TOWN OF CANAAN, NH

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Enoch St. Fuller
Secretary of State.
Province of New Hampshire

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Prince and Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all persons to whom these presents shall come:

Know ye that we, of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, for the due encouragement of settling a New plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our Society, and well-beloved Benjamin Wentworth, Our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Councils of the said Province. Have, upon the conditions and reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, doth and grants, in equal shares unto our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire, and our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns forever whose names are entered in this Grant, to be divided and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal shares all that tract or parcel of Land Situate lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing by admeasurement Twenty-three Thousand Acres, which tract is to contain fifteen Miles square and no more; out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways, unencumbered lands by Rocks, Ponds, Bourns, Mains and Rivers, One thousand and forty Acres free according to a plan and survey thereof made by our said Governor and returned into the Secretary's Office and hereunto annexed Bounded and Bounded as follows. Beginning at the South East of Hanover, from thence North fifty-five degrees East, by Hanover Lip Mile.
to the corner thereof. From thence South fifty one degrees East six miles, From thence South forty one degrees West Six miles, From thence North fifty eight degrees West seven miles and one quarter of a mile to the bound first mentioned. And that the same be and hereby is be incorporated into a Township by the name of Canaan and the inhabitants there to or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township are hereby declared to be incorporated with and entitled to all and every the Privileges and immunities that other Towns within our Province by laws experience and enjoy and further that the said town as soon as there shall be fifty families resident and settled, thereon shall have a Liberty of hold two fairs, one of which shall be held on the and the other on the annnually which fair, and as soon as a Town shall consist of fifty families a Market may be held and kept one or more days in each week as may be thought most advantageous to the inhabitants. Also that the first yearly for the choice of town officers agreeable to the laws of our Province shall be held on the third Tuesday in August next which said meeting shall be notified by Thomas Frost who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the first meeting, which he is to notify and govern agreeable to the laws and customs of our said Province and that the Annual meeting for ever hereafter for the choice of such officers for the said town shall be on the second Tuesday of March annually to have and to hold the said tract of land as above express'd
Together with all the privileges and appurtenances to them and their respective heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions by that every Grantee his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of Land within the term of five years from the fifty Acres contained in his or their share or portion of Land in said Township and continue to improve and settle the same by additional cultivation on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or share in said Township and of its Reversion to us our heirs and successors to be by us or them Regranted to such of our subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

2. That all white and other fowlers within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or killed without our special License for so doing first had and obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his heirs and assigns to us our heirs and successors as well as being subject to the penalty of any act or acts of sedition that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

3. That before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for a Town Lot one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the contents of one Acre.

4. Yielding and paying therefore to us our heirs and successors for the space of ten years to be computed from the date hereof the rent of one bushel of Indian Corn only on the Twenty-fifth day of December annually if lawfully demanded, the first payment to be made on the Twenty-fifth day of December 1762.
6th Every proprietor settler or inhabitant
shall yeild and pay unto us our Heirs and
successors yearly and every year forever from
and after the expiration of ten years from
the above-said twenty-fifth day of December next,
and on the twenty-fifth day of December which
will be anno salutis nostri our Lord 1772, one
shilling proclamation money for every hundred
acres he so owns settels or held and as in pro-
portion for a greater or lesser tracts of said land
which money shall be paid by the Representative
person above said or his heirs or assigns in our
Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such
officer or officers as shall be appointed to receiv-
the same, and this to be in lieu of all others and
services whatsoever.
In testimony whereof we have caused the seal
and seal of our said province to be hereunto affixed
Witnesse Benning Wentworth Esq our Govern-
and Commander in Chief of our said Province
the Within day of July in the year of our
Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred
and fifty one and in the first year of
our Reign.

By his Excellency Command with advice of
Council.
Theodore Atkinson Secy.
Benning Wentworth
Providence of New-Hampshire July 29, 1761
Recorded in the Book of Charters
& Theodoe Atkinson Secy.
Province of Canaan July 1768 at a Meeting

Hereupon were legally warned of the Proprietors of the

Township of Canaan as said Province the

following votes were passed on:

1st. Chose Mr. George Harris, Moderator

2nd. Made Choice of Joseph Crow Proprietor Clerk

3rd. Made Choice of George Harriett as Committee Man

4th. Chose Capt. Jacob Talley 5th. Committee Man

5th. Chose Abraham Bonadie 3rd. Committee Man

6th. Chose John Burdick 1st. Committee Man

7th. Chose Esq. Joseph Crow 2nd. Committee Man

8th. Chose M. Samuel Bonadie 2nd. Esquire

9th. Chose Mr. John Burdick 3rd. Esquire

10th. Chose Mr. John Crow 2nd. Esquire

11th. Chose Mr. Samuel Lodge Collector

12th. Chose Mr. John Seifeld Treasurer

13th. Voted to Raise a Tax of three dollars upon

Each Proprietor Right to defray the Charges

of Making & Blending Roads in the Town

ship of Canaan.

14th. Voted that the above mentioned tax of three

dollars on each Proprietor Right for making

and Blending Roads to be laid out under

the care of the Proprietors Committee to be done by the

middle of November next & the said committee to

allow 4d. per day for Labor

15th. Voted to raise one dollar upon each Proprietor

Right which the Proprietors will give with One

Hundred loads of Hay Land to be laid out in the

undivided Land with a Stream where it shall

be judged best & most convenient to Build

Wells on & any Person that will appear Built

a good Commissary Saw Mill within Fifteen

Months from this time so as to have said Mills

done and going for the Benefit of the Town

16th. Voted that the Proprietors Committee are hereby

directed to lay out to those Proprietors as are already settled on said Township of Canaan.
Ten acres of Meadow and also One Hundred acres of upland where they have already made their Pitch to be allowed towards their Right or Share in said Township & also the said Committee are further directed to lay out Ten acres of Meadow and One Hundred acres of the Lands as above said as shall appear to make speedy Settlement in said Town and in addition the Proprietors Clerk is hereby directed to put the returns said Ten acres & Hundred acres lots upon Record as they shall be laid out and returned by the committee to each Proprietor as aforesaid

17th Voted that the owners of more than one sixtieth part of the right or Share in the Township of Canaan shall make signed to the Proprietors Clerk setting forth the reasons for calling said meeting and also the articles to be acted upon and of the time of holding said Meeting and that the Clerk shall a meeting by setting a notification agreeable to said signed eight days at least before the time holding at the House of Mr. John Telford in said Canaan shall be a sufficient warning for the future.

18th Voted to raise $7. Shillings on each Right in Labor or Provisions to be given to the first Settlers in said Canaan as was proposed to be given them for encouragement to be professed amongst themselves.

To Mr. John Telford the Value of 26 dollars
To Mr. A. Williams 18 dollars
To Mr. Aaron Jones the value of 8 dollars
To Mr. Dan Coffman the value of 8 dollars

Est. George Harris Moderator
Joseph Crow Jet