

Hampshire SS
To Mr Othniel Taylor of
Charlemont in the County — Greeting

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did at their 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, Privileges
& Immunities which the Inhabitants of the Towns
within this Province do enjoy — And at the same
time Impowered me the Subscriber one of his Majesty's
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
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this twenty first day of Decbr. 1765

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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.

Source: Ancestry.com. Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988; Charlemont, vol. 1. Town Records 1765-1806, img 57/285. Original source: Holbrook Research Institute (Jay and Delene Holbrook)