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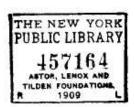


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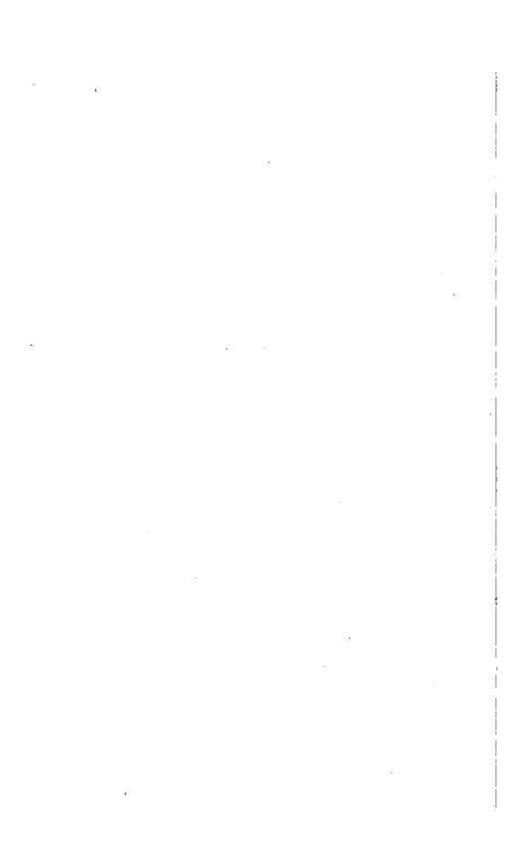
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History of Chichester

ORIGINAL GRANT OF TOWN.

"George, by the Grace of God, of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all people to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Know ye that we of our Special Knowledge and meer motion for the Dew Encouragement of Setling a new Plantation By and with the advice and Consent of our Council have Given and Granted and by these Presents as far as in us Lies do Give and Grant in Equall Shares unto Sundry of our beloved subjects whose names are Entered in a Schedule hereunto annexed, that Inhabit or Shall Inhabit, within the Said Grant, within our Provence of New Hampshire all that tract of land within the following bounds, viz: To begin on the Southwest Side of the Town of Barnsted, and from Thence Runing South westerly on the head of the town of Nottingham untill Eight miles be accomplished, and then North west Eight miles, and then North east Eight miles, and then South east by the said Town of Barnstead to the place where it first began, and that ye same be a Town Corporate by the Name of Chichester to the Persons affore Said for Ever. To Have and To Hold the Said land to the said Grantees and their heirs and assigns for ever, and to such associates as they shall

admitt upon the following condition: (1) that the Proprietors within three years Buld, or Cause to be Bult, Sixty Dwelling Houses and Settle families in the Same and Cleare three acres of Ground Fitt for Planting or mowing, and that Each Proprietor Pay his Proportion of the Town Charges when and so often as occasion shall Require ye same. (2) That a meetting house be Built for ye Publick worship of God within the Tearm of four years. (3) That upon Default of any Perticular Proprietor in Complying with the Conditions of this Charter upon his Part, such Delinquent Proprietor Shall forfeit his share of ye said land to the other Proprietors, which shall be disposed of according to the major vote of ye said Proprietors att a Legall meetting. (4) That a Proprietor's Share be Reserved for a Parsonage, and another for ye first minister of the Gospel of that Shall be there settled and ordained, and another Proprietor's Share for ye Bennefitt of a Scoole in ye Said Town, provided nevertheless that ye Peace with ye Indians continue for ye Space of three years, but if itt Should happen that a warr with ye Indians Should Commence before the Expiration of the affore Said Tearm of three years that then ye Said Tearm of three years Shall be allowed the Proprietors after ye Expiration of the warr for ye Performance of ye affore Said Conditions rendering and Paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors, or Such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to Receive the Same, the anuall Quitt Rent or Acknowledgement of one Pound of Hemp in ye Said Town on ye last wensday in march yearly for Ever if Demanded. Reserving also unto us our heirs and Successors all mast Trees Growing on Said Tract of land according to acts of Parliament in that case made and

provided and for ye beetter order Rule and Government of ye Said Town we do by these Presents and for our Selves, our heirs and Successors, Grant unto the Said men Inhabitants, or those that Shall Inhabit Said Town, that yearly and every year upon the Second Wendsday in march for Ever Shall meett to Elect and Chuse by the major part of the Proprietors then Present, Constable, Selectmen and other Town officers according to ye laws and useages of our afforesaid Province with Power, Priveleidges and authority as other Towns and Town officers within our afforesaid Province have and Enjoy, and for ye Notifing and Calling of ye first Town meeting we do hereby appoint Peter Weare, Esq., John Sanborn and Jacob Freese to be the first Selectmen, and thay to continue in Said Respective office as Selectmen untill ye Second Wensday in ye month of march which shall be in ye yeare of Our Lord one thosand Seven hundred and Twenty Eight, and untill other Select men Shall be Chosen and appointed in there Stead in Such manner as is in these Presents Expressed. In Testimony where of wee have Caused the Seale of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed.

"Wittness, John Wentworth, Esqr., our Liueftenant Governor of Commander in Cheife in and over our Said Province att our Town of Portsmouth, in our Said Province of New Hampshire, ye Twentieth Day of may, in the thirteenth of our Reigne, anno Domine, 1727.

"By order of his honor the Leiftenant Governor with the advice of the Counsell.

"JOHN WENTWORTH.

"RICHARD WALDON, Clerk of ye Counsell."