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## A REPORT

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# RECORD COMMISSIONERS.

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The Twenty-third Report of the Record Commissioners continues the Proceedings of the Boston Selectmen from January, 1769, to April 19, 1775. During this period, the entries refer almost exclusively to the same matter as in more peaceful times, only one or two paragraphs dealing with the presence of British troops. For expressions of the feeling of the citizens, reference must be made to the record of the Town Meetings, printed in our eighteenth report.

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The Record Commissioners' Department has been consolidated with the Registry Department during the past year, but provision has been made for the completion of the publication of the Town records. A volume of Marriages between 1700 and 1800 is in press, under the supervision of William S. Appleton, Esq., and other volumes will be printed as fast as possible.

WILLIAM H. WHITMORE,  
*City Registrar.*

CITY HALL, February 22, 1893.

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# SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

## BOOK THIRTEENTH.

[Continued.]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>y</sup>. 4. 1769  
Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe — Pemberton,  
Inches.

The following was sent the Assessors of the Town

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other  
Towns in this Province, ought to be taxed here, for the Real Es-  
tates they Occupy, and the business they do here, it being agreeable  
to Law — Viz'. —

James Russell Esq <sup>r</sup> .	Elisha Doane Esq <sup>r</sup> .
Ralph Inman Esq <sup>r</sup> .	John Boreland Esq <sup>r</sup> .
Joseph Palmer & Comp <sup>r</sup> .	Jerathmiel Bowers Esq <sup>r</sup> .

Seth Blodget

We are Gentlemen

Your humble servants

JOSHUA HENSHAW	} Selectmen of Boston.
JOSEPH JACKSON	
JOHN RUDDOCK	
JOHN HANCOCK	
JOHN ROWE	
SAMUEL PEMBERTON	

To  
The Assessors of the Town  
of Boston  
Boston December 28. 1768.

[169.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>y</sup>. 11.  
1769 — Present Henshaw Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches,  
Rowe,

Complaint having been made to the Selectmen by Mess: Ballard  
Lewis & others, that the Chimnies of a House on Ship Street is  
insufficient & dangerous the following Warrant was given —

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Elijah Hews & John Brown

Complaint being made to us that the Chimnies of a House in  
Ship Street occupied by Persons unknown and owned by William



Page are insufficient and dangerous we desire and impower you to survey the same and Report to us your Judgment concerning them —

JOSHUA HENSHAW	} Selectmen of Boston
JOSEPH JACKSON	
JOHN RUDDOCK	
JOHN HANCOCK	
JOHN ROWE	
SAMUEL PEMBERTON	

Boston January 11, 1769

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 13. 1769 Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Ruddock, Rowe

Passed upon George Hardwick's Province Acco<sup>rs</sup>. amounting to £2 . 16 / — as p. Copy on file—

Voted, That the Select Men Consent that Cap<sup>t</sup>. Paddock & the other officers of the Artillery Company should Erect a Gun House upon the Towns Land near the Common for the Accommodation of said Company, the Expence of which not to Exceed Sixty six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence, & the Select Men Engage to use their Influence with the Town that said officers shall have a Lease of said Land for a suitable Term of years, but if the Town will not give the Lease, the Select Men in their Capacity agree to Give them a Draft on the Town Treasurer for the Expence of said Building.

[170.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 16. 1769 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

M<sup>r</sup>. Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into said House on the Province Account one Mary Murray a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself —

Col<sup>l</sup>. Jackson appointed to procure what Scales & Weights for the Market are necessary

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 18. 1769 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton,

Voted that M<sup>r</sup>. Love be directed to see one Barret carried to Charlestown, as also one Diver to the place he belongs to —

Voted, that M<sup>r</sup>. Treasurer Jeffries be permitted to discount with Gideon Gardner out of his Rent for the Neck twenty Pounds lawful Money for a new Building added to the Bull Pasture House provided he has or does immediately discharge the remaining part of his debt, former Vote of limitation not withstanding.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 19. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Rowe.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 21. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

✓ South Watch complain of ill treatment received from Officers on Thursday Night —

[171.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1769. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

Voted, that a Warr<sup>t</sup>. be issued for a Town Meeting on Fryday next at 3. O Clock P.M.

Voted, that Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Fleets or Edes & Gill have the printing of the same —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 25. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe Pemberton, Inches

Passed upon Henry Stanbridges Province Account amounting to £1. 5. 4 — lawful Money —

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Sharp of Engine N. 2. presented Daniel Man Warren as a suitable Person for his Comp<sup>y</sup>. in the room of Samuel Brown dec<sup>d</sup>. who was accepted accordingly

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 27. 1769 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Pemberton, Inches

M<sup>r</sup>. Edward Hollyday proposed Isaac Winslow Esq<sup>r</sup>. together with John Winslow, as bondsman for the discharge of his trust as a Collector of Taxes

Voted, that they be accepted, and that the Clerk be directed to give a Certificate to Mr. Hollyday when the Bonds are executed —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 30. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock,

One Zerviah Smith a Widow last from Marblehead formerly of Cape May in the Jerseys, being near laying in & not having wherewithall to support herself, was sent to the Almshouse on the Province Acco<sup>t</sup>. by Coll<sup>o</sup>. Henshaw & Jackson —

[172.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan<sup>r</sup>. 31. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb<sup>r</sup>. 1. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Rowe Inches

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6 / p. Bushel and that 6<sup>d</sup>. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz<sup>t</sup>. —

A 4 <sup>d</sup> . Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2 - 8 -
a 4 <sup>d</sup> . Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal — - - -	3 - 7 -
Basket of a Copper piece - - - -	4 - 12

Cap. Sharp of Engine N. 2. appeared & claim'd for his Comp<sup>y</sup>. the Premium allowed by the Town of  $\frac{13}{4}$  for bringing their Engine to play first at the Fire which lately broke out at a House near the Old North late the Estate of Mr. Blowers —

Voted, that the same be drawn for next Draft Day —  
drawn for

Capl. Read of Engine N. 5. applys by M<sup>r</sup>. Shubal Hews for the Premium of 13/4 for bringing their Engine to play first at the Fire which broke out at the Jayl last Monday Night

Voted, that a draft be made for the same next Draft Day —  
(drawn for)

Passed upon M<sup>r</sup>. Willistons Account of Supplys for going down to Deer Island on the Province service amounting to £5 . 5 . 7 -<sup>d</sup>

Voted, that Capl. Ruddock be empowered to Agree with one or more Men to keep Boats on Boston Side of Winnesimit Ferry on the best terms they can.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb<sup>r</sup>. 3. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

The Selectmen considered the matter of M<sup>r</sup>. Hollydays Sureties as offered in two Bonds, but nothing concluded —

[173.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb<sup>r</sup>. 4. 1769 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

The Selectmen having received M<sup>r</sup>. Hollydays Bonds Ordered the Town Clerk to deliver a Certificate accordingly

Voted, that the Chairman, M<sup>r</sup>. Pemberton, & M<sup>r</sup>. Inches be a Committee to draw up an address to the Governor respecting the misrepresentations that has been made them respecting this Town & Province

Voted, that The Town Clerk have a draft for the £34 — allowed by the Town at the last March Meeting —

Voted, that Gideon Gardner have a draft for £20 — on the Town Treasurer granted him Jan<sup>r</sup>. 18 — for a Wooden Building added to the Bull Pasture House (drawn for)

The Committee appointed to survey M<sup>r</sup>. Pages Chimnies Reported, that the[y] found them in such a situation as renders them dangerous to the Occupier and Traveller & unsafe for the Neighbours —

The Copy of said Warrent for the Survey is as follows

Boston Jan<sup>r</sup>. 11. 1769

M<sup>r</sup>. Elijah Hews & M<sup>r</sup>. John Brown

Complaint being made to us that the Chimnies of a House in Ship Street occupied by Persons unknown & owned by William Page are insufficient and dangerous We desire & empower you to survey the same, and Report to us your Judgment concerning them —

JOSHUA HENSHAW	} Selectmen of Boston
JOSEPH JACKSON	
JOHN RUDDOCK	
JOHN HANCOCK	
JOHN ROWE	
SAM: PEMBERTON	