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Warren Association,

In their MEETING at ROYALSTONE,
September 12th and 13th, 1780.



THE elders and brethren from our respective churches, met at the town meeting house in Royalstone, September 12th, 1780, when Elder *Stillman* preached a suitable Sermon from *Acts xi, 23*. After which a Moderator and Clerk were chosen, and the letters from the churches were read, and the following List was taken of the Messengers sent, and of the numbers that have been added, dismissed, excluded, or that have died in the year past, with the present number of members in each church.

Note, *Ministers with this (*) mark, were not present. Churches with this (||) mark we had no new account from.*

CHURCHES,	Messengers,	added	dism.	excl.	disd.	No.
1 Bolton,	S. STILLMAN, John Waite,	5			3	49

	<i>Messengers,</i>	added,	dismissed,	excluded,	died,	No.
CHURCHES, Boston,	I. SKILLMAN Nathan Plympton	5	—	1	1	43
Bellingham,	NOAH ALDEN — — Haven	2	—	2		43
Harvill,	• H. SMITH	11				181
Warren,	• C. THOMPSON					84
Middleboro'	I. BAEKUS Nathaniel Shaw	44	—	1	1	113
2 Middleboro'	• E. HIND Ebenezer Nelson	17			1	63
3 Middleboro'	A. HUNT George Shaw Samuel Purlinton	72				158
Charlton,	• N. GREEN Daniel Streeter Abijah Lamb Samuel Robinson	20			2	67
Wilbraham,	S. CLARK	22	—	3	1	151
Eastfield,	J. MERRAM					30
Albfield	E. SMITH James Leland David Whitney John Batchelor	45	—	2	1	94
Montague,	Richard Montague Ebenezer Curtis	3			3	37
Sutton,	Stephen Prince Aaron Elliot	4			2	25
Royalstone	W. JACOB Isaac Esty James Haven	5			1	85
Richmond	M. BELEAU Moulton Bullock	4				83
Wrentham,	W. WILLIAMS Thomas Green	20				43
Attleborough.	J. SEAMANS Edward Clarke John Sprague	14			1	76
So. Brimfield	• B. CODDING Samuel Allen	20				147
Woodstock	B. LEDOYT John Morse	20				78

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CHURCHES.	Preachers,	added,	dism.	exclu.	died,	No.
Chelmsford,	Asaph Fletcher, Amos Fletcher,	1		1	2	77
Barnstable,		3				24
New-Salem,	*S. BIGELOW, Theophilus Crocker	1	2			22
Grafton,	T. UTTICK, Seth Chase,	15	1	1		39
Leicester,	B. FOSTER, Samuel Denny, Thomas Holman, Isaac Choate,	13	4		2	62
Westtown,	*A LEWIS,	85			1	128
Medfield,	T. GAIR, James Morse,	11		2		72
Harwich,	Seth Clark,	2	1		1	47
Killingly,	*G. ROBINSON,					35
Dudley,	John Warren,			1	1	19
Farmingham,	*J. MERRIAM,					18
3 Rehoboth,	J. HICKS					106
Harvard,	I. PARKER, Joseph Stone, Josiah Willard, Nathaniel Willard					68
Woodstock	E. RAWSON,					28
Newtown,	Elhanan Winchester, John Shepard,					70
New Salem,	Samuel Fletcher,					27
Colrain,	Hezekiah Smith,					19
Northbridge	John Cooper.					15
		542	19	9	18	2666

Increase this year 796

The above churches of Rehoboth, Woodstock in Vermont, New-Salem in New-Hampshire, and Newtown, Colrain, and Northbridge, in this state, with good satisfaction, were received at this meeting.

Elder *Winchester* preached in the evening.

Wednesday, September 13.

A letter and minutes were received from Charlestown association, South-Carolina ; and Elder *Foster* and Elder *Ustick* were appointed to draw a letter to them, and also to Philadelphia association ; and the much esteemed Elder *Winchester* was appointed our Messenger to both of them.

Our Elders *Stillman, Backus, Ewing, Foster,* and *Ustick*, were appointed to draw up a Protest against the power claimed in the third Article of the declaration of rights, in the plan of government lately formed for us ; to be signed by as many as are willing to do it, of all denominations : And their draught was received and approved of.

Enquired into the travels and labours of our elders *Jacobs* and *Hunt*, in the northern parts of our country, last fall ; who gave accounts thereof that were highly satisfactory.

Having heard the account of the proceedings of our agent and committee, in defence of our liberties, the year past, thanks were returned to them therefor ; and they were chosen again for the year ensuing. And the following sums were brought in for said travellers, and for our agent, viz.

Boston,	£ 367	10	0
Bellingham	51	0	0

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2 Middleborough	30	0	0
3 Middleborough	166	8	0
Wilbraham	6	0	0
Ashfield	6	0	0
Montague	2	8	0
Royalstone	18	6	0
Wrentham	14	8	0
Attleborough	45	14	0
Woodstock	33	6	0
Medfield	45	0	0
Freetown	15	6	0
Barnstable	12	0	0
Dudley	24	0	0
Chelmsford	32	6	0
Hardwich	16	10	0
Grafton	21	8	0
Charlton	30	0	0
Enfield	9	0	0
Elder <i>Winchester</i>	13	10	0
<i>William Grow</i>	3	12	0
Elder <i>Blood</i>	9	0	0
<i>Samuel Cheever</i>	9	0	0

£ 97^s 12 0

Which sum was left with them to divide betwixt them.

The following supplies were agreed upon for destitute societies, viz.

Newtown, Elder Seamans, the 3^d Lord's day
in November.

elder Blood the 2^d in January.

- Newtown*, Elder Backus, the 2d in February.
elder Alden, the 3d in April.
elder Hunt, the 2d in June.
- Haverbill*, elder Seamans, the 1st & 2d in Oct.
elder Hunt, the last in October.
- Harwich*, elder Seamans, the 4th in April.
elder Hunt, the 3d in November.
- Montague*, elder Jacobs, the 3d in November.
elder Alden, the 2d in June.
- Sutton*, Elder Alden, the 3d in November.
elder Ustick, the first in December.
elder Hunt, the first in September:
- Dudley*, elder Hunt, the 3d in September.
elder Ustick, the 2d in October.
elder Blood, the 2d in May.
- Chelmsford*, Mr. Winchester, the first in Oct.
elder Backus, the 4th in October:
elder Fletcher, the 2d in January.
elder Alden, the 3d in May.
- Framingham*, elder Alden, the 2d in Decem.
- Cambridge*, elder Fletcher, first in October.
Elder Parker, the last in October.
- Colrain*, Elder Alden, the 3d in June.

The thanks of this Association was returned to the Rev. Mr. Lee, and his Society, for their kindness in affording us the use of their meeting-house during our present meeting.

Our next meeting is to be at South-Brimfield, the Tuesday after the first Wednesday in next September, at two o'clock P. M. El-

der Foster to preach the sermon, or in case of failure Elder Hunt.

And now unto the churches we represent we would say,

DEARLY BELOVED,

THROUGH the divine favour the ministers and brethren from our several churches met, and a sweet harmony ran through the whole body, to our great joy and comfort. Our souls were abundantly refreshed with the good news we received from almost every quarter. In a great part of our churches the glorious redeemer has been lifting up his standard in a very powerful and prosperous manner; his love and the riches of his grace has been wonderfully displayed; his children have been quickened, comforted, edified and strengthened; difficulties removed, and love and peace restored. Many poor hardened sinners have been bowed and brought as we trust to the knowledge of the truth, and into subjection to the gospel of our redeemer, and the ordinances thereof. The foregoing minutes will discover the great additions that have been made to our churches, and the number of churches that have now joined in fellowship with us, with other of our transactions. Dear brethren, the Lord reigns, let Zion rejoice; he hath done great things for us whereof we are glad*. Fathers and brethren, stand fast in the Lord and in the power of his might. Little children, abide in the love of God. Be not daunted by the roaring of the adversary; he is a conquered enemy; the blessed Jesus will give the victory; through faith and patience we shall finally inherit eternal glory. Be much in prayer; watch thereunto. Take the truth of God for your rule, his spirit for your guide and strength. Make practical godliness your business. Let no duty be neglected. Love one another and let us give no just occasion to our enemies to speak reproachfully of our religion. And that our blessed Lord and saviour, by his warring spirit, may guide us all in the way of truth and peace, and replenish each heart with his abundant grace, in the earnest prayer of yours in gospel bands.

By order of the Association,

N O A H A L D E N, Moderator.

A S A H U N T, Clerk.

* The time of his thus appearing is like himself, and adds a lustre to this glorious work. Propriety and extravagance of every kind had got to an amazing height; and sordid selfishness had sunk the public credit almost to nothing, while most deceitful and cruel schemes were forming to enslave us. But when the enemy was thus coming in like a flood the spirit of the Lord has gloriously lifted up a standard against him. Besides those who have joined to churches of other denominations, we have received accounts of above fifteen hundred persons who have been baptized by immersion in this state in the year past.