

APPENDIX No. LI.

GRANTS OF LAND

BY

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

By His Excellency Levi Lincoln, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over said Commonwealth. To all whom it may concern: *Appendix.*
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[L. s.] Know ye that George W. Coffin, Esquire, of Boston, is Land Agent of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the said Commonwealth, duly constituted and commissioned, and that to his LEVI LINCOLN. act and attestations, as such, full faith and credit are and ought to be given in and out of Court. Grants of land by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Public Seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed, this sixteenth day of August, A. D. 1828, and in the fifty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By His Excellency the Governor.

EDWARD D. BANGS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

FOR THE SALE, TO H. JACKSON AND ROYAL FLINT, OF CERTAIN LANDS IN THE EASTERN PART OF MASSACHUSETTS. 18 APRIL, 1772.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Articles of Agreement made and entered into this eighteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, between Samuel Phillips, Leonard Jarvis, and John Read, a major part of the Committee for the sale of unappropriated Lands in the Eastern parts of this Commonwealth on the first part, and Henry Jackson and Royal Flint for themselves and associates of the second part, witness as follows, viz: Articles of Agreement for the sale of certain lands to H. Jackson and A. Flint.

ARTICLE I.

It is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the said committee and the said Jackson and Flint, that they the said Committee shall sell, and they do hereby, in behalf of the said Commonwealth, contract to sell to the said Jackson and Flint, all the lands belonging to this Commonwealth within the following bounds: *South* by lands which were sold to said Jackson and Flint by contract dated the first day of July last; *Westerly* by a line on the east side of the great Eastern branch of Penobscot river, at the distance of six miles therefrom; *Easterly* by the river Schoodick,

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and a line extending northerly from the source thereof to the Highlands, and *Northerly* by the Highlands, or by the line described in the Treaty of Peace between the United States and His Britannic Majesty; excepting and reserving therefrom, four lots, of three hundred and twenty acres each, to every township or tract of land of six miles square, to be appointed to the following purposes, viz: One for the first settled minister, one for the use of the ministry, one for the use of schools, and one for the future appropriation of the General Court. The said lots to average in goodness and situation with the other lots in the respective townships; and also excepting and reserving a tract or tracts (not exceeding five) equal in the whole to one tract of six miles by thirty, to be reserved for the use of the Commonwealth, in such part or parts as the said Committee shall judge best adapted for furnishing masts, in case such tract or tracts shall be found, as, in the opinion of the said Committee, shall be suitable for this purpose, and not otherwise. The said Tract or Tracts not to be laid out within six miles of the Eastern or Western boundary lines, and to be located within two years from this date.

ARTICLE II.

It is hereby further covenanted and agreed that the said Jackson and Flint shall, and they do hereby contract to purchase of the said committee, all the lands specified in the foregoing Article, and to pay to the Treasurer of the said Commonwealth, at the rate of twenty-one cents for every acre of the land and water, that may be conveyed to them, conformably to the first article, and to allow an interest of six per centum per annum, after twelve months from the date hereof, till paid; the payments to be made at the periods, and in the proportions specified in the third article.

ARTICLE III.

It is further covenanted and agreed by the said Jackson and Flint, that calculating the amount of all the land and water specified in the first article at the rate of twenty-one cents per acre, and interest thereon after one year from the date of this contract, at the rate of six per centum per annum, and allowing the interest to become principal at the end of each year, on which interest is to be thenceforward calculated, they will pay the amount of the whole principal and interest so calculated in the following manner; that is to say, five thousand dollars in thirty days from the date hereof, and thirty thousand dollars annually, until the whole of said principal and interest, calculated as aforesaid, is discharged; the first annual payment to be made on the eighteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and all the payments to be made in specie.

ARTICLE IV.

In order to secure the fulfilment of the two preceding articles, the said Jackson and Flint do hereby covenant and agree to procure personal security, such as the said committee shall approve of, to the amount of one-fourth part of all the lands, with the interest thereon, calculated as in the preceding article; said securities to be divided into as many parts as is stipulated in the foregoing article the same shall be paid in, and such personal security shall be given for one-fourth part of the payments to be made in each year, said obligations to be considered as security for part of the sum so stipulated in said article to be annually paid.

ARTICLE V.

The said Committee do further covenant and agree, that the said Commonwealth shall and will execute good and sufficient deeds of the lands aforementioned, to the said Jackson and Flint, or their legal representatives, as often and whenever they shall have paid for any quantity not less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand acres, at the

price stipulated in this contract, subject however to the conditions expressed in the *Appendix*.
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ARTICLE VI.

It is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed by the parties, that should the said Jackson and Flint choose to make payment of any or all the sums specified in the several instalments, prior to the respective periods when the same shall become due, they may have a right so to do, and on the anticipation of such a payment, such a discount shall be made therefrom, as shall leave a sum to be received by the treasurer of the said Commonwealth, which, with an interest of six per centum per annum, paid annually, would have completed the payment so anticipated at the period it would have become due.

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ARTICLE VII.

The said Jackson and Flint further covenant and agree to lay out the lands they have stipulated to purchase into Townships of six miles square, or as nearly as circumstances will admit, and to place thereon four hundred inhabitants in five years, and two hundred inhabitants annually afterwards, on one million acres, and in that proportion on a larger or smaller quantity; and in such manner as that forty inhabitants shall be settled on each township, in twelve years from the date of this covenant.

ARTICLE VIII.

It being an important object with the said Commonwealth to secure the settlement of the lands in the manner expressed in the seventh article, it is hereby covenanted and agreed by the said Jackson and Flint, that the said Commonwealth shall be held to give deeds only for one half of the lands that may be paid for, till the terms of settlement, as before expressed, are complied with, or until the stipulations in the ninth article shall be fulfilled.

ARTICLE IX.

The said Jackson and Flint having a right to anticipate the payments stipulated in the third article, it is hereby understood and agreed by the said Committee, that the said Jackson and Flint shall, notwithstanding what is expressed in the eighth article, be entitled to receive clear and complete deeds of the whole quantity of land paid for; provided, that at the time of requiring such deeds, they shall have deposited in the Treasury of the said Commonwealth, thirty dollars of the six per cent. stock of the United States for each and every inhabitant deficient of the number stipulated to be placed on the land; but it is understood that the number of inhabitants for which a deposit is to be made for the purpose of obtaining a deed of land which shall have been paid for, is to bear the same proportion to the quantity of lands for which deeds are demanded, as forty inhabitants bears to one township of six miles square.

ARTICLE X.

It is hereby further mutually covenanted and agreed, that the six per cent. stock which may be deposited by the said Jackson and Flint in the Treasury of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to secure the settlement expressed in the seventh article, shall be restored to the said Jackson and Flint, in proportion as they shall put the number of inhabitants on the land, at the several periods specified, and thirty dollars of the aforesaid stock shall be forfeited to the said Commonwealth for each and every inhabitant which shall be deficient of the number stipulated at the respective periods. The interest accruing on the unforfeited six per cent. stock, while in the Treasury as aforesaid, to be for the benefit of the said Jackson and Flint.

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It is agreed by both the contracting parties, that within sixty days after the surveyors shall have returned a plan of the tract of land hereby contracted to be sold, either the said Jackson or Flint being notified thereof, they, the said Jackson and Flint, will make to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth other bonds for such sums as, with the bonds stipulated to be given by the fourth article shall complete the instalments mentioned in the third article, and payable at the same periods respectively as the bonds last mentioned, and in the whole be equal to the amount of the lands purchased, and interest thereon conformable to the said third article; and that the said Commonwealth shall and will make and execute to the said Jackson and Flint, their heirs and assigns forever, good and sufficient deeds with warranty, bearing even date with the bonds abovementioned, each of the said deeds to convey such proportion of the tract or tracts herein contracted to be sold, as fifteen thousand dollars are to the amount of all the bonds aforesaid, beginning at the Southerly and progressing to the Northerly part of the said land; all the deeds aforesaid to be deposited in the hands of three persons, such as both the contracting parties shall agree on, and to be by them delivered to the Grantees in the following manner, viz: one of the said deeds on the payment of the bonds which conformably to this and the fourth article shall become due on the eighteenth day of April, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, and one other of the said deeds on the payment of the bonds which shall become due at the expiration of each of the next succeeding years, and one other of the said deeds to be delivered as aforesaid, on the performance of such proportion of the settling duty stipulated in the seventh and ninth articles, as thirty thousand dollars are to the amount of all the bonds aforesaid. Provided, that no deed shall be delivered till the bonds which shall have become due, previous to the bonds given for the lands described in the deed applied for, shall have been cancelled.

ARTICLE XII.

It is hereby agreed by the said Committee, that the lands contracted for in this agreement shall be surveyed by Surveyors, under oath, to be by them appointed and within twelve months of this date, or as soon after as may be, at the expense of the Commonwealth, and shall be exempted from State Taxes for the space of ten years, to be calculated from the date hereof, and a plan of the land so surveyed shall be delivered to the said Jackson and Flint, within two months after the surveys are completed.

In witness whereof both the contracting parties before named, have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year herein first mentioned.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us,

DAVID COBB,
THOMAS WALCOTT,
ROYAL FLINT, *in presence of*
DAVID COBB,
JOSEPH WOODWARD,

HENRY JACKSON, [L. s.]
ROYAL FLINT, [L. s.]
SAML. PHILLIPS, [L. s.]
LEO. JARVIS, [L. s.]
JOHN READ. [L. s.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LAND OFFICE, *Boston, 16th August, 1828.*

This certifies that the foregoing instrument is a true copy of the articles of agreement to sell certain lands to Messrs. Jackson and Flint by the Committee for the sale of Eastern lands, now on the files of this office.

Attest:

GEO. W. COFFIN,
Land Agent

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*By His Excellency Levi Lincoln, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over said Commonwealth.*

To all whom it may concern:

Know ye, That George W. Coffin, Esquire, is Land Agent of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the said Commonwealth, duly constituted and commissioned, and that to his acts and attestations, as such, full faith and credit are and out to be given in and out of Court.

[L. s.]

LEVI LINCOLN.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Public Seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed, this twenty-second day of September, A. D. 1828, and in the fifty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By His Excellency the Governor.

EDWARD D. BANGS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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TO THE WESTFIELD AND DEERFIELD ACADEMIES.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That in pursuance of a report of a joint Committee, which has been accepted by both branches of the Legislature; there be, and hereby is, granted to the Trustees of Westfield Academy, and to their Successors, one half Township of Land, of six miles square, for said Academy, to be laid out or assigned by the Committee for the sale of Eastern lands, in some of the unappropriated lands in the District of Maine, belonging to this Commonwealth, excepting all lands within six miles of *Penobscot* river, with the reservations and conditions of settlement which have usually been made in cases of similar grants. Which said tract of land the said Trustees are hereby empowered to use, improve, sell, or dispose of, as they may think most for the benefit of said Institution.

Resolve respecting a grant to the Trustees of Westfield Academy.

IN SENATE, *June 9th, 1797.*

Sent down for concurrence. Read and accepted.

SAML. PHILLIPS, *Pres*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *June 10, 1797*

Read and concurred.

EDWD. H. ROBBINS, *Speaker.*

Approved.

INCREASE SUMNER.

June 12, 1797.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Resolve.

In testimony of which, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the said Commonwealth, in my custody and possession, this twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty-third.

[L. s.]

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Resolve respecting a grant to the Trustees of Deerfield Academy.

Resolved, That in pursuance of a report of a joint Committee which has been accepted by both branches of the Legislature; there be, and hereby is, granted to the Trustees of Deerfield Academy, and to their successors forever, one half of a Township of six miles square, for and to the use of said Academy, to be laid out or assigned by the Committee for the sale of Eastern lands, in some of the unappropriated lands in the District of Maine belonging to this Commonwealth, excepting all lands within six miles of Penobscot river, with the reservations and conditions of settlement which have been usually made in cases of similar grants; which said tract of land the said trustees are hereby empowered and authorized to use, improve, sell or dispose of, as they may think most for the advantage of said institution.

IN SENATE, *June 14th, 1797.*

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

SAML. PHILLIPS, *Pres.*IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *June 17, 1797.*

Read and concurred.

EDWD. H. ROBBINS, *Speaker.**June 19, 1797.*

Approved.

INCREASE SUMNER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Resolve.

In testimony of which, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the said Commonwealth, in my custody and possession, this twenty-second day of

[L. s.] September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty-third.

EDWARD D. BANGS,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Grant to the Trustees of Westfield Academy.

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Whereas the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts did grant to the Trustees of Westfield Academy, half a Township of land, by a resolve, bearing date the twelfth day of June, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven; Now therefore know ye, that we, whose names are undersigned, and seals affixed, appointed Agents by a resolve of the General Court, passed the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and five, to make and execute conveyances, and by virtue of other powers vested in us by the same resolve, do, by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth, assign, relinquish and quit claim, unto the Trustees of Westfield Academy, and their successors, to be by them holden in their corporate capacity, for the use of said Academy, half a Township of Land, lying in the County of Washington, or equal to the contents of six miles by three, as the same was surveyed by Hoyt and Shepherd, in the year eighteen hundred and five, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the South-west angle of the Soldiers' Township (so called) in which angle stands a Cedar tree, marked on the East side S. W. and S. T. and on the West side, S. E. 1805 [mark]; thence running due West six miles to a Spruce tree, marked on the East side S. W. S. W. E. II. 1805 [mark]; on the north side are the same marks; thence north three miles to a small Fir marked 3 M.; thence East six miles to the West line of said Soldiers' Township; thence South, three miles on said Soldier Township to the Cedar first described: Conditioned however, that the said grantees, or

their assigns, shall lay out and convey to each settler, who settled on said tract before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, one hundred acres, to be laid out so as best to include his improvements, and be least injurious to the adjoining lands: and that they shall settle on said tract, ten families in six years, including those now settled thereon, and that they shall lay out three lots of one hundred and sixty acres each, for the following uses, viz: One lot for the use of the ministry, one lot for the first settled minister, his heirs and assigns, and one lot for the use of schools in said tract. To have and to hold the same to the said Trustees, successors and assigns, on the conditions aforesaid forever.

And we the said Agents do covenant, that the said Commonwealth shall warrant and defend the premises, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this twentieth day of September, eighteen hundred and six.

JOHN READ, [L. s.]
WM. SMITH, [L. s.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

MARK PICKARD,
GEORGE W. COFFIN.

SUFFOLK, ss. Boston 20th September, 1806 }

Acknowledged before

JOS. MAY, Jus. Peace.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LAND OFFICE, Boston, 20th September, 1828.

This certifies that the foregoing instrument is a true copy of the record in this office, volume No. 3, page 129.

Attest:

GEORGE W. COFFIN,
Land Agent.

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Whereas the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts did grant to the Trustees of Deerfield Academy half a Township of Land, by a resolve, bearing date the nineteenth day of June, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven: Now therefore know ye, that we whose names are undersigned and seals affixed, appointed Agents by a resolve of the General Court of the Commonwealth aforesaid, passed the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and five, to make and execute conveyances, and by virtue of other powers vested in us by the same resolve, do by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth, assign, relinquish and quit claim unto the Trustees of Deerfield Academy, and their successors, to be by them holden in their corporate capacity, for the use of said Academy, half a Township of Land, lying in the County of Washington, or equal to the contents of six miles by three, as the same was surveyed by Hoyt and Shepherd, in the year eighteen hundred and five, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the North-west angle of the Soldiers' Township, which is a Birch tree marked *N. W. C. S. T. 108* [mark] on south-east side, on the north side marked 115, on the south side 148 and 9 spots, thence due West six miles to a Fir tree, marked *N. W. W. S. E. H. 1805*, [mark] on the south side, same on the east side, and the word *corner* on the S. E. side; thence south three miles to the North-west corner of the half Township, laid out for Westfield Academy; thence East six miles on said Westfield Academy land, to the Soldier Township; thence on said Soldier Township, north to the Birch first described; conditioned however, that the said grantees or their assigns, shall lay out and convey to each settler, who settled on said tract before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, one hundred acres, to be laid out so as best to include his improvements, and be least injurious to the adjoining lands; and that they shall settle in said tract ten families in six years, inclu-

Appendix. ding those now settled thereon; and that they shall lay out three lots of one hundred
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 Grants of land one lot for the first settled minister, his heirs and assigns, and one lot for the use of
 by the Common- schools in said tract. To have and to hold the same to the Trustees aforesaid, their
 wealth of Massa- successors and assigns, on the conditions aforesaid, forever. And we the said Agents
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 Grant to the Trustees of Deerfield Academy. hereunto set our hands and seals, this twentieth day of September, eighteen hundred
 and six.

JOHN READ, [L. s.]
 WM. SMITH, [L. s.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

MARK PICKARD,
 GEO. W. COFFIN.

SUFFOLK, ss. Boston, 20th September, 1806.

Acknowledged before

JOS. MAY, *Jus. Peace.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LAND OFFICE, Boston, 20th September, 1828.

This certifies that the foregoing Deed is a true copy of the record in this office, volume No. 3, page 127.

Attest:

GEO. W. COFFIN,
Land Agent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

His Excellency Levi Lincoln, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over said Commonwealth.

To all whom it may concern:

Know ye, that George W. Coffin, Esquire, is Land Agent for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the said Commonwealth, duly constituted and commissioned, and that to his act and attestations, as such, full faith and credit are and ought to be given in and out of Court.

[L. s.]

LEVI LINCOLN.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Public Seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed, this 22d day of September, A. D. 1828, and in the fifty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By His Excellency the Governor.

EDWARD D. BANGS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

GRANTS

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Plymouth, praying for legislative aid, for the security and preservation of their harbour, by repairing the beach mentioned in said petition,

Grant to the inhabitants of the town of Plymouth.

Resolved, for reasons set forth in said petition, that there is hereby granted to the said Town of Plymouth, (for the purpose aforesaid) a Township of Land six miles square, to be laid out and assigned to them by the Agents for the sale of Eastern lands, out of any unappropriated lands in the District of Maine, with the usual reservations and restrictions, excepting the ten townships of land on Penobscot river, purchased of the Indians: Provided however, that the said town of Plymouth shall, within two years from the passing of this resolve, raise and appropriate *five thousand dollars*, in addition to the above grant; the whole to be applied and laid out under the direction of an Agent or Agents to be appointed by his Excellency the Governor: Provided also, that the said town of Plymouth shall cause the said Township to be surveyed and located, and a plan thereof returned into the Land Office, within the term of three years.

February 20th, 1806.

In Senate, read and accepted.

H. G. OTIS,
President.

In the House of Representatives, March 4, 1806.

Read and concurred.

TIMOTHY BIGELOW,
Speaker.

March 4, 1806, approved.

CALEB STRONG.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
Secretary's Office.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original resolve.

In testimony of which, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the said Commonwealth, in my custody and possession, this twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the fifty-third.

[L. S.]

EDWARD D. BANGS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts did grant to the Town of Plymouth, a township of Land, by a resolve bearing date the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and six,

Now therefore Know ye, that we whose names are undersigned and seals affixed, appointed agents by the General Court of the Commonwealth aforesaid, by a resolve passed the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and five, to make and execute conveyances, and by virtue of other powers vested in us by the same and other resolves, Do, by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth, assign, relinquish and quit claim unto the Town of Plymouth, to be by them holden in their corporate capacity, for the use of said Town, all the right, title, and interest of said Commonwealth, in and unto a tract of land lying in the County of Washington, equal to the contents of six miles square, as the same was surveyed by Charles Turner, Junior, Esquire, in the year eighteen hundred and seven, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a Beech tree marked S. E. C. P. standing on the Eastern boundary line of the District of Maine, fifty-five miles north of the source of the Schoodic waters, and running north thirteen degrees East, six miles, to a Fir tree, marked sixty one miles; thence running West thirteen degrees North, six miles to a stake; thence running South thir-

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teen degrees West, six miles, to a Maple tree, marked S. W. C. P. thence running East thirteen degrees South, six miles, to the Beech tree first mentioned; together with all the Islands in those parts of the Aroostook river, which are included within the aforesaid bounds, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, excepting and reserving for the use of the Commonwealth, and as a common highway forever, the main channel of the said river Aroostook, in its course through the said Township; the said Township containing twenty three thousand and forty acres, including the river Aroostook running through the same, as will more fully appear on a plan of said Township, now lodged in the office of the aforesaid Agents.

To have and to hold the aforegranted premises, to the said Town of Plymouth or their assigns forever, on condition however, that the said grantees or their assigns, shall lay out and convey to each settler, who settled on said tract before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty four, one hundred acres of land, (in case of the settler's decease without assignment, then to his heirs, and in case of assignment then to the assigns) to be so laid out as best to include the improvements of the settler, and be least injurious to the adjoining land; and that they shall settle in said tract twenty families within six years, including those now settled thereon; and that they shall lay out in said Township three lots of three hundred and twenty acres each, for the following uses, viz: One lot for the use of the Ministry, one lot for the first settled Minister, his heirs and assigns, and one lot for the use of schools in said tract; the said lots to average in situation and quality with the other lands in said Township.

To have and to hold the aforegranted premises, to the said Town of Plymouth or their assigns, on the conditions and reservations aforesaid, forever.

In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and Seals, this nineteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and seven.

JOHN READ, [L. s.]

WM. SMITH, [L. s.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

GEORGE W. COFFIN,

MOSES GREENLEAF.

SUFFOLK, ss. Boston, 19th December, 1807.

Aeknowledged before

JOS. MAY, *Jus. Peace.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LAND OFFICE, Boston, 20th September, 1828.

This certifies that the foregoing deed is a true copy of the Record, in this office. Volume No. 3, page 273.

Attest:

GEO. W. COFFIN,

Land Agent.

RESOLVES

OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, RESPECTING GRANTS OF LAND TO CERTAIN SOLDIERS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Whereas, in a rising republic, it is highly important to cherish that patriotism which conquers a love of ease, of pleasure, and of wealth; which prompts individuals to a love of their Country, and induces them to embrace every opportunity to advance its prosperity and happiness, as well by ameliorating the fate of those citizens whom the

fortune of war has thrown into captivity, as by cheerfully contributing to its support and defence: And whereas the love of enterprise, when guided by a just sense of propriety and benevolence, may become the parent of many virtues, and a State is sometimes indebted for its safety, to the virtues and undaunted courage of a single man:

And whereas the Senate and House of Representatives of this Commonwealth, are desirous to perpetuate a remembrance of the heroic enterprise of Wm. Eaton, Esq. while engaged in the service of the United States, whose undaunted courage and brilliant services so eminently contributed to release a large number of his fellow citizens, late prisoners in Tripoli, from the chains of slavery, and to restore them to freedom, their country, and their friends; Therefore Resolved, that the Committee for the sale of eastern lands be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to convey to Wm. Eaton, Esq. a citizen of this Commonwealth, and to his heirs and assigns, a tract of land, to contain ten thousand acres, of any of the unappropriated land of this Commonwealth, in the District of *Maine*, (excepting the ten Townships on Penobscot river.)

And be it further Resolved, 'That His Excellency the Governor be requested, as soon as conveniently may be, to cause to be transmitted to the said Wm. Eaton, Esq. an authentic copy of this resolution.

IN SENATE, *February 25, 1806.*

Sent down for concurrence.

H. G. OTIS, *Pres.*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *March 3, 1806.*

Read and concurred.

TIMOTHY BIGELOW, *Speaker.*

March 4, 1806. Approved.

CALEB STRONG.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original resolve.

In testimony of which, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the said Commonwealth, in my custody and possession, this twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty-third.

EDWARD D. BANGS,

Secretary of the Commonwealth

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Whereas the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, did grant to William Eaton, Esquire, ten thousand acres of land, by a resolve bearing date the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and six:

Now therefore know ye, that we whose names are undersigned and seals affixed, appointed Agents by the General Court of the Commonwealth aforesaid, by a resolve passed the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and five, to make and execute conveyances, and by virtue of other resolves, Do, by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth, assign, relinquish, and quit claim unto William Eaton, of the town of Brimfield, in the county of Hampden, and Commonwealth aforesaid, Esquire, his heirs and assigns, all the right, title, and interest of said Commonwealth, in and unto a tract of land lying in the County of Washington, containing ten thousand acres, as the same was surveyed by Charles Turner, Junior, Esquire, in the year eighteen hundred and seven; bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a Maple tree marked S. E.

Appendix. C. E. and S. W. E. P. being the South-west corner of Plymouth grant; Thence
 No. 51. West thirteen degrees North, two miles one hundred and ninety-four rods, to a stake
 being the South-west corner; thence North thirteen degrees East, six miles; thence
 East thirteen degrees South, two miles one hundred and ninety-four rods, to the
 North-west corner of a Township of land granted to the Town of Plymouth; thence
 South thirteen degrees West, six miles, on the line of said Plymouth Township, to
 the first mentioned bounds, together with all the Islands in those parts of the Aroostook
 river, which are included within the aforesaid bounds, together with all the pri-
 vileges and appurtenances thereto belonging; excepting and reserving for the use of the
 Commonwealth, and as a common highway forever, the main channel of the said river
 Aroostook, in its course through the said tract of land; the said tract containing ten
 thousand acres of land, including the river Aroostook running through the same, as
 will more fully appear on a plan of said tract, now lodged in the office of the aforesaid
 Agents: To have and to hold the aforegranted premises to him the said William Ea-
 ton, his heirs and assigns forever. And we the said Agents do covenant, that the said
 Commonwealth shall warrant and defend the premises, against the lawful claims of all
 persons.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this twenty-eighth
 day of January, eighteen hundred and eight.

JOHN READ, [L. s.]
 WM. SMITH. [L. s.]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

CHAS. DAVIS,
 JOHN S. WILLIAMS.

SUFFOLK, ss. *Boston, 29th January, 1808.*

Acknowledged before

CHAS. DAVIS,
Jus. Pacis.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LAND OFFICE, *Boston, 20th September, 1828.*

This certifies that the foregoing Deed is a true copy of the record in this office, vol-
 ume No. 3, page 289.

Attest: GEO. W. COFFIN,
Land Agent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*By His Excellency Levi Lincoln, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
 in and over said Commonwealth.*

To all whom it may concern:

Know ye, that George W. Coffin, Esquire, is Land Agent of the
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the said Commonwealth,
 [L. s.] LEVI LINCOLN. duly constituted and commissioned, and that to his acts and at-
 testations, as such, full faith and credit are and ought to be given
 in and out of Court.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Public Seal of the Commonwealth to be
 hereunto affixed, this twenty-second day of September, A. D. 1828, and in the fifty-
 third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By His Excellency the Governor.

EDWARD D. BANGS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Whereas application has been made to this Court by a number of persons who served in the late American army during the war with Great Britain, praying for a grant of some of the unappropriated lands in this Commonwealth, and as such a grant will promote the settlement of such land, as well as be some reward to those Citizens whose meritorious services in the field so essentially contributed to establish our independence: Therefore, Resolved that there be, and hereby is, granted to each non-commissioned Officer and Soldier who enlisted into the late American Army to serve during the war with Great Britain, and who was returned as a part of this State's quota of said army, and who did actually serve in said army the full term of three years, and who were honorably discharged, and unto the children if any there be, if not to the widow of such non-commissioned Officer and Soldier, and to them only who enlisted as aforesaid and died in said service, two hundred acres, to be laid out at the expense of the Commonwealth, as soon as there shall appear a number sufficient to take up a quantity of land that shall be equal to one Township of six miles square, to be divided and appropriated under such regulations as the General Court shall hereafter prescribe, within the following limits, viz: beginning at the North-east corner of the land now appropriated by the Committee for the sale of Eastern lands, on the Eastern line of this Commonwealth; thence running west six miles; thence Northerly in a line parallel with the said Eastern boundary line, until a tract shall be completed sufficient for each non-commissioned Officer and private Soldier, their children or widows as aforesaid; to have the aforesaid quantity of two hundred acres, or twenty dollars as an equivalent for the aforesaid two hundred acres, to be paid out of the Treasury to the Selectmen of the Town where any such non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, their children or widows as aforesaid, resides, for his or their use and benefit.

Grants of land by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolve by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts respecting grants of land to certain soldiers.

And it is further resolved that where any such non-commissioned Officer or Soldier has deceased, or shall decease before he shall get possession of the land hereby granted to him, his children or widow, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to the same, and in order to secure to the said non-commissioned Officers and privates, and their children and widows, as aforesaid, the benefits of this grant:

It is further resolved, that all deeds, mortgages or conveyances of, or bonds or contracts of every description, concerning any of said lands which may be made by any such non-commissioned Officer or private, or his children or widow, before the same shall be laid out and have a settlement made thereon, and five acres thereof shall have been brought under improvement, shall be null and void; provided always, that no such non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, his children or widow, shall have any benefit from this resolve, who shall not make application therefor within three years from the time of passing this resolve, and who shall not make the aforesaid settlement and cultivation within the term of six years. And the Secretary is directed to publish this resolve in such of the news papers printed in this Commonwealth as his Excellency the Governor may direct, six weeks successively, directly after passing the same.

IN SENATE, *March 4th*, 1801.

Read and accepted as taken into a New Draft. Sent down for concurrence.

SAML. PHILLIPS, *Prest.*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *March 4th*, 1801.

Read and concurred.

EDWARD H. ROBBINS, *Speaker.*

March 5th, 1801. Approved.

CALEB STRONG

Appendix.
No. 51.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Grants of land by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolve of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts respecting grants of land to certain soldiers.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Resolve.

In testimony of which, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the said Commonwealth, in my custody and possession, this twenty-second day of [L. s.] September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the fifty-third.

EDWARD D. BANGS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Grant to B. Fessenden.

Know all Men by these presents, that I, the undersigned, whose seal is hereunto affixed, by virtue of powers vested in me by a resolve of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed the twenty-seventh day of February, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and pursuant to a resolve of said Court, passed the nineteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirteen, Do, by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth, assign, relinquish, and quit claim unto Benjamin Fessenden, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and Commonwealth aforesaid, his heirs and assigns, all the right, title and interest of the said Commonwealth, in and unto a lot of land situated and lying in a Township called Mar's Hill, or Soldier's township, in the county of Washington, being numbered twenty-one, bounded as follows, viz: North on lot number twenty-two, East on lot number nine, South on lot number twenty, and West on lot number thirty-three, as the same was surveyed by Charles Turner, Jr. in the month of September, eighteen hundred and four, as will more fully appear on reference being had to the plan of said Township, now lodged in the Land Office; containing two hundred acres. To have and to hold the aforegranted premises to the said Benjamin Fessenden, his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this second day of March, eighteen hundred and thirteen.

WILLIAM SMITH. [L. s.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us,

TITUS WELLES,

WILLIAM STEVENSON.

SUFFOLK, ss. *Boston, 2d March, 1813.*

Acknowledged before

WM. STEVENSON, *Jus. Peace.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LAND OFFICE, *Boston, 22d September, 1828.*

This certifies that the foregoing instrument is a true copy of the record in this office, as recorded in volume No. 4, page 9; and that the resolve referred to in said instrument, dated 19th February, 1813, transfers the making of deeds from the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Land Agents.

Attest:

GEO. W. COFFIN,

Land Agent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Boston, June 6th, 1805.

Certificate respecting a grant to G. Aldrich.

This certifies that Gustavus Aldrich, of Mendon, in the county of Worcester, a soldier in the late American army, who was returned as a part of this State's quota of said army, enlisted for during the war with *Great Britain*, served three years after having so enlisted, and was honorably discharged, hath drawn lot No. 35 in a Township of Land, called *Mar's Hill*, located and lotted in the Eastern part of this

Commonwealth, agreeably to a resolve of the General Court, passed March 9, 1804, and that the said lot contains two hundred acres, bounded Easterly by lot No. 23, South-
 erly by lot No. 34, Westerly by lot No. 47, and Northerly by lot No. 36, according
 to a plan of the survey of said Township, called *Mar's Hill*, taken by Charles Turner,
 Jun. Esq. September, 1804, and lodged in the Secretary's office; and that on return
 of this *certificate* into the said Secretary's office, with satisfactory evidence that the
 duties required by a Resolve of the fifth of March, 1801, have been performed, within
 four years from the ninth of March, 1804, the said Gustavus Aldrich shall be entitled
 to a deed of the said Lot of Land in fee simple, to be given by the Secretary in behalf
 of the Commonwealth.

Appendix;
 No. 51.

Grants of land
 by the Common-
 wealth of Massa-
 chusetts.

Certificate respect-
 ing a grant to G.
 Aldrich

JOHN AVERY, *Secretary.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LAND OFFICE, *Boston, 20th September, 1828.*

This certifies that the within certificate is a true copy of the original record in this
 office.

Attest:

GEO. W. COFFIN;
Land Agent.