

Plainfield ✓

PROVINCE of NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

G E O R G E the Third,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in New-England, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of New-Hampshire, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into

*Sixty Six* equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of New-Hampshire, containing by Admeasurment, *Twenty Two thousand three Hundred* Acres, which Tract is to contain

*Almost Six* Miles square, and no more; out

of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz. Beginning at a Pine Tree marked with the figures 3 & 4 - Standing near the Bank of Connecticut River, about Eighteen Miles from the Northern End of Charles town, and in the South West Corner of Lebanon - from thence South Seventy Two degrees East Six Miles to the South Westerly Corner of Endfield then South forty Two degrees West Six Miles to the South Westerly Corner of Grantham. thence North Seventy Six degrees West Six Miles to Connecticut River aforesaid to a Tree marked with the Figures 2 & 3 thence up the River as that runs to the Donald first mentioned*

And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of *Plainfield* And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the  
annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the  
respective following the said  
and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be

opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most  
advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of  
Town Officers, agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the  
*Second Tuesday of September next* which said Meeting  
shall be Notified by *Mr John Stevens* who is hereby  
also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and  
Govern agreable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the  
annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said  
Town, shall be on the *Second Tuesday* of *March* annually,  
To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with  
all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns  
forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres  
of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or  
their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and  
settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant  
or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors,  
to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle  
and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for  
Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut  
or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the  
Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to  
Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act  
or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees,  
a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit  
of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted  
to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yield and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space  
of ten Years to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of  
Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully de-  
manded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December 1762*

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our  
Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration  
of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the  
twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772  
*One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or  
possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which  
Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns,  
in our *Council Chamber in Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be  
appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and  
Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be  
hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor  
and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the *14<sup>th</sup>* Day of  
*August* In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven  
Hundred and *Sixty one* And in the *First* Year  
of Our Reign.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command; *B. Wentworth*  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
*Theodore Atkinson Secy*

*Provincie New Hampshire August 14<sup>th</sup> 1761*  
*Recorded according to the original under the*  
*Provincie Seal*  
*Theodore Atkinson Secy*

The Names of the Grantees of Plainfield Viz

Benjamin Hutchinson	Stephen Warren	Martha Smith
Daniel Woodward	Stephen Kingley	Moses Smith - Canterbury
Eugene Cady	Joshua Frink	John Stevens junr
Jama Bradford	William Edward	Samuel Gordon
Robert Dixon	Benj <sup>son</sup> Gallop	Samuel Spaulding
John Stevens	Daniel Clark	Joshua Dunlap
Thomas Gallop	Samuel Hill junr	Josep Spaulding
William Kennedy	Jeremiah Cady	Abel Stevens
John Hall	John Spaulding	Josiah Spaulding
Joseph Spaulding	James Matthews	Moses Warren
John Gallop	Moses Fufts	Francis Smith
James Dean	Waterman Gift	Joseph Smith
Joseph Farnum junr	Ulas Woodward	Theod <sup>son</sup> Atkinson Esq
Jonathan Phillips	Amos Frink	Wm H <sup>son</sup> Wentworth Esq
Stephen Hall	Benj <sup>son</sup> Hitchens junr	Benning Wentworth
William Carter	Joseph Williams	& John Wentworth Esq
Carlis Spaulding	Leon <sup>son</sup> Kings Berry	
Andrew Spaulding	Nath <sup>son</sup> Main	
John How	Cyprian Stevens - Killingsly	
Jonas How	Benj <sup>son</sup> Spaulding Killingsly	
Thos Heard	Caleb Shepard	
Zach <sup>son</sup> Frink	John Nelson	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to contain Two Hundred Acres as marked in the Plan B W - which is to be accounted Two of the within Shares one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts one Share for a Globe for the Church of England as by Law established one Share for the first settled minister of the Gospel one Share for the Benefit of a School in the said Town

Provinc<sup>es</sup> of New Hamp<sup>shire</sup> August 24<sup>th</sup> 1762  
 Recorded from the Back of the original Charter  
 of Plainfield by Theod<sup>son</sup> Atkinson Esq