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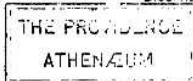
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BEING THE BOOK CALLED TOWN MEETING  
NO. 2 1716 TO 1721 AND CONTAINING  
THE RECORDS OF THE PROVIDENCE  
TOWN MEETING

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*Record Commissioners*  
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## PREFACE

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This volume continues the work of collecting and printing the Early Records of the Town of Providence authorized by the following resolution of the City Council approved March 6, 1891:

“RESOLVED, That Horatio Rogers, George M. Carpenter and Edward Field are hereby appointed record commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, for the purpose of collecting and printing the early records of the town of Providence. And said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend the sum of one thousand dollars for collecting and printing said records, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for printing.”

Since the inauguration of the work the City Council has from time to time made additional appropriations for its continuance.

The record book known as “Town Meeting No 2 1716 1721” which is here produced in type purports to contain the proceedings of the town meetings between those dates but in fact it also contains records for the years 1722, 1723, 1724 and 1725. A careful examination of it, leaves one somewhat in doubt as to just what this book was intended to be, for though it has many features about it to convey the impression that it is the original book of record there are likewise certain indications that it was used by the town clerk as a “Blotter” in which to make memoranda of the town proceedings previous to the more

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extended record. The perplexing irregularity of dates as shown in its present condition probably resulted from a lack of care in placing the sheets in proper order when the volume was bound up many years ago, and the incongruity of the title doubtless arose from the fact that, as bound, proceedings for the year 1721 come upon the last page of the manuscript book, thus misleading the person in charge of the binding into the belief that 1721 was the latest date referred to in the volume. The Commissioners in this case as in other cases have printed the book exactly as it appears in the original and for convenience have prepared the following table which shows the chronological order of the meetings and the pages on which the record of the meetings appear.

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By a change in the contract for city printing the present volume and the one preceding it, have been printed by the Remington Printing Co. and the Commissioners take pleasure in testifying to the satisfactory manner in which the typographical work has been done. They also desire to express their appreciation of the great interest which both Mr. Pardon S. Remington and Mr. John E. Hurley of the company have shown in carrying out the wishes of the Commissioners.

The work of transcribing these two volumes has been performed by Miss Bertha E. Barrett.

The methods pursued in printing have been the same as those heretofore used and for convenience are here repeated.

The figures at the top of the pages and enclosed in brackets indicate the paging of the present volume.

The heavy figures enclosed in brackets represent the paging of the original book as it now stands.

This mark | shows the beginning and end of interlineations in the original.

Brackets enclosing blank space, thus [     ], signify that something is missing or illegible in the original.

The sign ꝥ is used to represent a contraction or double letter which in the original stands for pr and is used as the representative of syllables containing those letters with a vowel.

The use of the asterisk \* and the character X are in imitation of the marks found upon the original book made by the town clerk to indicate that the officer against whose name it appears had taken his engagement.

An index to names and an index to subjects are added. There is no separate index to Indian names, since very few occur in the volume.

HORATIO ROGERS,

EDWARD FIELD,

Record Commissioners.

Providence, July, 1897.