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CITIZENS, AND A SPECIAL DIRECTORY  
OF TRADES, PROFESSIONS**

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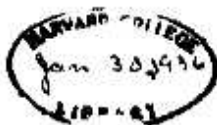
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## INTRODUCTORY.

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THE edition of the New Bedford Directory now completed, is the sixth that has been published since the commencement of the work, and the first since the City organization.

It were in vain to hope, amidst the unceasing changes of so large a portion of our community, that perfect accuracy could be obtained at any time, but when to these are added the removals and changes caused by one of the most remarkable emigrations upon record, the Directory becomes necessarily, yet more imperfect.

The information collected in the first instance by personal inquiry at *every house in the City*, was collated with all the lists and other means of information known to the compilers. It was then tested by inquiry at *every store and place of business in the City*, and submitted to the examination of as many of the citizens as practicable.

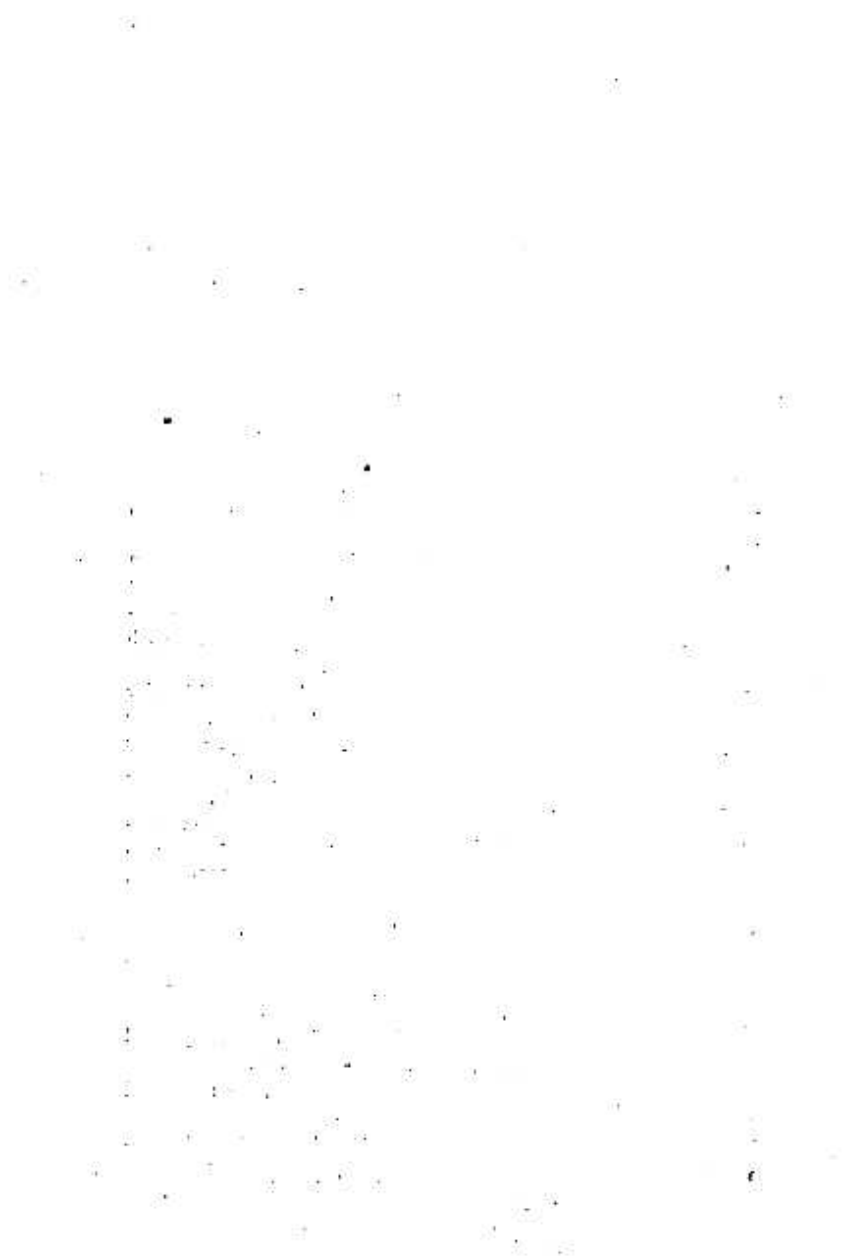
In presenting it to the public, the compilers would embrace the opportunity to return their sincere thanks to those who, during its progress, have so kindly aided their inquiries, and encouraged their efforts.

The Statistical Information with reference to the Whaling business usually published in this Directory, being a transcript of the tables published in the Whalemens' Shipping List, by Henry Lindsey, Esq., and consequently accessible to all in the pages of that Journal, has been omitted in this edition.

The information with reference to the Societies and Incorporated Institutions, was obtained from their respective officers.

The directory of the Streets, has been corrected from the official record.

The Advertising Directory is collected from good substantial money-paying advertisers, and to it the attention of the public is respectfully invited.





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## NEW BEDFORD.

THE Indian name of New Bedford was *Acushnet*, or *Acushnet*. It was incorporated as a town in 1787, previous to which it formed a part of the town of Dartmouth, but at what time and by whom the first settlement was commenced does not distinctly appear. It is supposed, however, that the Friends or Quakers, were the first white inhabitants. The first settled Minister appears to have been Samuel Hunt, who died about the year 1733; it is supposed he was ordained here [*Acushnet Village*] about the year 1700.

The villages of New Bedford and Fairhaven, were both settled about the year 1764. The first house in New Bedford village was built by John Louden, of Pembroke. The land upon which the city now stands, was owned by a Joseph Russell, which name (Russell) being the family name of the Duke of Bedford, Joseph Rotch, one of the principal purchasers and settlers, declared, that the place where they built, should go by the name of Bedford, to which the word New was afterwards prefixed.

During the Revolutionary War, New Bedford was a place of resort for American Privateers. In order to destroy them, 4000 British troops, under Gen. Gray, landed upon Clark's Point, and marching to the town burnt houses, wharves, shipping and merchandize to the amount of \$323,266.—[*Barber's Historical Collections, Massachusetts*, pp. 126, 127.

New Bedford received a City Charter, March 18, 1847, and at the ensuing election Abraham H. Howland was elected Mayor, to which office he has been re-chosen at each subsequent election.

The population of New Bedford in 1790, was 700, in 1820 it was 3,947, in 1830 it was 7,522, in 1840 it was 12,583, and in 1847 it was 16,031.