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VOLUME I

BEING THE FIRST BOOK OF THE TOWN OF
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LONG OLD BOOK WITH PARCHMENT COVER

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PROVIDENCE
ATHENÆUM.

FIRST BOOK
TOWN OF
PROVIDENCE

[1] We whose names are hereunder desirous to inhabitt in
Ue towne of providence do promise to subiect *ourselves* in ac-
 tive or passivie obedience to all such orders or agreements as
 shall *be* made | for publick good of o' body in an orderly way |
 by the maior consent of the *present* Inhabitants maisters of
 families *Incorporated* together into a towne fellowship *and* oth-
 ers whome they shall admitt *unto them*
 only in ciuill things

Richard Scott

William X^{mark} Renolds

John X^{mark} feild

Chad browne

John Warner*

George Rickard

Edwarde Cope

Thomas Angell X^{mark}

Thomas Harris

ffrancis weekes X^{mark}

Benedict Arnold

Josua winsor

William Wickenden

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

[NOTE. 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 *the* Towne *that* after *waring* geuen | to come to *the* towne meeting | *that* whosoever be wanting | to *the* meeting | aboue one quarter of an howre | after *the* time appointed by him that *gave* *the* warning | shall pay to *the* Towne for every such default ij s.

Md. that whosoever shall depart wthout Leave [] 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* *the* towne shall appoint) for the expending the townes stock who is to geue account as the towne shall *thinke* fitt for this first month Thomas Ony is chosen.

Md. 13 die. month 6^o: it was agreede by the towne that if any man be to be receaued as an Inhabitant into the towne *that* *the* necessity be such as that wthout much losse he who is to be *admitted cannot* stay for an Answer till *the* month day that then | on | any other day their be foure dayes waring geuen to *the* Inhabitants incorporate for *the*ir meting together for such a purpose. /

Mdu. That on 3^o die of *the* 10 month it was agreede by *the* towne that after waring geuen to come to *the* towne meting whosoever be wanting [] *the* towne meting aboue *the* one

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

[3] Agrements & orders the second year
of *the* Plantation./

it is agreede that Willia Carpenter Benedict *Arnold* ffrancis weekes. Willia Renolds Thomas Angel M^r Daniell Mary Sweete shold pay in consideration of Ground at present Granted vnto *them* 2 s. *apiece* Also Edward cope 5 s.

Item M^r cole ffrancis weston Rich. waterman shold pay for each person ji s. i e. for Dammage in case *they* do not Improue *their* Ground at present graunted to *them* vid. by preparing to fense to plaunt to build etc

Item *that* all future commers vpon *the* Graunt of *the* like portiō of grond vnto *them* for *their* home share shold pay ji s.

Item *that* none sell his feild or his lot Graunted in o^r liberties to any person but to an Inhabitant w*ithout* consent of *the* Towne

28 die. mense 12

It was agreede *that* two men shold be deputed to view *the* Timber on *ye* common that such as haue 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 coue.

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

Item That any timber felled by any person liing on the grond aboue a yeare after the felling shall be at the townes disposing beging at the 23 die of the month aboue written.

The 21 die of the 3 month.

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

The 10th of 4th month

M^d. y^e Severall portions of grasse & meadow w^{ch} our neighbour Greene o^r neighbour Cole neighbour Arnold & n^r Weston Layd out in y^e Townes name vnto o^r 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^r neighbour Throckmorton neighbour Greene neighbour Harris Joshua