Hampfline for Jo Me Othnich Saylor of Charlemon Fin Blowby - Greeting Whereas the Great & General Court of the Province did at their defoirns in June last by an Alt Lad Court Prest the Plantation of Charlemont the Town by the name of Charlemonth investing the In habilants thereof, with all the Power Privil-- edge & Immonities which the Inhadebants of the Sowny within this Province do Dijey - And at the Name time Impowered me the Subfiriber one of his Majely: Juffus of the Peace for the County attack & O'line my Defines of the Peace for the God's Meeting - in his Derreat for Calling the forth Meeting - in his Majolys Name to hequire you Forthearth to notify & adam the Interfaction of Charlemont aford qualified by Law to Yoke in Jown altring to aparable of Mat-Marray the Night day of Concer next at nine - the Forenoon Then & there after a Mounds being thefe to thefe all such others as an That be required by about manage the Affairs Sufficients Warrant. Given under my had & deal they twenty Sigh day of Deal" 1965 > Ho William

Hampshire SS

To Mr. Othniel Taylor of Charlemont in the County — Greetings

Whereas the Great and General Court of this Province did at the Sessions in June last by an Act of said Court Erect the Plantation of Charlemont of County aforesd. a Town by the name of Charlemont investing the Inhabitants thereof with all the Power, Privel--eges & Immunities which the Inhabitants of the Towns within the Province do enjoy — And at the same time Impowered me the Subscriber one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County aforesd. to issue my Warrant for calling the first Meeting —

These are therefore in his Majestys Name to require you forthwith to notify & warn the Inhabitants of Charlemont aforesd. qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet at the house of Mr. David White in sd. Charlemont upon Monday the sixth day of January next at nine of the clock in the forenoon. Then and there after a Moderator being chosen to choose all such Officers as are or shall be required by law to manage the affairs of sd. Town — For which this shall be your sufficient Warrant. Given under my hand & seal this twenty first day of Decbr. 1765.

[signed] Thos. Williams

First page of the Town records of Charlemont. Warrant issued by Thos. Williams to Othniel Taylor to call all eligible voters to the first Town Meeting.

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