Jacob Brown William Parkman & Reuben Brown	

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Hogreaves		Hogreaves - Mes ^{rs} Simon Blood Jun ^r Abel Conant, Oliver Miles, Stephen Barrett, Stephen Jones, Jacob Walker, John Meriam and Jesse Hoemer -	
Clerks of Markets		Clerks of the Markets Mr. Ebenezer Hubbard and Cap ^t Jonas Minott	
Surveyors of Roads & Horse Officers		Surveyors of Boards and Culler of Staves & Shingles Cap ^t Ephraim Jones & Abner Wheeler Horse Officers Mr. Isaac Hubbard & Mr. Edward Wright	
Hearreaves Field Drivers		Hearreaves Mr. Samuel Hoemer Field Drivers Mr. Abraham Taylor & Mr. Sam ^l Hoemer	
Appropriation for Highways & Bridges		Voted on the third article to Raise forty Pounds to maintain Highways and Bridges the ensuing year and to be on the same footing as in years past that is to be workt out on the Highway & Bridges and if any person or persons shall Refuse or neglect to work out the sum affixed to their names when properly notified then the said sum shall be added to their Town Rate and Collected accordingly by the Constables	
Comtee of Constables & Court		Voted on the fourth article that John Cuming Esq ^r Ephraim Wood Jun ^r Cap ^t Jonas Heywood Cap ^t Joseph Hoemer James Barrett Jun ^r Esq ^r Cap ^t David Brown and Cap ^t George Minott be a Committee for the Purposes mentioned in the Resolve Refer'd in the article in the warrant for this meeting. — and ordered that three of said Committee make a Quorum -	
3 of said Comtee be a Quorum			

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Comtee to settle acct with Town Treasurer.		on the fifth article voted that Ephraim Wood Jun ^r Mr. Nehemiah Hunt and Mr. Nathaw Meriam be a Comtee to settle acct with the Town Treasurer	
Remou. Acc of Minute men be paid		on the sixth article voted that the Remainder of the minute men be paid and the sum voted as above to pay for wood and this for paying the minute men be immediately assessed for and the said assessment be delivered to the Constable to collect and the same	
Leave to go at large		and voted to let the swine go at large the ensuing year	
Ephraim Wood Jun ^r Town Clerk		Having thus gone thro' the Business for which the meeting was call'd the Moderator dismiss the meeting att: Ephraim Wood Jun ^r Town Clerk	
John Brown keeping school in Buttricks Society	1776 Mar. 25 th	1776 March 25 th They paid Mr. John Brown by an order to Mr. Abigail Bond Town Treasurer for his keeping School in Buttricks Society six weeks three Pounds and for some posts & Rails Deliv ^d at the almshouse two Shillings & five pence whole 3 pounds 2 Shill ^g & 5 pence	3.2.5
Cap. Charles Miles	1776 Mar. 28 th	1776 March 28 th They paid Cap ^t Charles Miles by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas ^r for sundreys deliver ^d to Jon ^s Pipers family one pound three Shillings & two pence two farthing & one & four pence for a days work at the highways	1.4.6.2

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Capt Charles Miles Schooling	1776 Mar. 29	1776 March 29 th then paid Cap ^t Charles Miles by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer the Remainder of the money apportioned to them in that Society for Schooling one pou- -ten Shillings	1..10..0
Mr. Tim ^s Minott Doctoring Jos. Taylors wife & John Fletchers wife.	1776 Mar. 29	1776 March 29 th then paid Doct ^r Tim ^s Minott by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for doctoring Jos. Taylors wife and John Fletchers wife one pound Six Shillings & two pence	1..6..2
James Russell School money	1776 Mar. 30	1776 March 30 th then paid Lt. James Russell by an order to Mr. Abijah Bond Town Treasurer the Remainder of their School money for last year one pound two Shilling and ten pence	1..2..10
Wm. Parkmans School money to Corner School	1776 Apr. 2	1776 April 2 nd then paid Mr. Wm. Parkman by an order to Mr. Abijah Bond Town Treasurer the whole of the money appor- -tioned to the Corner Society for school & pound one Shilling & Eight pence	4..1..8

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INDEX Meeting of Selectmen	1776 May 14 May 20	<p>The Selectmen of the Town of Concord met on the 14th of May 1776 and appointed a Town meeting to be held at the Town house in said Town on Monday the 20th of this Instant May at one o'clock in the afternoon to Consider and act on the following articles viz —</p>	
<p>Consideration Elect Representatives - Great & General Court to be held in Watertown</p>		<p>First to Elect one or more persons to Represent them at a Great & General Court to be Convened and held at the meeting house in Watertown on Wednesday the twenty ninth of this Instant May</p>	
<p>Appropriation for Town Charges</p>		<p>Second To See what Sum of money the Town will Grant to defray the necessary Charges of the Town the ensuing year</p>	
<p>Maintain Schools</p>		<p>thirdly To see what Sum of money the Town will Grant to Maintain Schools the year ensuing</p>	
<p>Raise additional of £100 to Mr Emerson's Salary</p>		<p>fourthly To see if the Town will Raise one hundred pounds as an addition to Mr Emersons Salary for this year to Enable him to discharge his just debts or any other method the Town shall think proper Equivalent there to agreeable that to his own Request</p>	
<p>Vote for a Register of deeds for this County</p>		<p>fifthly to Vote for a Register of deeds for this County</p>	
<p>Clear Report of Comtee - settle a/c with Town Treasurers</p>		<p>sixly to hear the Report of the Committee Chosen Last March to settle with the Town Treasurer</p>	
<p>Raise going at large - Request of Oliver Farrar</p>		<p>seventhly to hear the Request of Mr. Oliver Farrar Respecting Rans: going at Large and act on</p>	

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land contained in way by his house

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Said affair as the Town shall think proper -
Eightly to hear the Request of Mr. Hugh Smith
Respecting his Promise of Giving the Land
Contained in the way Laid out by the Select-
men by his house some time past and act
thereon if though proper

and the Selectmen gave orders that the
warrants should be drawn and Committed
to the Constables that the meeting might
be warn'd accordingly

Town Meeting

me May 20

At a meeting of the Freeholders of the other
Inhabitents of the Town of Concord began and
held at the Town house in said Town on
Monday the twentieth of May Instant
Proceeded and acted on the articles as above
as follows

2 Representatives -
Great & General Court
in Watertown -
Col John Cuming
Joseph Hooper

May 29

in the first place the Town voted to Choose
two to Represent them in the Great and General
Court or assembly to be held in Watertown
the 29th of this May and made Choice of
Mr. Joseph Hooper and Col^o John Cuming -

John Cuming
Moderator

Col^o John Cuming was Chosen Moderator
of Said Meeting

Appropriation
for Town Charges.

on the Second article voted to Raise Forty Pounds
to defray the Charges for the year ensuing

Maintain
Schools.

on the third article Voted to Raise sixty pounds
to maintain Schools the ensuing year

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Chosen a Committee to draw a Subscription list of Rev. Mr. Emerson Committee -

Voted for a Register of Deeds

accept Report of Comtee to settle acct. with Town Treasurer.

Subscription Settlement of accounts with Abijah Bond, Town Treasurer.

Ephraim Wood Jr
Nehemiah Hunt
Nathan Meriam

on the fourth article voted to Continue the Consideration of this article till the next Town meeting only voted to Chuse a Committee to draw a Subscription to see if the Rev. Mr. Emerson Can be Relieved thereby Col. Buttrick & the four deacons was appointed Said Committee

on the fifth article voted for a Register of Deeds and the vote Return'd to the Sessions

on the Six article voted to accept of the Report of the Committee Chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer as Recorded below

on the Seventh article voted not to act thereon

on the Eighth article Voted to postpone the Consideration till next town meeting

and the Meeting was dismissed by the Moderator

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Town of Concord in March Last to settle accounts with Mr. Abijah Bond Town Treasurer we therefore on the 16th of May Instant attended that Service and find after a Settlement a Ballance in favor of the Town one hundred & four pounds sixteen Shillings four pence two farthings having settled the year 1774 and no further

Which is humbly Submitted

Ephraim Wood Jr
Nehemiah Hunt
Nathan Meriam } Comtee

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INDEXED Redit Jones Wood Carried to Cambridge	1776 May 20	1776 May 20 th then paid Mr. Redit Jones by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for 7 feet & 3/4 of wood he Carried to Cambridge for the use of the army in Jan; or February Last Eleven Shill ⁹ and three pence.	0.11.3
Joseph Hayward Keeping School in his Fathers house	1776 May 20	1776 May 20 th then paid Mr. Joseph Hayward Ju ^r by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for his keeping School in his Fathers house thirteen Shillings & four pence	0.13.4
Ebenezer Hubbard Slit wood for a Loom for James Lincoln (now Towns property)	1776 June 18	1776 June 18 th Then paid Mr. Ebenezer Hubbard by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for some Slit wood for a Loom for James Lincoln (which Loom is now the Town property) five Shillings	0.5.0
David Wheeler Ezra Wheeler keeping a child Sum to be Re- funded by Oliver Wood if able	1776 June 18	1776 June 18. then Paid Cap ^t . David Wheeler by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas ^r . for Ezra Wheeler for his keeping a child put to him by the Town which Sum of is to be Refunded by Oliver Wood if able three pound & three pence	3.0.3

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Meeting of Selectmen	1776 July 3	July 3 ^d 1776 the Selectmen meet and appointed a Town meeting to be held at the Town house in this Town of Concord on Friday the fifth day of this Instant July ^{25th of 1776} to Consider & act on the following article - viz -	
Articles for Consideration		To see if the Town will Raise a Sum of money to Give those who shall Enlist in the Expedition now on foot to Cannada in addition to the Bounty given by the Colony or act otherwise as the Town shall Judge Proper	
Raise Sums to give those who Enlist in the Expedition now on foot to Cannada		and the Selectmen gave orders the warrants should be Immediately drawn and delivered to the Constables that the meeting should be warn'd accordingly	
Town Meeting	1776 July 5	at a General Town Meeting of the Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Concord began and held at the Town house in said Town on Friday the fifth day of July 1776	
Ephraim Wood Jr. Moderator		Ephraim Wood Jun ^r was Chosen Moderator of Said Meeting	
Town to Grant Pounds to Each Person who should Enlist in the Expedition now on foot to Cannada for their further Encouragement		Then the Question was put whether the Town would Grant any Sum for the Purposes mentioned in the article in the warrant and it pass'd in the affirmative Several Sums was propossed but Seven pounds to Each Persons who should so Enlist in to Said Service for their further Encowidgement was Put to vote and it passed in the affirmative	

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INDEX Sum to be raised by a tax on inhabitants Selectmen to borrow the money for the immediate payment of the soldiers	DATE	TEXT Voted that the sum to be raised for said Purposes be raised by tax on the inhabitants of said Town and that the assessors have the advice of the three Militia Captains for the equal distribution of said tax - Voted that the selectmen be empowered to borrow the money for the immediate payment of the soldiers as soon as they shall enlist - and the meeting was dismissed by the moderator	
Meeting of Selectmen	1776 July 25	July 25 1776 The selectmen of the Town of Concord met and appointed a Town meeting to be held at the Town house in said Town on Monday the twenty ninth day of this instant July at one o'clock in the afternoon to consider and act on the following article	
Articles for consideration	July 29	To see if the Town will grant the same Bounty to those men (and those only) who shall ^{enlist} in to the Continental service now ordered for to be raised as a Reinforcement against Canada, which number was eight) as the Town did those of the Last Levy destined there, or act otherwise as the Town shall think proper	
Grant same Bounty to those men who shall enlist in Continental Service as a reinforcement against Canada (which see the war 9)		and the selectmen gave orders the warrants should be drawn and delivered to the Constables that the meeting should be warned accordingly	

SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
MCK	1776	Town Meeting Town Treasurer's Accounts	Vol. 4 Page 449 [a]
INDEX Town Meeting	DATE	TEXT	
Ephraim Wood Jr. Moderator	1776 July 29	at a General Town Meeting of the Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Concord Legally warn'd Began and held at the Town house in said Town on Monday the 29 th Day of July 1776 Ephraim Wood Jun ^r was Chosen Moderator of said Meeting.	
Vote to give those who shall enlist into the Continental Service (as an addition to what was given to those of the last Levy destined to Canada)		Voted to give those who shall enlist into the Continental Service Seven Pounds Each (as an addition to what the Colony has given) as a Bounty - as was given to those of the Last Levy destined to Canada and the Meeting was dismissed by the Moderator -	
Wid Mary Harris Supporting her Mother	1776 Oct 7	1776 October ye 7 th Then paid Wid ^o Mary Harris by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for Supporting her Mother from the 21 st of February to the 13 th of June last 16 weeks two pounds two Shillings & eight pence	2..2..8
Mrs. Mary Brown Keeping School in Buttricks Society	1776 Oct 7	1776 October ye 7 th Then paid Mrs. Mary Brown by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for her Keeping School in Buttricks Society twelve & nine pence	0..12..9
Mrs. Mary Sofer Keeping School	1776 Oct 7	1776 October ye 7 th Then paid Mrs. Mary Sofer by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for her Keeping School in the middle of the Town five pounds nine shillings	5..9..0

SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	REFERENCE
	1776	From Treasurer's Accounts	Vol. 4 Page 479 [6]
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
wife of Joseph Barns - keeping Sam ^l Bloods Law ^r	1776 Oct 10	1776 October 10 th then paid the wife of Joseph Barns by an order to Mr Bond Town Treasurer for keeping Sam ^l Bloods Law ^r twelve weeks to the seventh of October twenty one Shilling -	1-1-0
Abel Buttrick Boarding Lucy Hunt Cloathing	1776 Oct 14	1776 October 14 th then Paid Mr. Abel Buttrick by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for Boarding Lucy Hunt from the 21 st of October 1775 to the 5 th of May 1776 28 weeks at 1/6 per week two pounds two Shill 7 & Seven 4 a penny for Cloathing	2-9-1
Jonas Heywood Elizabeth Wood Keeping School.	1776 Dec. 20	1776 December 20 Then Paid to Jonas Heywood Esq ^r by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for Elizabeth Wood keeping School in the middle of the Town Society for 1774 three pound Eighteen Shillings -	3-18-0
St. Francis Wheeler journing to Littleton for the Guns	1776 Dec 27	1776 December 27 Then paid St. Francis Wheeler by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for journing Twice to Cambridge Littleton for the Guns fourteen Shilling -	0-14-0
(Maltman) Sarah M ^r Cures Keeping School Barretts Society	1776 Dec 27	1776 Dec ^r 27. then paid Sarah M ^r Cures (Maltman) by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for keeping School in the middle of the Town 4 p ^{ts} Eight Shilling and one pound 4 Shilling for keeping School in Barretts Society whole Sum five twelve Shilling -	5-12-0

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	1776	Meeting - Selectmen to Appoint a Town Meeting	Vol. 4 Page 450 [a]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
H. S. R.			
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
Meeting of Selectmen	1776 Sept 16	Concord Sept ^r 16 th 1776 the Selectmen of the Town of Concord met and appointed a Town meeting to be held in the Town House in said Town on Thursday the nineteenth Day of September Instant at two O'Clock in the afternoon to Consider and act on the following articles viz —	
Articles for Consideration	Sept 19	First to See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Supply the Pulpit in the absence of the Rev ^d Mr. Wm. Emerson now in the army	
Choose a Committee to Supply the Pulpit in the absence of Mr. Emerson in the army		Secondly to See if the Town will Raise a sum of money for the purpos of suppling the Pulpit	
Raise a sum of money for above Purpos		Thirdly To See if the Town will order a Grammer School to be kept till further order, and if concluded in the affirmative then to See if the Town will make addition to the sum Raised Last may for Schooling for the said purpos	
Order a sum of money to be kept		and the Selectmen Gave orders that the warrants should be Drawn for said meeting that the same might be Warned accordingly	
Town meeting	1776 Sept 17	At a meeting of the Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Concord legally warned on Thursday the nineteenth day of September 1776 at the Towns house in said Town Voted as follows	
Ephraim Wood Jun ^r Moderator		Ephraim Wood Jun ^r was Chosen Moderator	
Choose a Committee of 5 to Supply the Pulpit in absence of Mr. Emerson in the army		Voted on the first article to Chuse a Committee to Consist of five to Supply the Pulpit in the absence of Mr. Emerson in the army the was Chosen as follows viz Cap ^t Jona Heywood	

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	1776	meeting	Vol. 4 Page 450 [6]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
M. E. R.			
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
<p>Not for raising of any money for supplying Pulpit</p> <p>Not to be any Grammar School for the present</p>		<p>Col: James Barrett Mr. Amos Wood Mr. Abijah Bond & Cap: Joseph Hosmer</p> <p>Voted to Pospone the Raising of any money for the supplying the Pulpit to some future meeting</p> <p>and as to a Grammar School the Town by their vote determined not for the Present to have any Grammar School</p> <p>and the meeting was dissolved</p> <p>The True Proceeding of the above meeting att: Ephraim Wood Town Clerk</p>	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776	<p>Meeting of Selectmen to Appoint a Town Town Meeting</p>	<p>Vol. 4 Page 451 [L^oJ</p>
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
<p>Meeting of Selectmen Article for Consideration Consent that House of Representatives & Council in one Body, Agree on and Enact a Constitution for this State Same to be made Public for Perusal of the Inhabitants before Ratification Meeting of Town</p>	<p>1776 Oct 8 Oct 14 1776 Oct 14</p>	<p>Concord October 8th 1776</p> <p>The Selectmen of the Town of Concord met and Pursuant to a Resolve of the House of Representatives of this State appointed a meeting of the Inhabitants of Said Town on Monday the fourteenth of October Instant at one o'Clock in the afternoon to Consider and act on the following article viz -</p> <p>To See if the Town will by their vote give their Consent that the Present House of Representatives of this State, together with the Council in one Body, & with equal Voice, agree on and Enact a Constitution or form of Government for this State - and to See if the Town will Direct that the Same may be made Publick for the Perusal of the Inhabitants of this & other Towns before the Ratification thereof by Said assembly -</p> <p>and the Selectmen ordered that the warrants sh^d be drawn as soon as may be that Said meeting should be warned accordingly</p> <p>At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Concord of all above the age of twenty one years being free Legally warned as appears by the Returns on the warrants for Said Meeting on Monday the fourteenth Day October Instant at two o'Clock in the afternoon - Ephraim Wood Jun^r was Chosen Moderator -</p> <p>and the Town when assembled taking the Question in the warrant and the Importance of it into Consideration, and Seeing the Inhabitants</p>	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
SEARCHER MCK	DATE 1776	REMARKS Town Meeting	REFERENCE Vol. 4 Page 451 [L ⁶] CHECK REFERENCE
INDEX 4 inhabitants did not & generally attend. meeting adjourned to Town be notified by the minister after divine service on next Lord's day no town found in affirmative Eph ^m Wood Jr Town Clerk	DATE Nov. 21	TEXT did not so generally attend as could be wished, it was motioned that the meeting should be adjourned for further consideration of the above question until Monday twenty first day of this instant October at two o'clock in the afternoon, Precisely and that the inhabitants of the Town should again be notified by the minister the next Lords day after divine service is over of the meetings being adjourned and ask their Punctual attendance at said adjournment - which motion was put to a vote and it passed in the affirmative and the meeting was accordingly adjourned to the time above mentioned att: Eph ^m Wood Jr Town Clerk	

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	1776	Town Meeting	Vol. 4 Page 452 [a]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
M.E.R.			
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
Meeting of Town upon adjournment	1776 Oct 21	<p>At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Concord being free and Twenty one years of age and upwards upon a adjournment on the twenty first day of October 1776</p> <p>Ephraim Wood Jun^r being Moderator</p> <p>Voted unanimously that the Present House, is not a proper Body to form a Constitution for this State</p>	
Ephraim Wood Jun ^r Moderator Voted - Present House of Representatives - not a proper Body to form a Constitution		<p>and Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to make answer to the Question Proposed by the House of Representatives of this State, and to Give the Reasons why the Town thinks them not a Suitable body for that Purpas the persons following was Chosen the Com^{tee} above mentioned viz Ephraim Wood Jun^r, M^r Natham Bond Col^o James Barrett, Col^o John Buttrick, and James Barrett Esq^r.</p>	
Chose a Committee of 5 to make answer to the Question Proposed by the House of Representatives to form a Constitution		<p>and the Committee Reported the following Draft which being Read Several times over for Consideration it then was Read Resolved by Resolve and accepted unanimously in a very full Town meeting - the Reasons are as follows -</p>	
Resolved 1 st		<p>Resolved 1st that this State being at Present destitute of a properly established form of Government, it is absolutely necessary that one should be immediately formed and established</p>	
Resolved 2 nd		<p>Resolved 2nd that the Supreme Legislative, either in their proper Capacity or in Joint Committee are by no means a Body</p>	

CLARK	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776	Town Meeting	Vol 4 Page 452 [6]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
MCK			
INDEX	DATE	REMARKS	
Draft Review		<p>Proper to form & Establish a Constitution of form of Government for Reasons following viz — first Because we conceive that a Constitution in its proper Idea intends a System of Principles established to secure the Subject in the Possession of, and Enjoyment of their Rights & Privileges against any encroachment of the Governing Part. Secondly Because the Same Body that forms a Constitution have of Consequence a power to alter it — thirdly Because a Constitution alterable by the Supreme Legislative is no Security at all to the Subject against the encroachment of the Governing part on any or on all their Rights and Privileges</p>	
Resolved thirdly		<p>Resolved thirdly that it appears to this Town highly expedient that a Convention or Congress be immediately Chosen to form and establish a Constitution; by the Inhabitents of the Respective</p>	

TOWN OF LYNN 1871 MASSACHUSETTS

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776	Town Meeting Declarations of Independence	Vol. 4 Page 453 [a]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
M.P.H.			
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
draft		Respective Towns in this State being free and Twenty one years and upward, in Proportion as the Representatives of this State were formerly Chosen; the Convention or Congress not to Consist of a greater number then the house of assembly of this State hereto fore might Consist of except that Each Town & District Shall have Liberty to Send one Representative; or otherwise as shall seem appear meet to the Inhabitents of this State in General	
Convention or Congress not to consist of a greater number than the house assembly.		Resolved 4 th That when the Convention or Congress have formed a Constitution, they adjourn for a short time, and Publish their Proposed Constitution for the Inspection and Remarks of the Inhabitents of this State -	
Resolved 4 th		Resolved 5 th That the Hon ^{ble} House of assembly of this State be Desired to Recommend it to the Inhabitents of the State to Proceed to Chuse a Convention, or Congress for the Purpas above mentioned as soon as Possible	
Resolved 5 th		Signed by order of the Committee Ephraim Wood Jr Chairman and the Meeting was Dissolved by the Moderator	
Some by order of the Hon ^{ble} Ephraim Wood Jr. Chairman		In Congress July 4 th 1776 A Declaration By the Representatives of united States of America in General Congress assembled -	
A Declaration by the Representatives of united States of America		When in the Course of human Events it Becomes necessary for one People to Dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the Seperate & Equal Station to	
to Dissolve the Political Bands			

CLASS	DATE	DIR/EC*	REFERENCE
	1776	Declaration of Independence	Vol. 4 Page 453 [L-]
RESEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
<small>TOWN OF COVINGTON MASSACHUSETTS</small> created equal inalienable Rights - Life, Liberty + the Pursuit of happiness		which the Laws of nature and of nature's God entitles them a Decent Respect to the opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation We hold the truths to be self-evident that all men are Created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness - that to Secure these Rights, Governments are In- stituted among men, Deriving their just Powers from the Consent	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776	Declaration	Vol. 4 Page 454 [9]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CHECK RETURNED
M. S. K.			
INDEX	DATE	TOPIC	
<p>Right of People to alter or abolish & institute new Government</p> <p>Government long established not changed for light & transient Causes.</p>		<p>of the Governed, that when ever any forms of Government becomes Destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter, or to abolish it, and to institute new Government Laying its foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety & happiness. Prudence indeed, will dictate that Governments long Established should not be changed for light and Transient Causes; and accordingly all experiance hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, then to Right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of abuses and usurpations, Pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to Reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to Provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the Patient Sufferance of these Colonys; and such is now the necessity which Constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the Present King of Great Britain is a History of Repeated Injuries & usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To Prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid World</p> <p>He has Refused his assent to Laws the most wholesome and Necessary for the Publick Good He has forbiden his Governers to Pass Laws of Immediate & Pressing Importance, unless Suspended in their operation untill his assent should be obtained; and when so</p>	
<p>Right, duty, to throw off such Government & provide new Guards</p>			
<p>History of Present King of Great Britain - History of Repeated abuses.</p>			
<p>Facts submitted to a candid World</p>			

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
SEARCHED ● MEK	1776	Declarations	Vol. 4 Page 454 [L]
INDEX	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
<p>Called Legislative Bodies at unusual & uncomfortable places</p>		<p>Suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them</p> <p>He has Refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of Large Districts of People, unless those People would Relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants</p> <p>He has Called together Legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their Publick</p>	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776	Declaration	Vol. 4 Page 455 [a]
SEARCHED	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
h. c. k.			
INDEX	DATE	Publick Records, for the Sole purpose of fatiguing them into a Compliance with his Measures — He has Dissolved Representative Houses Repeatedly for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People	
<p>purpose of fatiguing them into a Compliance with his Measures.</p> <p>State remaining in the mean time exposed to all dangers of invasion from with out, and Convulsions within —</p>		<p>He has Refused for a Long time, after such Dissolutions to cause others to be elected whereby the Legislative Powers in capable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at Large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all dangers of invasion from with out, and Convulsions within —</p>	
<p>naturalization of foreigners</p> <p>refusing to Pass others to encourage their migration hither, and Raising the Conditions of new appropriations of Lands</p>		<p>He has endeavoured to Prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Law of Naturalization of Foreigners, refusing to Pass others to encourage their migration hither, and Raising the Conditions of new appropriations of Lands</p>	
<p>Judiciary Powers.</p> <p>Judges dependant on his will alone says 1/2 of their Salaries</p>		<p>He has obstructed the administration of Justice, by Refusing his assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers</p> <p>He has made Judges dependant on his will alone, for the Tenure of their offices, and the amount and Payment of their Salaries.</p>	
<p>sent swarms of officers to harass our people</p>		<p>He has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers, to harass our people, and eat out their Substance</p>	
<p>standing armies without the Consent of our Legislature</p> <p>He affected to render the Military Independent of, and Superior to the Civil Power</p> <p>He has Combined with others to Subject</p>		<p>He has kept among us, in time of Peace, Standing armies without the Consent of our Legislature</p> <p>He affected to render the Military Independent of, and Superior to the Civil Power</p> <p>He has Combined with others to Subject</p>	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776	Declaration	Vol. 4 Page 455 [B]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
MEK			
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INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
Subject us to Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution.		us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unac knowledged by our Laws, giving his assent to their acts of ^{pretended} Legislation	
Protecting in mock trial		For Protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should Commit on the Inhabitents of these States	
Cutting off our Trade		For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world	
Imposing Taxes without our Consent		For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent	
		For	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
SEARCHER MCK	DATE 1776	SUBJECT Declarations	REFERENCE Vol. 4 Page 456 [a]
INDEX Depriuing of Trial by Jury Transporting us beyond Seas pretended offences abolishing free System of English Law Taken away our Charters Suspending our Legislature waging war against us Plundered our Sea, ravaged our Coast destroyed Lives of our People Transporting large armies of foreign Mercenaries Taken Captive on high Seas excited domestic Insurrections	DATE	TEXT For depriving us, in many cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury For Transporting us beyond Seas to be Tried for Pretended offences For abolishing the free System of English Law in a neighbouring Province, Establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to Render it at once an example and fit Instrument for Introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundament- ally the forms of our Governments For Suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves vested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging war against us. He has Plundered our Sea, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People He is at this Time transporting large armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the work of death, desolation and Tyranny, entering already begun with Circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a Civilized Nation He has Constrained our fellow citizens, taken Captive on the high Seas, to bear arms against their Countrey; to become the executioners of their friends and Bretheren, or to fall themselves by their hands He has excited domestic Insurrections	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776	Declaration	Vol. 4 Page 456 [6]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
R. C. K.			
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
<p>on our Frontiers - Indian Savages</p> <p>Petitions answered only by Repeated Injury</p>		<p>amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of war- fare is an undistinguished Destruction of all ages, Sexes, and Conditions</p> <p>In every Stage of these oppressions we petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: our repeated Petitions have been answered only by Repeated Injury! — a Prince whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant is unfit to be a Ruler of a Free People! —</p>	

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	1776	Declaration	Vol. 4 Page 457 [a]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
H. E. K.			
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
<p>appealed to their native justice</p> <p>held them as enemies in War in Peace friends</p> <p>Representatives of the united States in General Congress assembled</p> <p>these Colonies are and ought to be Free and Independent States</p> <p>allegiance to British Crown</p> <p>Power to levy war, conclude Peace, contract alliances, establish Commerce etc.</p>		<p>Now have we Been wanting in attention to our British Brethern</p> <p>We have warned them from time to time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend and unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. we have reminded them of the Circumstances of our emigration, and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice, and Magnanimity, and we have conjured by the ties of our Common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connexions & Corrispondance</p> <p>They too have been deaf to the voice of Justice & of Consanguinity</p> <p>We must, therefore acquiesce in the necessity which Denounces our Separation, and hold them as we hold the Rest of Mankind Enemies in War: in Peace, friends</p> <p>We therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America in General Congress assembled, appealing to the SUPREME JUDGE of the world for the Rectitude of our Intentions do, in the name and by the athority of the Good People of these Colonies, Solemnly Publish, and Declare, that these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be. Free and Independant States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown; and that all Political Connexions between them and the State of Great Britian is, and ought to be Totally dissolved; and that as free and Independant States, they have full Power to Levy war, Conclude Peace, Contract alliances, Establish Commerce, and to Do all other acts, and things which Independant States may have Right to Do, And for the Support</p>	

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	1776	Declarations	Vol. 4 Page 457 [6]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	CROSS REFERENCE
h. E. K.			
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
<p>Town of Concord, Mass. Records</p> <p>Signed John Hancock President Charles Thompson Secretary</p>		<p>of this Declaration, with a Firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence we mu- tually Pledge to each other our Lives and Fortunes and our Sacred Honours Signed by order and Behalf of the Congress John Hancock President att: Charles Thompson Secretary</p>	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776	Declaration of Independance Meeting of selectmen to appoint a Town meeting	Vol. 4 Page 458 [a]
<p>INDEX Declaration of Independance Declaration to be printed - Copies sent to each Minister</p> <p>Be Required to Read same</p> <p>Declaration & Clerks of their Several Towns Read same in Town Books</p> <p>Report of the Council R. Darby President John Avery dep^t Sec^y</p>	<p>DATE 1776 July 17</p>	<p>TEST In Council July 17th 1776</p> <p>Ordered, that the Declaration of Independance be Printed and a Copy sent to the ministers of each Parrish, of every Denomination within this State; and that they severally be Required to Read the same to their respective Congrega- tion as soon as Divine Service is ended, in the afternoon on the first Sabbath after they shall Receive the same - and after the Publication thereof, to deliver the said Declaration to the Clerks of their several Towns, or Districts; who are hereby Required to Record the same in their Respective Town, and District Books, these to Remain as a Perpetual Memorial thereof</p> <p>R. Darby, President In the name, and by order of the Council A True Copy att: John Avery dep^t Sec^y</p>	
<p>Meeting of Selectmen</p> <p>Articles for Consideration</p> <p>Minutes to Supply Pulpit</p> <p>Charges arisen by Sickness & Death of Rev. Wm. Emerson at the Rev. Mr. Roste of</p>	<p>1776 Nov. 5 Nov. 11</p>	<p>Concord November 5th 1776 the selectmen met and appointed a Town meeting to be held in the Town house in said Town on Monday the eleventh day of November Instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to Consider & act on the following articles viz -</p> <p>First To see what method with the Town will take, now in our Present destitute State as to a minister to Supply the Pulpit, and to act on said affair as the Town shall think proper</p> <p>Secondly to see if the Town will pay the Charges already arisen by the Rev^d Mr. William Emersons Sickness & Death at the Rev^d Mr.</p>	

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
SEARCHER M.E.R.	1776	Meeting of Selectmen to Appoint a Town Meeting	Vol. 4 Page 458 [L]
INDEX Other Creek. Mr. Alin's journey to take care of Mr. Emerson Consider Mrs. Emerson's difficult circumstances grant her Relief	DATE	TEXT Route of outer Creek, and for the journey of Mr. Alin to take care of Mr. Emerson Thirdly to see if the Town will take the difficult circumstances that Mrs. Emerson is litt in, into consideration and in some way grant her some Relief and the selectmen gave orders that the warrants should be drawn that the meeting should be warned accordingly—	CRILE REFERENCE

CLASS	DATE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
	1776 1777	Minutes of General Town Meeting Town Treasurer's Accounts	Vol. 4 Page 459 [2]
SEARCHER	DATE	REMARKS	UNITED REFERENCE
M.C.P. 1774			
INDEX	DATE	TEXT	
Town Meeting	Nov 9	at a General Town meeting of the Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Concord began and held at the Town house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord 1776 Proceeded as follows Ephraim Wood Jun ^r was Chosen Moderator Voted on the first article To Chuse a Committee of five men to supply the Pulpit namely Cap ^t David Brown, Dr. Thomas Barrett, Mr. Job Brooks Col ^o . James Barrett & Mr. Abijah Bond Voted on the second article not to Pay the Charges arisen by Reason of the Rev ^d Mr. Wm. Emerson's Sickness & Death at Present But Chose a Committee of three men to search in to that affair and if Possible to have said Charges Reimbrested by the Publick Said Committee was Col ^o . Cuming Mr. Joseph Hosmer & Ephraim Wood Jun ^r — Voted on the third article when taking the difficult Circumstances that M ^r . Emerson is Left in the Town Cheerfully Voted that the Salary of M ^r . Emerson Should go on for six Months after his death for the advantage of his Family and the meeting was dismissed —	
Ephraim Wood Jun ^r Moderator			
Chose a Com ^{tee} of 5 men to supply the Pulpit - Comtee -			
Voted - Not to Pay Rev ^d Wm. Emerson's Sickness & Death at Present But Chose a Com ^{tee} of three men to search in to that affair and if Possible to have said Charges Reimbrested by the Publick Said Committee was Col ^o . Cuming Mr. Joseph Hosmer & Ephraim Wood Jun ^r —			
Town Voted Cheerfully to Continue Rev ^d Wm. Emerson's Salary for 6 months after his death for the advantage of his Family.			
1777 January 7 th 1777		Then paid M ^r . Lucy Jones by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treasurer for her Keeping School in the East Society 3 pounds Seven Shillings & 8 pence	3-7-8