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#### VOLUME I

BEING THE FIRST BOOK OF THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE OTHERWISE CALLED THE LONG OLD BOOK WITH PARCHMENT COVER

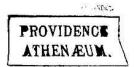
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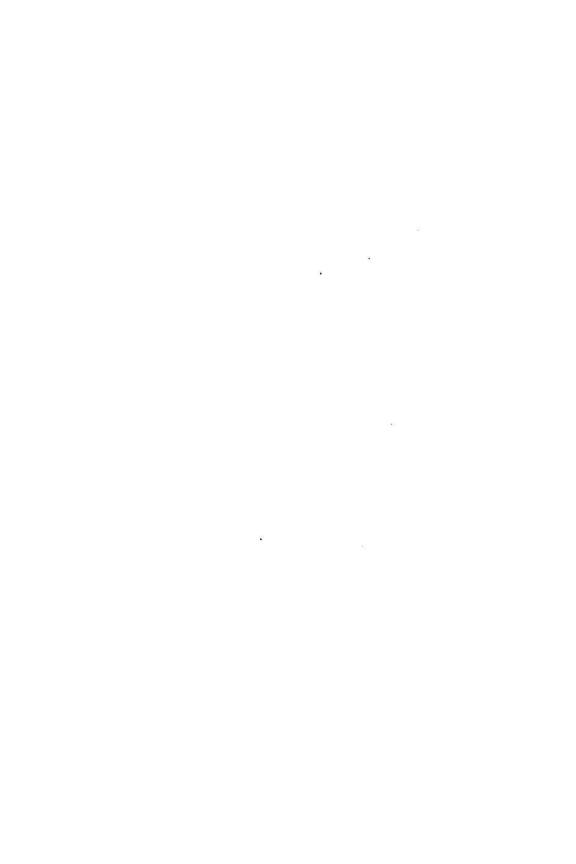
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FIRST BOOK

TOWN OF

PROVIDENCE



[1] We whose names are hereunder desirous to inhabitt in Ye towne of prouidence do promise to subject ourselves in actiue or passive obedience to all such orders or agreements as shall be made | for publick good of o' body in an orderly way | by the major consent of the present Inhabitants majsters of families Incorporated together into a towne fellowship and others whome they shall admitt unto them

only in ciuill things

Richard Scott
William X Renolds

Iohn X ffeild

Chad browne
John Warner\*
George Rickard
Edwarde Cope
Thomas Angell X mark
Thomas Harris
firancis weekes X mark
Benedict Arnold
Josua winsor
William Wickenden

After this name, and connected with it, is a character unintelligible to the commissioners.

<sup>[</sup>Nors. The names signed to the above instrument are believed by the commissioners to be the proper signatures of the subscribers.]

Md. It was agreede by Ye Towne Yat after warning geuen | to come to Ye towne meeting | Yat whosoeuer be wanting | to Ye meeting | aboue one quarter of an howre | after Ye time appointed by him that gave Ye warning | shall pay to Ye Towne for euery such default ij s.

Md. that whosoeuer shall depart w yout Leaue [ ] the towne meeting shall pay ij s.

Md. It was agreede by the towne that a treasuro' shold be appointed for the keping (and as \$1/e\$ towne shall appoint) for the expending the townes stock who is to geue account as the towne shall \$1/e\$ inke fitt for this ffirst mon \$1/e\$. Thomas Ony is chosen.

Mdu. That on 3° die of Ye io mon Y it was agreede by Ye towne that after waring geuen to come to Ye towne meting whosoeuer be wanting [ ] Ye towne meting about Ye one

quarter of an howre after Ye time appointed by him Yat geues warning Ye party delinquent as not having a sufficient cause of his absence shall pay to Ye towne for every such default ij s. as also he who kepes Ye bookes for that mon Y is to observe & take notice who is wanting and present his name to Ye Towne.

## [3] Agrements & orders the second year of Ye Plantation.

it is agreede that Willia Carpenter Benedict Arnold ffrancis weekes. Willia Renolds Thomas Angel M<sup>m</sup> Daniell Mary Sweete shold pay in consideration of Ground at present Granted vnto 4/em 2 s. apiece Also Edward cope 5 s.

Item M' cole ffrancis weston Rich. waterman shold pay for each person ji s. i e. for Dammage in case Yey do not Improue Yeir Ground at present graunted to Yem vid. by preparing to fense to plaunt to build etc

Item Yat all future commers upon Ye Graunt of Ye like portio of grond unto Yem for Yeir home share shold pay ji s.

Item Yat none sell his feild or his lot Graunted in o' liberties to any person but to an Inhabitant w Yout consent of Ye Towne

28 die. mense 12

It was agreede Yat two men shold be deputed to view Ye Timber on ye common that such as have occasion to vse timber

shold repaire vnto them for their advise & consent to fell timber fitt for their vse betwene the shares graunted & mile end

Item Lat from Le sea or River in Le west end of Le towne, vnto Le Swamp in Le East end of Le feilds Lat no person shall fell any wood or Timber. before any particular mans shares end.

Item Lat any timber felled by any person lifting on Lye grond aboue a yeare after Lye felling shall be at Lye townes disposing beging at Lye 23 die of Lye mon Ly aboue written.

The 2i die of Ye 3 mon y.

It was agreede that Joshua Verin upon Ye breach of a couenant for restraining of Ye liberty of consciensce shall be w Yheld from Ye liberty of voting till he shall declare Ye contrary.

#### The 10th of 4th month

M<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>\*</sup> Severall portions of grasse & medow w<sup>ch</sup> our neighbour Greene o<sup>\*</sup> neighbour Cole neighbour Arnold & n<sup>\*</sup> Weston Layd out in y<sup>\*</sup> Townes name vnto o<sup>\*</sup> neighbour James neighbour Olney neighbour Waterman neighbour Cole neighbour Weston neighbour Carpenter, neighbour Holyman were Confirmed as their proper Right & Inheritance to them & theirs as fully as the former portions appropriated to o<sup>\*</sup> neighbour Throckmorton neighbour Greene neighbour Harris Joshua