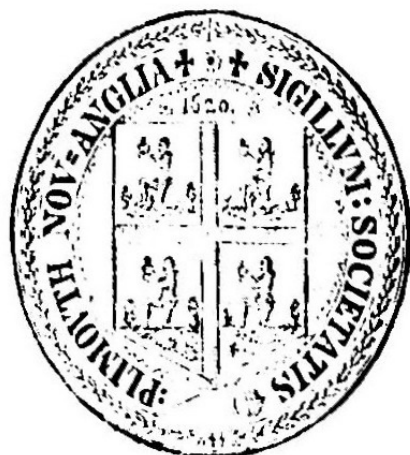


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that in case the petitioner shall and doe make his adrese to the rest of the companie interested in those lands, that they will pswade them, that altho hee can not be supplied out of the deuided lands of it, that hee may be competently supplied in the vndeuided lands therof.

In answere to the petition of Richard Wright, requesting land in the right of Peter Maycocke, somtimes a servant in this collonie, the Court sees noe right appeering by vertue of his claime; but as hee hath bin an ancient inhabitant, and hath not bin much considered, and appeers to stand in need, haueing children that may imploy land, the Court saith, if hee can find out land that is free and may be graunted, the Court will, vpon intelligence giuen them, consider him according to his condition.

An Order directed to the Committee of Scittuate.

Gentlemen: John Daman hath complained that you gaue him fifty acres of land, and vpon a suggestion that hee had land on that accoumt before, you drew backe, notwithstanding hee appeered in a list from the Court to be one land was promised to; and therefore wee request and thinke indeed hee ought to be considered, and desire you would see doe.

Wheras the townes of Taunton and Swansey haue complained that the towne of Rehoboth, haueing run their line, non of those townes being p^sent, and soe being their owne caruers, they haue reason to feare the said line is much to their preiudice, and alsoe that Rehoboth bounds are yett imperfect and can not by them be certainly knowne, this Court doth therefore order, that the said lines between them and the complaining townes be run againe according to graunt of Court between this and October Court next, and that the said adjoyning townes haue seasonable notice of the time of their doeing it, that they may haue further satisfaction improucing some of their [^], to see it fairly settled.

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*In reference to a petition preferred to the Court by John Howland, John Tracey, Josiah Standish, Edward Southworth, Joseph Howland, Dauid Aldin, and Jabez Howland, requesting a supply of land according vnto and by vertue of a Court order which ingageth land to children heer borne and brought vp before strangers, the Court haue ordered, that the lands yett vndisposed of shalbe viewed, and that such of the ancient freemen as haue not bin yett accomodated may be supplied in the first place, and afterward the petitioners to be supplied.

Att this Court, Nathaniel Morton requested the Court to haue libertie to seek out for some accomodation of land for himselfe and in the behalfe of the posteritie of his brother, John Morton, deceased, as being decended of M^r

Gorge Morton, deceased, and in reference to his place as being one that hath served the country this many yeers, the Court haaving considered his predecessor, Mr Nathaniel Souther, with a considerable tract on that account, the Court ordered, that hee bee considered with such freemen as are abouenamed that may make their addresses to the Court for a supply.

Wheras att a former request and petition of the towne of Taunton, the Court orders, that the line betwixt them and Bridgewater might be run, which notwithstanding hath bin hitherto neglected, and that now the towne of Bridgewater hath petitioned the Court that the said line may now be run, this Court now ordereth, that the line be run according to their graunt between this Court of his ma^{tie} to be holden att Plymouth the first Tusday in July next, and that notice be giuen to the Treasurer and the time intended, hee being appointed and requested by the Court to assist therein.

The Court haue graunted vnto Mr John Holmes, teacher of the church of Christ att Duxburrow, and vnto Mr John Smith, teacher of the church of Christ att Sandwich, — to Mr Holmes in the right of his father, and to the said Mr Smith for his accomodation, — a certaine tract of land att Pinquine Hole, that is to say, the land of Charles the Indian, bounded on the northsyde by the lands of Mr Josiah Standish, and Pinquine Hole Riuer on the south, by the sea on the west, and soe extending into the woods; to be equally deuided betwixt them in equall and alike proportions, they purchasing it of the Indians.

In reference vnto a difference between some of the purchasers and Wilham Nicarson about title of lands att Mannamoiett, exhibited to the Court, the one by his petition and the other by their remonstrance, giuen into the Court by Thomas Clarke and Jonathan Banges in the behalfe of seuerall others, the Court haue appointed Mr Hinckley, Mr Gorum, and Jonathan Sparrow to sett the bounds of their lands between them, according to the Courts graunt, vnto the freemen that haue interest with the said Nicarson therein; and that they take speciall regard that they leaue noe vacant lands between their inhabited lands and the sea or water; and if Mr Hinckley can not attend it, then Captaine Howes to supply his place in it.

And wheras Wilham Nicarson requesteth that their neighborhood att Mannamoiett may be allowed to be a townshipp, the Court conceiues they are not in a capassitie att p^{re}sent to manage the affaires of a towne, and therefore for the p^{re}sent allow them to haue a deputie, constable and a grandjurymen, which shalbe chosen by the towne of Eastham together with themselves, and in all other respects to remaine and relate vnto the towne of Eastham for bearing their p^{ro}pte of all other charge, as was settled the last June Court.

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Leift Morton and Francis Combe are ordered by the Court to lay out a psell of land belonging to the successors of M^r Prence, deceased, lying att Namassakett, whoe are to doe it according to the Courts graunt.

Jonathan Higgins is allowed and approued by the Court to be ensigne bearer of the milletary companie of Eastham.

Leitenant Hunt, Ensigne Smith, and M^r Daniell Smith are appointed and authorised by the Court to take some psent care of the estate of M^r Wiltam Blackston, deceased, and off his son now left by him, and to see that the next Court hee doe propose a man to the Court to be his guardian ; which incase hee doe neglect, the Court will then see cause to make choise of one for him.

In reference vnto the petition of Mistris Elizabeth Tilden, wherein shee desires the Court to consider her soe as to order her some releife out of the estate in her hands for the bringing vp of three of her children, the Court, takeing it into serious consideration, doe allow her out of the estate in her hands twenty pounds for the two last years.

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*The Court doth allow the sume of ten pounds, besides what is due from Joseph Barstow, for and towards the building of a bridge for foot and horse ouer the North Riuer, which bridge is to be parrelllel for strength and worke-manshipp vnto the bridge att the Felriuer.

M^r Thomas Dexter and Thomas Tupper are appointed by the Court to gather in the minnesters maintainance att Sandwich.

Whereas the Court is informed, that one whose name is John Steuenson, son in law to M^r Wiltam Blackstone, late deceased, was very healpfull to his father and mother in theire life time, without whome they could not haue subsisted, as to a good healp and instrument therof, and that hee is now left in a low and mean condition, and neuer was in any measure recompenced for his good seruice aforesaid, and that, as is said att least, his father in law ingaged to his mother att his marriage with her, that hee should be considered with a competeneye of land out of the said Blackstones land hee then liued on, which hath neuer bin yett pformed ; and forasmuch as the psonall estate of the said Wiltam Blackston is soe smale and inconsiderable as that hee, the said Steuenson, can not be relieued out of it ; this Court, therefore, on consideration of the pmises, doe order and dispose of fifty acres of land vnto the said John Steuenson out of the lands of the said Wiltam Blackstone, and fine acres of meddow, to be layed out to him by Ensigne Henery Smith, M^r Daniell Smith, and M^r Nathaniel Paine, accordingly as they shall judge meet, soe as it may be most comodious to him and as little prejudiciall to the seat of M^r Wiltam Blackstone as may be.

Concerning Saconessett, in reference to abuses of the Lords day, for the bringing of those misdemeanors to light, it is ordered by the Court, —

That Barnstable choose one of their grandjurymen out of the inhabitants of Saconest.

The sume of thirty five shillings is allowed by the Court vnto John Woodcocke, to be payed to him by John Littlefeild for charges of him and his daughters attendance att the Court to giue testimony in reference to the controversy between Israell Woodcocke and Rebeckah Littlefeild.

Serje: Ephraim Tinkham, for coming into the Court drunke, fined forty shillings.

Samuell Wood, for comitting carnall coppulation with }
his now wife before marriage, fined } 5 : 00 : 00

* Att a meeting of the councell of warr for this jurisdiction, held att Plymouth, the fourth day of August, 1675, —

In reference vnto a companie of natives now in custody, brought in to Plymouth, being men, weomen, and children, in number one hundred and twelue, vpon seriouse and deliberate consideration and agitation concerning them, the conclusion is as followeth: that wheras, vpon examination, it is found that seuerall of them haue bine actors in the late rising and warr of the Indians against vs, and the rest compliers with them therein, which they haue done contrary to engagement and couenant made and plighted with this colonie, which they haue pfidiously broken, as appeereth further alsoe in that they did not discouer that pnisious plott which Phillip, with others, completed against vs, which hath caused the destruction of seuerall of vs, by losse of liues and estates, and still held in danger therby, the pmisses considered as aforesaid, the councell adjudged them to be sold, and deuoted vnto servitude, excepting some few of them, which, vpon speciall consideration, are to be otherwise disposed of, and the Treasurer is appointed by the councell to make sale of them in the countryes behalfe.

Forasmuch as by frequent and sad experience it is found, that selling, &c, of armes and amunition to the Indians is very pnisious and destructive to the English, it is therefore ordered, decreed, and enacted by the councell of warr for this jurisdiction, that whosoever shalbe found to sell, barter, or giue, directly or indirectly, any gun or guns, or amunition of any kind, to any Indian or Indians, and the same legally proued against them, euery such pson or p-sons shalbe put to death, and in defect of full and legall proffe there, the printed law to take place.

The councell of warr did vnanimously impower our honored Gour, together with such of the councell as can reddily giue him meeting, being

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neare to him, to dismisse and require our forces home againe, as occation may require.

The councell of warr doe impower Serjeant John Tompson and Leiftenant Joseph Howland, to keep the Indian prisonors now att Plymouth, and doe allow them two shillings and sixpence for euery day and night, for euery man that is or shalbe employed in this p^sent seruice.

The councell of warr for this jurisdiction, being mett together att Plymouth the second of September, 1675, to consider of a certaine p^sell of Indians lately come in to Sandwich in a submissiue way to this collonie, doe find, that they are in the same condition of rebellion as those formerly condemned to seruitude, and doe vnanimously agree that the said Indians, being in number fifty-seauen, are condemned vnto p^petuell seruitude, and therefore doe heerby order and appointe the Treasurer to make sale of them, for and to the vse of the collonie, as oppertunity may p^sent.

[*121.]

*Receiued this 4th of July, 1671, of my father in law, John Cowin, of Scittuate, the sume of five pounds, and is full satisfaction for my portion allowed mee out of my father, Richard Mans estate, by the honored Court of New Plymouth; I say receiued by mee.

THOMAS MAN.

Witnessed by James Cudworth.

Receiued this 30th of October, of my father in law Cowin, five pounds, for the vse of Josiah Man, which hee was to haue, by the Court order, of his father Cowine; wee owne it receiued by vs, Thomas Man and Richard Man, as witnes wherof wee haue heervnto sett our hands.

THOMAS MAN.

The marke of **R** RICHARD MAN.

Timothy White,

Thomas Pinchen.

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Receiued, the seauenth of June, 1673, of my father in law, John Cowin, one red horse, and is in full satisfaction for five pounds, which the Court ordered him the said Cowin to pay mee as a portion determined by the Court for mee out of my father, Richard Mans estate; I say I haue receiued the said horse, in full satisfaction for the said portion of five pounds. In witnes wherof, I haue heervnto sett my hand.

The marke of **R** RICHARD MAN.

Witnessed by James Cudworth.