

Barrington
Charter

George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland
King Defender of the Faith &c. To All Christian People
to Whome these Presents shall come greeting Know Ye that We
of Our Special Knowledge & mere Motion for the better know-
ingment of Selling a New Plantation by virtue the Advice & Counsel
of our Council have given & granted and by these Presents (as far as
in us lies) do give & grant unto ~~our~~ such our Loving Subjects
as are or shall be Inhabitants of our Town of Portsmouth within our
Governor of New Hampshire and have paid Rates in the said Town
for four Years Last Past to be Divided among them in
Proportions 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
Boundaries (Viz) to begin at the End of Two miles upon a line then
upon a Northwest point half a Point more northerly from Dover
head line at the End of four miles and one half westward from
Dover North East Corner Bound; then upon the afore said Point of
Northwest half a Point more northerly eleven miles in to the Country
and from thence six miles upon a straight Line to Nottingham
Northerly corner bound; then to begin again at the End of the
Two miles afore said & 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 Northerly Corner
Bound; And also we give & grant in Maner as afore said
all that Tract of Land lying between Dover head line &
the afore granted Tract of Land it 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 Prefect Proprietors of the Iron works lately
set up at Lamprey River (Viz) The Hon^{ble} John Winthrop Esq^r
George Jaffrey Esq^r & ascribed in as before vizt Esq^r & Mr Robert M^r
for their Encourage ment & 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 -

1st That they build fifty dwelling Houses & sell them again by
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In each within seven years and break up three acres of
ground for each settlement and plant or sow the same
within seven years - - -

2^dly That a meeting house be built for the Publick Worship
of God within the Term of seven years -

3^dly 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 a School -

Provided Nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians
continued during the afore said Term of seven years But
if it should for happen that a War with the Indians
should commence before the Expiration of the Term of seven
years afore said there shall be allowed to the afore said Propri-
etors the Term of seven years after the Expiration of the War
for the performance of the afore said Conditions -
Reading & Paying there for to us our heirs & Successors or such
other Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same
the Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgments of one Bond of
Good Merchandises kept in the said Town on the first Day
of December yearly forever & Demanded Referring as aforesaid
us our heirs & Successors all Malt trees growing on the said Land
according to the Acts of Parliaments in that behalf provided
And for the better order rule & Government of the said Town
we do by these Presents Grants 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 & Elect & Chuse by their Major
Part of them Constables Selectmen and all other Town Officers
according to the Laws & usage of our afore said Province for
the year ensuing with such Powers Priviledges & Authorities
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 our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said
Province at our Town of Portland the Tenth Day of May in
the Eighth year of our reign Anno Domini 1722 -

Samuel Shute

By his Excellency Command
with Advice of the Council

Richard Waldron Clerk of the Council

(First Seal)

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A True Copy of Barrington Charter (compared with the Original)
Richard Waldron Clerk

Certified & Recorded According to an Attested Copy which having
been exhibited by Capt. Wm. Gale of Barrington & laid before
the Governor & Council & it appearing to them to be a genuine Copy
& an suggestion that the original was burnt in the Registry Office
~~was~~ was ordered that the same should be here recorded in order
to which is here recorded the 10th day of July 1756
Allepla Theodore Atkinson Secy

Canterbury

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(P. S.)

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To all People to whom these Presents shall come Greeting know
Ye that we of our special knowledge and meer motion for the
Due encouragement, settling a new Plantation by & with the
advise & consent of our Council have given & granted and by
these Presents as far as in us lies do give & grant in equal
Shares unto sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names are entered
in a Schedule hereunto annexed that Inhabit or shall Inhabit
within the said Grants within our Province of New Hampshire
all that Tract of Land within the following bounds viz to begin
at the head of the Town of Rochester to run North West by the
Town of Gilmantown to Winap of a new Pond or River that
runs Westerly out of the said Pond & from the first Place where
it begins then to run South West seven miles on the head of the
aforesaid Town of Rochester and then to run North West to
the aforesaid River that comes out of the Pond aforesaid & then
the River to be the Bounds on the North West and provided
it do not Infringe on any former Legal Grants and that
the same be a Town incorporated by the Name of Canterbury
to the Persons aforesaid and to such Associates as they shall
admit for ever To have & to hold the said Land to the said
grantees & their Associates & heirs heirs and assigns forever upon
the conditions following - 1st That the Proprietors within
three Years Build Twenty Dwelling houses & settle a family
in each House or cause the same to be done & clear three Acres
of Ground fit for Planting or mowing & that each Proprietor
pay his proportion of the Town Charges when & so often as
occasion shall require the same 2^d That a meeting
house