Concord Jan 9 & 4 1774 the selectmen met and appointed a Town Meeting to be held at the Town House in said Town of Concord on the tenth day of January Current at one of the Clock on said day to consider and act on the following articles namely first to see if the Town will make answer to a letter sent to this Town by the Town of Boston wherein they request our sentiments respecting the late act of Parliament granting Liberty to the East India Company to Export their Tea into this and the other provinces upon the continent with a Duty thereon thereby to raise a Revenue to the King Contrary to Charters - agreeable to the Request of Capt. Jonas Heywood & others secondly To see if the Town will by their vote agree not to consume any Tea in their respective families - and if agreed to - then To see if the Town will adjudge those who will afterwards sell or use any Tea in their families as Enemies to their Country or act any otherways on this article as the Town shall see cause when assembled.

Thirdly To see if the Town will choose a Committee of Correspondance to Correspond with the Com tee of Correspondance at Boston

Forthly To see if the Towns School money appointed to the last Society (so called) be spent agreeable to the Report of the Towns Com tee last Chosen to settle Schools or other way to choose a Com tee to appy the Place or Places where said School or schools for the future Shall be kept or act thereon as the Town Shall Think Proper agreeable to the Request of Capt. Jonas Minott & others

and the Selectmen gave orders that the warrants to warn said meeting should immediately
At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Concord on Monday the tenth day of January and 1774 began and held at the Town House in said Town, John Cummings Esq. being chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

It was voted unanimously to make answer to the Letter Communicated to us in this Town from the Town of Boston, and the Town chose a Committee for that purpose, namely, Ephraim Wood Jun. Mr. John Flint and Capt. Timo. Wheeler and to forward the same to the Committee in Boston as soon as may be.

On the second article it was also voted that we in this Town will not either buy or sell East India Tea or any other Tea Imported from Great Brittan while a duty for raising a Revenue in North America is affixed thereon by act of Parliament on the same whether will we suffer any such Tea made use of in our families.

And if any Person shall purchase or use such Tea shall be for the future deemed unfriendly & enemical to the Happy Constitution of this Country.
it was proposed as to the third article whether the Town would choose a Com't of Correspondence and it passed in the negative.

The fourth Refereed to March Meeting, and the Meeting was dismissed.

Concord January 19th, 1774 the Selectmen met and appointed a Town Meeting to be held at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the twenty-fourth of this Instant January at Two o'Clock in the afternoon to consider and act on the following articles viz:-

1. To see if the Town will, after hearing the answer to the letter the Town of Boston sent to this Town, that the Com't that was chosen for that purpose have drafted, and after making alterations therein (if thought necessary) then by their Vote to accept of the same, and if accepted — then —

2. To see if the Town will by their vote order the same to be Enter'd in the Town Book of Records amonge the Town Record of the Town

And the Selectmen gave orders that the warrant should be drawn to warn Said meeting which was done accordingly,

Ephraim Wood Jr. Clerk —

At a General Town Meeting of the notables inhabitants of the Town of Concord Leagaly assembled at the Town House in Said Town on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of January A.D. 1774, John Clumming Esq. being Chosen Moderator of Said Meeting after Reading the Report of the Com'te Several times and making some small alterations...
therein, the Question was put whether the Town would accept of the same and it passed in the affirmative unanimously.

as to the Second Article, it was voted that the Report of the Committee be enrolled among the Records of the Town.

and the Meeting was dismissed.

The Report is as follows: This Town at this and a former Meeting, taking into serious consideration the present alarming situation of our Publick affairs in Consequence of the advice Received from the United Committees of Correspondence in the vicinity of Boston, Communicated to us; do express our gratitude to them, freely and cheerfully.

Give our sentiments thereon.

We cannot possibly view with Indifference the Past and Present obstinate and unwavering endeavours of the Enemies of this as well as the Mother Country to Rob us of our inestimable Rights that are the distinguishing glory & felicity of this Land. Rights, that we are obliged to no Power under Heaven for the Enjoyment of, as they are the Primary the Product of the Heroic enterprise of the first Settlers of these American Colonies, under the Smiles of Heaven——
And this we cannot but be alarmed at the great majority in the British Parliament, for the imposition of unconstitutional Taxes upon the Colonies; yet, it gives life and strength to every attempt in opposing such despotic measures, that, not only the People of this, but the neighbouring Provinces (certainly excepted) are Remarkably united in the important and interesting opposition, which has succeeded before in some measure, by the Blessing of Heaven; so we cannot but hope will be attended with still greater success for the future, animated with such a prospect we cheerfully come into the following Resolves, viz:

Resolved first that these Colonies have been and are still illegally and unconstitutionally Taxed by the British Parliament as they are not Really or Virtually Represented therein.

Resolved Second that Purchasing Commodities Subject to Such illegal Taxation is an explicit, tho' an Impious and Re-signation of the Liberties and Privileges of this free and Happy People.

Resolved thirdly that as the British Parliament in addition to Repeated incroachments on our Liberties, have Empowered the East India Company to Export there Tea into America Subject to a Duty, for the Sole Purpuse of Raising a Revenue from hence, which we view as a new invention, inadvertent ly to catch us in those Chains that have long been forged for the Purpuse— We therefore to Render Such vile Designs abortive, absolutely & Determinately— Resolve Resolve fourth That we will not in this Town Either by ourselves or any from or under us,
ltry, sell or use any Tea of the East India Company, Tea, imported from Great Britain, or any other Tea while there is a duty for raising a Revenue thereon in America, affixed by act of Parliament on the same, neither will we suffer any such Tea to be used in our families—also Resolved that all such Persons as shall purchase, sell, or use any such Tea shall be for the future deemed unfriendly, and criminal to the happy Constitution of this Country.

Resolve Fifth that in conjunction with our brethren in America will Rescue our fortunes, and even our lives in defence of his Majesty King George the third, his person, crown and dignity, and to will also with the same Resolution as his free born subjects in this Country, to the utmost of our Power, defend all our Charter Rights inviolate to the latest posterity.

Resolve Sixthth that if any person or persons whatsoever inhabitants of this Province for the future so long as there is a duty on Tea, import any Tea from the India House in England, or be factors for the East India Company, we will Treat them in an eminent degree, as Enemies to their Country, Contempt and Detestation.
Resolve Seventh that we think it our duty at this Critical Time of our Publick affairs, to Return our Hearty Thanks to the Town of Boston for every Rational measure they have taken for the Preservation or Recovery of our Invaluable Rights & Liberty infringed upon - and we hope, Should the State of our Publick affairs Require it that they will still Remain Vigilant and watchful and Perserving with a Steady Zeal to expel out every thing that shall have a Tendency to Subvert our Happy Constitution

Ephraim Wood Jun.
John Flint
Tim. Wheeler Jun.}

Committee

Concord January ye 24 1774

1774 Feb ye 18 then Paid Mr. Benj. Clark Jun. by an order to Mr. Alijah Bond Town Treas.£2 2.5 for mending Mrs. Harris' shoes two Shilling & five Pence

1774 Feb. ye 21 then Paid Mr. John Brown by an order to Mr. Alijah Bond Town Treas£2 13 3 for Keeping School in Battrick Soc. (secreted) and for a Load of wood delievered to Jon. Meads 4/0 in the whole two Pounds thirteen Shill. 4 three pence

1774 Feb. ye 21. 1774 then Paid Mr. Elman Cray by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas for work at the meeting house he and his Journey man & Practise four days and one at the Town House one pound seventeen & eight pence
1774 Feb. ye 21 then Paid Mr. Oliver Farrar by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas. for work at the High-ways more then Crossing his Rate & Stones Capt. Harris had last year one pound six shillings pence & three farthings

1774 Feb. ye 21 then paid Mr. John Merian by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas. for two days work at the New pound four Shillings & four pence

1774 Feb. ye 21 then Paid Mr. Josiah Harris by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas. for seven load of stones delivered to Mr. Harris Brown Surveyor and 2/6 on his further ace & the whole six Shillings --

1774 Feb. ye 21 then Paid Mr. Sam. Jones by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas. for several Rates Remitted & his Service as Constable & his other Services as Constable two pounds seventeen Shillings ten pence & two farthings.
Feb. 21, 1774 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 ye 7 of March next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Act on the following Articles viz—

1st To Chuse the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2d To see what Sum of money the Town will raise to Maintain their High ways and Bridges the year ensuing and that Sum the Town grants, To See if the Town will give orders that the Selectmen make out Lists to the several Surveyors for said Sum, to be paid in Work and if any Person shall refuse to work out the Sum or Sums Set against this (him) or their name upon their being properly notified, then to see if the Town will order that the Sums or Sums so assessed be annexed to their Town Rate or act other ways as the Town shall Think proper.

3d To See if the Town will assist the Revd Mr. Emerson under his present Difficult Circumstances in raising a Sum of money for him as much as the Town shall Think proper, and act on said affair as the Town shall think necessary agreeable to the Request of D’Emmon Hunt and others.

4th To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to meet the Court’s Committee already appointed to make alterations in the County Road from Dummer’s to Concord, When they shall give notice of their meeting for that purpose to Defend the Town from Needles Cost therefrom—
5d. To see if the Town will take in further consideration the article of Capt. John Munott and others referred to March meeting viz. To see if the school money apportioned to the last Society (so called) be spent agreeable to the report of the Committee last chosen to settle the school money, or otherwise; to choose a Committee to afford a place or places where said school or schools shall be kept for the future— or act otherwise as the Town shall think proper.

6d. To see if the Town will order that Mr. Oliver Barrow remove the encumbrance out of the way leading to Bloods farm agreeable to the request of Mr. Stephen Blood and others.

7d. To see if the Town will give liberty that the swine run at large the ensuing year—

And the Selectmen gave orders that the warrants should be immediately drawn and committed to the Constables in order that said meeting should be warned accordingly.

At a general town meeting of the able inhabitants of the Town of Concord legally assembled as appears, by the returns on the warrants for said meeting began at the town house in said town and by adjournment held at the meeting house in Concord on Monday the seventh day of March A.D. 1774 voted as follows:

John Cumming Esq. was chosen moderator of said meeting.
The officers of the Town Chosen for the ensuing year as follows:


Selectmen: Ephraim Wood Jun.; Mr. John Flint; Capt. Tim. Wheeler. but Capt. Tim. Wheeler refusing to serve, the Town voting to return 'Thanks to him for his past services and to dismiss him which accordingly was done, and proceeded to anew choice and chose Mr. Nathan Meriam in his room.

also noted that the Selectmen be assessors and overseers of the poor for the year ensuing.


Wardens: M. Oliver Farrar, Capt. Elnathan Jones, & M. Farwell Jones.

Sealor of weights & measures: Mr. Cheneys Hubbard.

Town Treasurers: Mr. Abijah Bond.

Surveyors of Highways: Mes. Samuel Brooks, Joseph Homer, Samuel Homer, St. Andrew Conant, Zacheus Green, Benjamin Ball, & Simon Hartwell & Abishai Brown.


Fence viewers: Mr. Edward Wright, and St. John Buttrick.
as to the Second Article, the Town voted to
Raise Eighty Pounds to Maintain their
Highways & Bridges the year ensuing and
that the Selectmen make out Dists to the
Several Surveyors for said Sum to be
paid in work and if any Person shall
Refuse to work out the Sums or Sums so
assessed when properly notified the the
Surveyors or Surveyors are to Return their
Dists Reasonably that the same be annexed
to their Town Rate.
It was proposed as to the third article in the warrant whether the Town would assist the Rev. & Mr. Emerson under his present difficult circumstances and it passed in the negative.

Voted on the fourth article that the Selectmen be a Committee to meet the Courts Com the appointed as set forth in said article.

Voted on the fifth article that Mr. Heberwicks Hult Mr. David Brown and Mr. Thomas Barrett be a Com to take into Consideration the affairs of the School in the last part of the Town and make Report some future Meeting.

Voted to Dismiss the Six article and not to act on the same.

Voted on the Seven article that the troops go at large the ensuing year and the Meeting by the Moderator was dissolved.

The foregoing a true Proceeding of the meeting att' Ephraim Woford Jun. Town Clerk.

1774 March 22. 17 then paid Mr. Joseph Buttrycik by an order to Mr. Bond. Town Treasurer for his keeping School in the School House near Mr. John Brown $2.00
1774 March 4th. 18. then paid Mr. Stephen Jones by an order to Mr. Bond, the Remainder of the money appontioned to the East Society for Schooling last year four pounds eleven Shillings and nine pence.

1774 March 18th. then paid Mr. Daniel Taylor by an order to Mr. Albrighted Bond for this (use) Entertaining the Selectmen last year and other Committees three pounds one Shilling.

1774 March 22nd. then paid Mr. Worham Wheeler by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas. the Remainder of the money appontioned to Darby's Society last year 17/10 also what said Society granted to them this year 16/13 thet whole one pound fourteen Shillings & one pence.

1774 March 29th. then paid Mr. Sara Conant by an order to Mr. Bond Town Treas. for Blank he Provided for the Bridges 478 feet and for work he did at the Highways more then Crossing his Rate three Pounds fourteen Shillings & three pence (this order not to be Reckoned)

1774 March 29th. then paid Mr. Richard Jones by an order to Mr. Albrighted Bond Town Treas. for work at the Highways more than Crossing his Rate one pound six pence.
3d. To see what a sum of money the Town will raise to maintain a School or Schools this year.

4d. To see what Method the Town will take to provide them selves a Grammar School Master this year.

5d. To see if the Town will (agreeable to the Request of Capt. John Green, and others mentioned in their Request) abate the whole of their Ministers Rate the ensuing year; Provided they hire preaching nine months of the same; and to draw out their Proportionable part of the Ministers Tip out of the Town Treasury by a Comitee for that Purpose.

6d. To see if the Town will new seat the meeting house in this Town, and to appropriate the front and a part of the Side Gallery in the upper Gallery to the Singers Requested by Duncan Langham, Esq. & others.

7d. To see if the Town will move the Cow Lane near Joseph Hayward Jun. his house about 20 Rodes to the west from the place from where it now is agreeable to the Request of Capt. Joseph Hayward & others.

8d. To see if the Town will make such alterations in the Meeting House as will render it more convenient to the Preachers and Hearers in attending the Publick Worship agreeable to the Request of Dea. Simon Hunt and others.

9d. To See if the Town will Build a new meeting House in the northern part of said Town at or near the place called Poplar Hill, or do any thing towards the Encouragement of the Same. Requested by M. David Whittaker & others.

10d. To see if the Town will accept the List of
At a General Meeting held on the 13th Instant, for the purpose of electing a Committee for the ensuing Year, all those present were elected for the Committee, and John Brown was chosen as Chairman. The Committee then adjourned to thery time to proceed with the business. According to the Returns of the previous Election, the Hon. John Martin was chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee then proceeded to the business.
Voted to Grant the Petition of Capt. John Green and others so far as to abate the minister's rate of all included in that request except Mr. Sam. & Buttrick and son Abel Buttrick and that they draw out their proportional part of the minister's rate out of the town treasury by a consent for that purpose.

Voted on the 6th article to new seat the meeting house and at the same time chose a committee for that purpose, namely: John Cumings Esq., Mr. John Flint Mr. Nathan Marham Capt. Jonas Hayward Daniel Bliss Esq., Ephraim Wood Junr. & Mr. David Brown I also voted not to appropriate any part of the meeting house to singers as requested.

Voted on the 7th article to grant the petition of Mr. Joseph Hayward and others provided they lay out one rod of land to the road along by his son Joseph Hayward's house on the northerly side of said way for fifty rods in length and that he have a yard line to do the same in the giving survey to the town for his fulfilling the same.

Voted on the 8th article to choose a committee to take into consideration the same and to make report at the next town meeting whether it shall be necessary and convenient to making alterations, or not, said committe to consist of five, namely: Mr. John Flint Ephraim Wood Junr. Mr. Nathan Marham Charles Prescott Esq. Capt. & Capt. & Stephen Hooper.

Voted on the 9th article not to build a meeting on or to do anything towards the encouragement of the same.

Voted to accept of the list of Jurymen as prepared by the Selectmen.
Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee chosen last March to take into consideration the affair of the East School which is as follows: That the school house now near Mr. Meriams should be removed over the Causeway near Cpt. Jones Minot's shop to the first convenient place over said Causeway; and the one half of the money apportioned to that Society be spent at that house; the other part of said money to be spent at a school house that is or shall be erected near Mr. Darwell Jones, and all the cost arising hereby to be paid by said Society the schools not to be kept at one and the same time.

and the meeting was by the Moderator was dismissed.

the above the True Proceeding of the meeting at E. Ephraim Wood Junr.

John Clark
Concord May 30th 1774 we the Subscribers a Committee Chosen in May 1773 to Stake out the Ground for to Set Stables for horses accordingly we did on the Day of the date hereto proceed to as follows we in the first place measured of Enough for Eleven Stables on the Southernly end of those Stables on the Common adjoining Mr. Timothy Minott and there being fifteen Requested for and Granted by the Town therefore we proceed to to Stake out the other four at the northernly end of said Stables already Created Last year which accordingly was done.

A True copy of the Report of the Com tec Ephraim Wood * Town Clerk

June 14th 1774 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 twentieth day of June instant to Consider and act on the following Articles

First to Take into Consideration the Content of Several Papers Sent to this Town by the Com tec of Correspondence for the Town of Boston and to act on the same as the Town Shall Think proper

2d To See if the Town will Grant to the Singers the upper front Gallary agreeable to the Request of Capt. Ephraim Wood and others

3d To See if the Town the Report of the Com tec Chosen Last May Meeting to new Seat the Meeting house in this Town

4d To Hear the Report of the Com tec Chosen in May Last to See if of it Shall be necessary
and Conveniant to make alterations in the meeting house or not
and the Selectmen gave orders that the warrants should be drawn and delivered
to the Constables that the meeting should be warned accordingly.

At a general town meeting of the notable inhabitants of the town of Concord deagoly warned
as return on the warrants for said meeting began and held at the town house in said
Town on Monday the twentyseventh of June 1774
Capt. Jonas Heywood was chosen Moderator.

Then the town took in to Consideration the first article in the warrant for said meeting viz. to take in Consideration several papers sent to this town &c. and after many
things disputed that was therein contained it was moved that the meeting should be adjourned till Monday the twenty Seventh of June instant which was accordingly done.
Concord June 27, 1774

At a General Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Concord upon an adjournment the first article was still under Consideration and after Coolly and Deliberately debating upon what was Contained in the Letters and other papers sent to this Town they Came into the following Covenant and engagements which was signed by near three Hundred persons that was upwards of Twenty one Years of age.

We the Subscribers inhabitants of the Town of Concord having taken into our serious Consideration the precarious State of the Liberties of north America and more especially the present Distressed Condition of this Disunited Province, Embarrassed as it is by several acts of the British Parliament, Tending to the entire Subversion of our natural and Charter Rights; Among which is the Act for Block up the harbours of Boston: and fully Sensible of our Indispensable duty to Lay hold on every means in our power to preserve and Recover the much injured Constitution of our Country; and Conscience at the same time of no alternative between the horrid of Slavery or the Carnage & Dissolution of a Civil War, but a Suspicion of all Commercial intercourse with the Island of Great Britain do in the presence of God, solemnly and in good Faith Covenant and engage with each other, first that from hence forth we will suspend all Commercial intercourse with the said Island of Great Britain until the said act for blocking up the said harbours be Repealed, and a Restoration of our Charter Rights be obtained — and
I doth that there may be the less temptation to others to continue in the said now dangerous Commerce we do in like manner solemnly covenant that we will not buy, purchase, or consume, or suffer any person by, for, or under us to buy, purchase or consume in any manner what ever any goods wares or merchandise which shall arrive from Great Britain aforesaid from and after the last day of August next ensuing and in order as much as in us lies to prevent our being interrupted and defeated in this only practicable measure enter'd into for the recovery and preservation of our Rights we agree to break off all trade, commerce & dealings whatsoever with all persons who persevering their own private interest to the salvation of their now perishing Country, shall still continue to import goods from Great Britain shall purchase of them who shall import arms and ammunition and medicines for the sick only excepted.

I doth that such person may not have it in their power to impose upon us by any pretence what ever, we further agree to purchase no article of merchandise from them or any of them who shall not have signed this or a similar Covenant, or will not produce and oath, certified by a magistrate to be by them taken to the following purpose viz.

I of do solemnly swear the goods I have now on hand and propose for sail have not to the best of my knowledge been imported from Great Britain into any port of America since the last day of August one thousand and seven
Hundred & seventy four, and that I will not
Contrary to the Spirit of an agreement enter-
ing into this Province without or purchase
of any person so importing any Good as
before Said untill the port or harbour of Boston
Shall be opened, and we are Restored to the
free use of our Constitutional and Charter
Rights, and

Lastly
Lastly we agree that after this or a similar Covenant has been offered to any Person and they Refuse to Sign it, or produce the oaths above said we will Consider them as Continuations importers, and with Draw all Commercial Connections with them, so far as not to Purchase any Articles whatever of Marchandise imported from Great Britain.

Provided nevertheless; notwithstanding the obligation which we have laid our selves under by the above Instrument; Should there be a Congress of the provinces on the Continent, or the Major part of them to Consult & advise Suitable Measures to be taken in this Difficult and alarming Day, which is already began by the late House of Representatives; and the example likely to be followed by the Neighbouring Governments — Should such body which Convened adopt Measures after Delegation which they Shall judge more Salutary & Safe for the whole Community then what has been Signed above, we hereby Reserve Liberty to Dissolve and make void this present Covenant upon of our acceptance thereof.

as witness our hands this twenty seventh Day of June 1774.

A True Copy of the Covenant the Town of Concord Entred into whereby the Oppressive hand of Great Britain was on us on this Continent and in particular this Province threatening to Deprive use of all our Liberties Granted by the Royal Charter. said Covenant being on file for the year 1774.

we to the Second article in the warrant the Petitioners with drew there Petition therefore...
the article was not acted upon

as to the third article Voted to accept the Report of the Com'te for Seating the meeting house anew, and Said Report may be seen in the file for the year 1774 —

as to the fourth article Voted not to accept the Report of the Com'te chosen to see if it Should be necessary to make alterations in the meeting house —

a true Record of the proceeding of meeting above mentioned

att: Ephraim Wood jun.

Town Clerk

and the Meeting was by the moderator dismissed

1774 Sept 5, thew Paid Elnathan Jones by an order to m. Aribiah Bond Town Treasurer for Sundry articles as per his acct

One pound Eighteen Shillings 10 p 1 farthing
September 4, 1774, the Selectmen met and agreed to a precept received for the choice of a Representative appointed a Town meeting to be held at the Town house in Salem Town on Monday the twenty-sixth day of September instant at one of the Clock in the after noon to consider and act on the following articles viz—

1st To elect one or more Persons to serve for and represent them at a great and general Court or assembly to be convened and held at the Court house in Salem upon Wednesday the fifth of October next

2d To see if the Town will choose one or more persons to join in a Provincial Congress appointed to be held at Concord the second Tuesday of October next

3d To see if the Town will choose a Committee of Safety, To see that due order & regulation in our civil affairs are preserved in this Town at this day & that they be a standing Committee for still further measures are taken for that purpose and that they have such instructions from the Town as they shall think proper to give when met or at other ways on this important affair as the Town shall think proper

4th To see if the Town will give orders that a company of men be raised to hold themselves in readiness at a minute warning in case of an alarm, or on other occasions, and that every matter of thing respecting said Company be taken into consideration
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by the Town and act on the same as they shall think proper.

5th To see if the Town will give orders that there should be an addition made to their Town Stock of ammunition.

6th To see if the Town will purchase a chest of fire arms that those who are unable to purchase them themselves may have the advantage of them if necessity calls for it.

7th To see if the Town will choose a Committee of Correspondence to correspond with such Committee in other Towns in the Province.

and whereas the Town of Concord did in years back build a Pew in the Meeting House in this Town for Mr. Whittem, their late Pastor, and his family to set in, and the same now being extinct and the Pew now being the Property of the Towns, therefore.

8th To see in what way and manner the Town will dispose of said Pew, and dispose of the same at said meeting if thought convenient, and the Selectmen gave orders that the Warrants should be drawn and delivered to the Constables, that said meeting be warned accordingly.
At a General Town Meeting of the free holders and others inhabitants of the Town of Concord Legally warned as by Returns on the Warrant for said Meeting. Convened and held at the Town house in Said Town on Monday the twenty-sixth day of September A.D. 1774

1. Capt. James Barrett was chosen by every vote Represent this Town in General Court.

Mr. Samuel Whitney was chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

Voted on the second article to choose two to be added to the Capt. James Barrett the Representative to meet the Provincial Congress to be held at Concord namely Mr. Samuel Whitney and Ephraim Wood Jr.

on the third article Voted that the whole Town be Resolved into a Committee of Safety to Suppress all Rises, tumults and Disorders in said Town, and to aid and assist all untainted magistrates who has not been aiding and assisting in bringing on a new mode of Government or this Province, in the Execution of the Laws of this Province upon all offenders against the same.

Voted on the fourth article that there be one or more Companies Raised in this Town by Enlistment and that they choose their Officers out of the Body so Enlisted and that Said Company or Companies Stand at a minute warning in Case of an alarm and whenever Said Company should be Call'd for out of Town
in that Case the Town Pay said Company or Companies reasonable wages for the time they were absent —

on the fifth Voted that the Selectmen Buy Seven Barrels & a Half of Powder 56 pound each & 500 pound of Lead in addition to the Town stock of ammunition

on the Sixth article Voted to buy a Chest of Good fire Arms on the Town Expense for the Purposes Mentioned in the article in the warrant

on the Seventh article Voted to Chuse a Committee of Correspondance the Persons following were Chose on said Committee namely Mr. Sam Whitney Capt. Jonas Heywood Ephraim Wood Junr. Mr. Joseph Norin Mr. James Chandler & Mr. James Barrett

on the Eighth article it was Voted to dispose of the Pew formerly Built by the Town for Mr. Whitney Sr. family to let in and that said Pew be disposed of in said Meeting by Publick Vendue and the Moderator was appointed Vincent Mason and the said Pew was struck off to Mr. Isaac Hubbard for one Hundred & Forty Pounds old Tenor or Eighteen Pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence lawful money to be paid in three months from the said thereof — and the Moderator dismissed the Meeting

a True Record of the Proceeding of Said Meeting

Ephraim Wood Junr.
Town Clerk
October 4th 1774 the selectmen met and agreed that a Town Meeting should be appointed to be held in the Town house in said Town on Monday the twenty-fourth day of said October to consider and act on the following articles viz —

1. To see if the Town will mount the cannon bought into this Town by the Committee of Correspondance, and also provide ammunition for said cannon, agreeable to the request of said Committee

2. To see in what way and manner the Town will dispose of the money now in the constables hands, which they have not paid in the province treasurer the last year, and if the Town should not see cause to take any of said money in said constables hands for the above said use, then to see if the Town will raise a sum of money for the above purposes

3. To see if the Town will make provision for the payment for the arms and ammunition they voted to purchase last Town Meeting —

And the selectmen gave orders that the warrants should be drawn and delivered to the constables that the meeting should be warned accordingly

At a meeting of the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Concord began and held at the
Town Meeting

Town House in Said Town on Monday the twenty-fourth day of October and 1774. Mr. Samuel Whitney was chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Selectmen take the Care that the Cannon brought into this Town by the Committee of Correspondence be mounted at the Expense of the Town, and that there be provided one hundred pound weight of Cannon Ball & pound Each Ball, and two hundred weight of Grape Shot, and Seven Barrels of Powder for the use of Said Cannon

On the second article

Voted that the Selectmen take the money now in the Constables hands for the above purchases and the Mounting Said Cannon, and to purchase the arms and ammunition.

Voted last meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Concord the 26. day of September last

Voted also to Raise the Sum of one hundred & twenty pounds to supply the place of the said Sum of money in the Constables hands to taken by the Selectmen for the above purposes and the Moderator dismissed the Meeting.

1774 Dec. 4. 28, then Paid Mr. Zepheniah Wood by an order to Mr. Obijah Bond Town Treasurer for his wages keeping school in the Society in mine acre corner being the whole of the sum apportioned to them three pounds eight shillings—
November 9th, 1774, the Selectmen of the Town of Concord met and appointed to meeting of the inhabitants of said Town to be held at the Town house in said Town on Monday the twenty-first day of said November at one of the Clock in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles:

1. To see if the Town will give orders that the Constables of this Town who have or may have any money in their hands belonging to the Province, that they pay the same into the hands of Henry Gardner Esq., Receiver General for the Province of Continental Congress.

2. To see if the Town will make any alterations in the non-consumption Covenant signed by the inhabitants of this Town, by complying with the association, agreed upon by the Continental Congress, or act on said Covenant as the Town shall think proper.

And the Selectmen gave orders that the warrants should be drawn and delivered to the Constables that the meeting should be warned accordingly.

At a General Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Concord begun and held at the Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty-first day of November, 1774, John Cumming Esq., was chosen moderator, voted that the money now on hand shall be in any hands of the Constables' hands be-
...longing to the Province not before appropriated to any use by the Town be paid into the hands of Henry Gardiner Esq. who is appointed to receive the same when ever it is ascertained that he has given proper security to the satisfaction of said Congress.

Voted on the second article that upon deliberation the Town did vote to make the nonconsumption Covenant which the inhabitants had signed by accepting of the association agreed upon by the Continental Congress agreeable to a Reserve made in said Covenant before signing Reference thereto had may more fully appear — also voted to choose a Committee of Inspection to see to the punctual observance of said association agreement Cap. James Barrett Mr. Joseph Hornes Cap. Jonas Henwood Mr. Abijah Bond & Mr. David Brown was chosen on said Committee.

and the Moderator dissolved the meeting.
December ye 27. 1774, the selectman of the Town of Concord met and appointed a Town meeting to be held in the Town house in Said Town on Monday the Second day of January 1775 at one of the Clock on Said day to Consider and act on the Following articles—

First to chuse one or more persons to join in a Provincial Congress appointed to be held at Cambridge on the First Day of February next or sooner if need be.

Secondly To see if the Town will agreeble to the Recommendation of the Provincial allow a reasonable Consideration to the Minute Men (if any should Enlist in this Town) for their Services in Turneing out this winter to learn the art Military and act on Said Article as the Town shall think proper.

Thirdly To see if the Town will take in to Consideration the affair of Mr. Tho. Coles donation to the Poor of this Town, and give such orders & directions to the Selectmen as they shall think proper, for the Speedy Reimbursement of the Same or act otherwise as the Town shall