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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.

K NOW 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

Seventy two equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurment, *27 010* Acres, which Tract is to contain *Two*

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 the Northerly or North Easterly side of French or Union River (so called) at the mouth of said River thence Running up by said River untill it comes to a place that is six Miles upon a straight Line from the Mouth of said River (bounding on the same) thence Running upon a Line Perpendicular to the aforesaid six Mile line Northerly six Miles from thence running Westerly a Parallel Line with the first mentioned Line to Lake Champlain, thence southerly by the said Lake to the Mouth of the River aforesaid the place begun at

And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of *Colchester* 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 *second* annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the *second* following the said *Monday* respective 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 advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the 12th Day of July next, which said Meeting shall be Notified by John Bogart Junr. Esq. who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable 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. Yielding 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 demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of December. 1763

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 1773 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 Seventh Day of

June In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Third Year of Our Reign.

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

J. M. Mason Junr Secy

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Recorded according to the original
Charles M. Mason Secy
J. M. Mason Junr Secy

The Names of the Grantors of Colchester

Edward Burling	Benj ^d Middreth Jun ^r	Nich ^s I Bogart
John Burling	Theo ^s Anthony	Cornelius I Bogart
Edward Burling Jun ^r	Will ^m Van Wyck	Peter I Bogart
John Lawrence	Will ^m Heese	Henry I Bogart
Effingham Lawrence	John Butler	Edw ^d Burling Jun ^r
Caleb Lawrence	Abel Litch Miller	Joseph Latham
Rich ^d Lawrence	Edw ^d Agas	Joseph Latham Jun ^r
Will ^m Manshurst	Philip Doughty	John Latham
Peter Townsend	Francis Canton	Cetus Pyvanck
Joseph Manshurst	John Burling Jun ^r	John Cornwell
Jam ^{on} Manshurst	Hugh Nyder	Sam ^l Wille
Daniel Manshurst	Rich ^d Burling	Will ^m Mott
Will ^m Field	Sam ^l Burling	Sam ^l Averill
Peter Dobson	George Richey	Charles W ^c Creedy
Thomas Dobson Jun ^r	John Goodards Miller	John W ^c Creedy
Daniel Latham	Theo ^s Burling	Capt. Nich ^s Lovervell
John Latham	Effingham Lawrence	Capt. Terr ^d Beedle
Thomas Latham	Sam ^l Burling Jun ^r	John Temple
Daniel Latham Jun ^r	Thomas Dobson	Theo ^s Atkinson
David Latham	John Bogert Jun ^r	W ^m Wentworth
Lancaster Burling	James Bogert Jun ^r	Henry Sherburne
Benj ^d Middreth	John I Bogert	Clem ^t March Esq ^r

His Excellency Denning Wentworth Esq^r a Tract of Land to contain Five Hundred Acres as marked BW in the Map 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 Glebe 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 said Town

Done in New Hampshire June 7th 1763

Recorded from the Back of the original Charter under the Provincial Seal

J. M. W. Jun^r

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
 GEORGE the Third
 By the Order of GOD of Great Britain, France &
 Ireland, KING, Governor of the said Province

K NOW in the Wth of Our said Great Brittain King's
 Majesty's 13th Year, for the better Government of the said
 Province, His Majesty's Council in New England, hath
 thought fit, that the said Province should be divided
 into three Counties, to be called the County of Strafford,
 the County of Rockingham, and the County of Dunbarton,
 and that the said Counties should be bounded as follows,
 to wit: That the County of Strafford should be bounded
 on the North by the Province of New Brunswick,
 on the East by the County of Rockingham, on the South
 by the County of Dunbarton, and on the West by the
 County of Strafford.



Province of New Hampshire June 7 1763
 Recd from the Plan on the Back
 of the original Charter of the Town
 of Rockingham
 H. Cotton Senior Secy