Barrington ✓
Charter

George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. To All ~~Christian~~ People to Whom these Presents Shall Come greeting Know Ye that We of Our Especial Knowledge & Mere Motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling a New Plantation by & with the Advice & Consent of our Council have given & Granted and by these Presents (as far as in us lyes) do give & Grant unto all Such of our Loving Subjects as are at Present Inhabitants of our Town of Portsmouth within our Province of New Hampshire and have paid Rates in the Said Town for four Years Last Past to be Divided among them in Proportion to their Respective town Rates which they paid the Year last Past and the Record of which is to be found in their Town book and is agreeable to their Petition preferred for that Purpose — & All That Tract of Land contained within the following Bounds (Viz) to begin at the End of Two miles upon a line Run upon a Northwest point half a Point more Northerly from Dover head line at the End of four Miles and an half westward from Dover North East Corner Bounds & Run upon the afore Said Point of Norwest half a Point more Northerly Eleven miles in to the Country and from thence Six miles upon a Streight Line to Nottingham — Northerly corner bounds then to begin again at the End of the Two miles aforesaid & to Run upon a Parallel line with Dover head line Six miles to Nottingham Side line and from thence Eleven Miles along Nottingham Side Line to Nottingham Notherly Corner bounds And also we give & Grant in Manner as afore Said all that Tract of Land lying between Dover head line & the afore granted Tract of Land its being in Breadth Six miles upon Dover head Line afore Said and two miles in Depth from Said Dover head line to the afore granted Tract of Land To our Loving Subjects the Present Proprietors of the Iron works lately Set up at Lamprey River (Viz) The Hon.ble John Wentworth Esq George Jaffrey Esq & Archibald Macpheadrige Esqs & Mr Robert Wilson for their Encouragement & Accomodation to Carry on & maintain the afore Said Iron works the afore Said Two Tracts of Land to be a Town Corporate by the Name of Barrington to the Persons afore Said for ever — To have & to hold the Said Two Tracts of Land to the Grantees & their heirs & assigns for ever upon the following Conditions. ——

Name

1st That they build fifty Dwelling Houses & Settle a family In

In each within Seven years and break up three Acres of Ground for each Settlement and Plant or Sow the Same within Seven years — — —

2dly That a Meeting House be Built for the Publick Worship of God within the Term of Seven Years —

3dly That two hundred Acres of Land be Reserved for a Parsonage two hundred Acres for the first Minister of the Gospel & one hundred Acres for the Benefit of the School —

Provided Nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians Continue during the afore Said Term of Seven years But if it Should so happen that a War with the Indians Should Comence before the Expiration of the Term of Seven Years afore Said there Shall be Allowed to the afore Said Proprietors the Term of Seven years after the Expiration of the War for the Performance of the afore Said Conditions —

Rendring & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or Such other Officer or Officers as Shall be Appointed to Receive the Same the Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgment of one Pound of Good Merchantable hemp in the Said Town on the first Day of December Yearly forever if Demanded Reserving also unto us our heirs & Successors all Masts trees growing on the Said Lands according to the Acts of Parliament in that case Provided And for the better order Rule & Government of the Said Town we do by these Presents Grant for us our heirs & Successors unto the Said men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the Said Town that yearly & Every year upon the Last Wednesday in March they Shall meet to Elect & Chuse by the Major Part of them Constables Selectmen and all other Town Officers according to the Laws & usage of our afore Said Province for the year Ensueing with Such Powers Previledges & Authoritys as other Town Officers within our afore Said Province have & Enjoy In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Annexed Witness Samuel Shute Esq our Governour & Commander in Chiefs of our Said Province at our Town of Portsmd the Fourth Day of May in the Eighth year of our reign Annoq Domini 1722 —

Samuel Shute

By his Excellency Comand with Advice of the Council
Richard Waldron Clerk Con

Provd Seal

A True Copy of Barrington Charter Compared with the Original
Richd Waldron Clerk Con

Entred & Recorded According to an Attested Copy which having been Exhibited by Capt. Wm Cale of Burrington & Laid before the Governour & Council & it Appearing to them to be a Genuine Copy & an a Suggestion that the Original was burn in the Secy. Office ~~was~~ was ordred that the Same Should be here recorded in obedience to which is here recorded the 10 Jany 1756
Attest^r Theodore Atkinson Secy

Canterbury

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