

**1825**

**January 3, 1825**

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen for the choice  
of a Representative to Congress for Essex north district January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1825  
agreable to Warrant No 126 File 4**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declared were as follows (viz.)

for John Merril Esq. of Newbury Port	89
for Honorable John Varnum of Haverhill	71
for Amos Spalding Esq of Andover	2

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

**Report of the Committee that settled with Joseph W Carleton Town  
Treasurer March 4<sup>th</sup> 1825** report that on Settlement with Said Treasurer  
February 27, 1824 there was in his hands as Treasurer due from back collectors  
and others of the Town's money two thousand eight hundred and ninety eight  
dollars and forty nine cents 2898.49

And that their has been put into his hands as Treasurer since that date as follows  
By orders on Christopher Messer

1634.62

By cash of Jonathan Currier Esq.

2.00

By cash of Jonathan Currier Esq. for timber sold

1.19

By cash of Baley Davis

.30

By cash of interest on Daniel Merrills note

.23

By cash of Jonathan Currier Esq. for rent Mary Hastings

19.00

By cash of Selectmen for goods sold Mrs Haynes

11.14

By interest on Nathan Bodwells note

.20

By note of Jacob W Morse

6.91

By note of Christopher Messer  
7.99  
By note of James Gutterson  
15.15  
Making in all four thousand six hundred and six dollars & eighty one cents  
4606.81  
Which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of two thousand nine hundred  
thirty eight dollars & eighty nine cents  
2938.89  
And we find that there is due to said Treasurer from former Collectors  
and others of the towns money as follows from Moses Bixby collector for 1822  
340.46  
from Christopher Messer Collector for 1823  
287.41  
from Christopher Messer Collector for 1824  
1634.62  
from Isaiah Silver Collector for 1815  
17.12  
from Isaiah Silver Collector for Benjamin Towns list  
16.47  
**Notes of hand**  
Baley Davis  
15.00  
Elijah Jennings  
157.91  
Isaiah Silvers  
276.10  
Ebenezer Mitchell  
7.77  
Jonathan G Davis  
4.92  
Ebenezer Merrill  
11.04  
Joseph Griffin  
17.57  
Dudley Davis  
21.84  
Jacob W Morse  
6.97  
James Gutterson  
15.15  
Jonathan G Davis  
4.53  
Uncurrent money  
40.50

To cash in the Treasurer's hands  
63.51

March 7, 1825

**Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen March 7<sup>th</sup> 1825  
agreable to Warrant No 127 file 4**

Opened Said Meeting & chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. **Moderator** and

**Joseph W Carleton Town Clerk & Treasurer & was sworn.**

## **Chosen Selectmen & Assessors & Sworn**

Jonathan Currier Esq. Capt Jonathan Merrill Samuel H Harris

## **Surveyors of Highways**

Nathaniel Sargent	Phineas Goodhue	John Frye
Isaiah How	Stephen Gage	Joseph Merrill Jr
Benjamin Pettingill	Ezekiel Abbot	Benjamin Webster
Benjamin Webster	Benjamin Currier	David Cross
John Pechen (?)	Samuel Griffen	Amos Morse 3d

## Hog Reaves – All Sworn

George W Wilson Asa Palmer Ralph Clark Ezekiel Abbot

## Field Drivers – All Sworn

Samuel Richardson Jr	Stephen Barker 2d	Joseph Brown
Phineas Goodhue	Nathaniel Sargent	Daniel How
Nehemiah Herrick	Nathaniel Sargent Jr	Asa Palmer
Benjamin Pettingill	Joseph Griffin Jr.	Stephen B Kimball

Samuel Bodwell

John Frye

Ebenezer Mitchell

**Fence Viewers – All Sworn**

Joseph Griffin Jr  
Enoch Plummer

Samuel Griffin  
Jonathan Swan

David McCleary  
Jonathan Griffin

**Surveyors of Lumber**

Amos Barker  
Stephen Gage  
Aaron Sawyer

Jonathan Swan  
Joseph Griffin Jr  
John Searl

Samuel Clark  
Isaac Bodwell

**Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All Sworn**

Cyrus Robinson  
Jonathan Griffin

John Davis  
Joseph Bodwell

Samuel Sawyer  
Aaron Sawyer

Samuel Eaton  
Stephen Gage

Amos Barker

Thomas How

**Fish Wardens – All Sworn**

James Messer Jr  
Phineas Goodhue

True W White  
William J Whittier

Samuel Bodwell  
Benjamin Richardson

Voted to pass over part of 2<sup>nd</sup> article in the Warrant unless the money was voted

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that settled with the Treasurer

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair highways and private ways the year ensuing

Voted to raise six hundred dollars for schooling the year ensuing one third to be appropriated to a womans school

Voted to choose the committee in each Ward by Ballot as the practice was the last year.

Voted that neat cattle & horses shall be kept up from the first of April to the 15 November next

Voted that swine shall not be suffered to go at large any part of the year ensuing

Voted that the selling Town debts be referred to the Selectmen

The Collection of Taxes was bid off by Jesse Sargent who was also chosen Constable for the year ensuing – the Taxes to be collected at one cent 9 mills on the dollar

Voted to pass over the 11<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to view the road leading from the house of  
Stephen Currier to Haverhill line and report at April Meeting

Voted to pass over the 13<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant respecting a road petitioned for

Adjourned to April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 oclock P.M.

At adjournment voted to accept the report of the committee to widen the road from the house of Stephen Currier to Haverhill line in sundry places as set forth in said report.

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

## April 4, 1825

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen April 4<sup>th</sup> 1825 agreeable to Warrant No. 128 file 4 for the purpose of voting for Governor, Lieut Governor and Senators**

Opened said Meeting and the votes being given in sorted and counted and declared as the law directs were as follows (viz.)

### For Governor

Honorable Levi Lincoln had	154
Ebenezer Hibbard had	1

### For Lieut Governor

Honorable Marcus Morton had	154
Phillip How had	1

### For Senators

Honorable Nathaniel Silsby had	160
Honorable John Prince	161
Honorable Nathan Noyes	79
Honorable John G Thing(?)	73
Joseph Farley Esq.	73
Amos Spalding Esq.	79
Asa T Newhall Esq.	76
John Merrill Esq.	77
Stephen White	48
Honorable Moses Wingate	100
Jacob W Eastman	1
John Tarbox	1
Deacon Thomas Smith	1
John Parker	1
	Enoch Holt 1
	Jeremiah Frye 1

Attest: Joseph W Carleton, Town Clerk

**April 4, 1825**

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen April 4<sup>th</sup> 1825  
agreeable to Warrant No 129 file 4**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq Moderator

Voted that the Surveyors through whose districts the Turnpike passes have the  
priviledge  
to work out part their Taxes on said Turnpike

Voted that the Town pay for an Ox House for the Highway District in which  
Col Benjamin Kimball lives

Voted to abate Jarvis Fairbrothers Taxes in Isaiah Silvers lists

Dissolved said Meeting

Attest: Joseph W Carleton, Town Clerk

**May 12, 1825**

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 12<sup>th</sup>  
1825 agreeable to Warrant No. 130 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator for said  
Meeting.

Voted that Joseph & Edward Kimballs have the priviledge of working out their highway Tax on their own Land under the direction of the surveyor

Voted not to accept the road laid out by the selectmen from the house of Jesse Heath to the road near Pelham line

Voted to pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> Article in said Warrant also the 5<sup>th</sup> Article in said warrant was indefinitely postponed

Voted to choose a Collector to complete the collection of Moses Bixbys lists  
Chose Jesse Sargent Collector to complete said Bixbys lists agreeable to the 6<sup>th</sup> article in  
said Warrant

Then dissolved said Meeting.

Attest: Joseph W Carleton, Town Clerk

**May 12, 1825**

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 12<sup>th</sup> 1825 agreeable to Warrant No 131 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the choice of a representative the Town voted not to be represented in the General Court the year ensuing**

Attest: Joseph W Carleton, Town Clerk

**September 5, 1825**

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held September 5<sup>th</sup> 1825 agreeable to Warrant No. 132 file 4**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Moderator

Voted not to accept of the road layed out by the Selectmen neare (near) the House of  
Jesse Heath prayed for by Asa Palmer and others also

Voted not to accept of the road layed out by said Selectmen neare (near) the House of

Isaiah Silver prayed for by said Asa Palmer and others

Voted to abate Colonel Stephen Runnels Highway Taxes for the years 1823 & 1824 in

James & Asa Currier 2d lists –

Voted that John Dole have the privelege to work out his highway Tax for the year 1824

this present month of September under the direction of the survey of said district for

1825 then dissolved said Meeting

Attest: Joseph W Carleton, Town Clerk

**Report of committee that reckoned with Joseph W. Carleton Treasurer for the Town**

**of Methuen March 3 1825 –**

We the Subscribers having been chosen a committee by the Town of Methuen to examine the account of Joseph W Carleton Treasurer for said Town of Methuen report as follows (viz.)

That on settlement with said Treasurer March 4 1825 there was in his hands as Trasurer due from back Collectors and others of the Towns Money two thousand nine hundred and

Thirty eight dollars and eighty nine cents

2938.89

And that there has been put into his hands as Treasurer since that date as follows

By orders on Jesse Sargent

1663.26

by cash paid of Jonathan Currier Esq. for rent of Mary Hastings Hinds & others

51.00

by interest on Bailey Davis note

4.73

by interest on Jonathan G Davis note

1.40

by interest on Ebenezer Mitchel note

2.33

by cash of sundry person for exemption from military duty

6.00

making in all four thousand six hundred & sixty seven dollars and sixty one cents

4667.61

and we find that Said Treasurer has paid out by Assessors orders

1605.13

Which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of three thousand and sixty two  
dollaras & forty eight cents

3062.48

And we find that there is due to said Treasurer from back collectors and others  
of the Town's money as follows

from Moses Bixby Collector for 1822

94.46

from Christopher Messer Collector for 1824

747.40

from Isaiah Silver Collector for 1815

17.12

from Isaiah Silver Collector for Benjamin Towns list

16.47

from Jesse Sargent Collector for 1825

1479.26

Notes of hand Elijah Jennings  
157.91  
Isaiah Silver  
239.90  
Joseph Griffen  
17.57  
Ebenezer Merrill  
11.04  
Dudley Davis  
21.84  
Jacob W Morse  
6.97  
James Gutterson  
15.15  
Jonathan G Davis  
4.53  
Robinson How & Nathaniel Merrill  
95.00  
Incurrent Money  
40.50  
To cash in the Treasurer's Hands  
97.36 —

\$3062.48

**Methuen March 3 1826** Jonathan Currier 2d  
Methuen Jonathan Merrill } Selectmen of  
Samuel H Harris  
Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Treasurer

**1826**

**March 6, 1826**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held March 6  
1826 agreeable to Warrant 133 file 4**

Opened the Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. for **Moderator**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Treasurer & Sworn**

**Selectmen & Assessors & Sworn**

Capt. Jonathan Merrill      Capt. Samuel H. Harris

### **Surveyors of the Highways – All Sworn**

Herman Bodwell	Enoch Whittier	Benjamin Kimball Jr.
James Currier	Benjamin Wilson	Benjamin Osgood
Ebenezer Tippets	Samuel Richardson Jr.	James Messer Jr.
Isaiah Silver	Richard Whittier	Isaac Bodwell 2d
John Tarbox	Enoch Poor	Niles Tildern Jr.
Samuel Griffin	Amos Morses 4 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Emerson

### **Field Drivers – All Sworn**

Asa Griffin	Stephen Barker 2d	Nehemiah Herrick
Joseph Bodwell	Asa Palmer	Nathaniel Sargent Jr.
Amos Morse 3d	George Gutterson	Samuel Bodwell
MAtt (At)hew Messer	Ezekiel Abbot	Joshua Buswell
John Tarbox		

### **Hog Reaves – Sworn**

John Davis	Asa Palmer
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### **Fence Viewers - Sworn**

Benjamin Osgood	Samuel Griffen	Ebenezer How
Stephen Gage	at the adjournment	Enoch Whittier & Samuel
Parker		

### **Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn**

Amos Barker	Jonathan Swan	Samuel Clark
Stephen Gage	Joseph Griffen Jr.	Isaac Bodwell
Aaron Sawyer	Samuel Griffen	

### **Sealer of Weights & Measurers – Sworn**

Abiel How

### **Pound Keepers – Sworn**

Stephen Runnels	Stephen Barker 2d
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### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All Sworn**

John Davis	William Richardson	Enoch Whittier
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Jonathan Griffen Jr.  
Samuel Eaton  
Stephen Gage

Joseph Bodwell  
Isaac Bodwell

Aaron Sawyer  
Robinson How

**Fish Wardens – Sworn**

Aaron Sawyer Jr.  
Ben Richardson

Samuel Bodwell  
Trustworthy White

James Messer Jr.

**Votes for County Treasurer were for**

Nathaniel Wade Esq. thirty three

Voted to except (accept) the report of committee with Town Treasurer

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways the year ensuing

Voted that neat cattle & horses shall be kept up from April 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

Voted that the Taxes be paid into the Treasurer

Voted that the Taxes be made by the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and committed to the Treasurer and a discount of 6 percent for all those who paid within 3 months & 3 per cent for all

those who pay within 6 months. After 6 months the list be committed to the Constable

to collect without any expense to the Town

Chose Samuel Griffin Constable and sworn and he is to pay ten dollars & seventy five cents for said offer(?)

Voted to work out part of the highway taxes on the Turnpike Road

Voted to except (accept) the report of Selectmen for road in 11<sup>th</sup> article of said warrant

Voted to chuse (choose) a committee to draft school regulations and chose Joseph W. Carleton, John Russ and Rev. Charles O. Kimball a committee

Voted to raise six hundred dollars for schooling the year ensuing and one third part  
of the sum be applied to womens schools

(choose) a committee to oppose the roads prayed for by Asa Palmer and others and  
George Gutterson and others and chose Joseph W. Carleton, Jonathan Currier and  
Benjamin Osgood Esq. for a committee

Voted to except (accept) the report of Selectmen of the road prayed for by A.  
Adams  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> article of said warrant

**Votes for Register of Deed** were for Amos Choat Esq thirty four

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of April 1 oclock P.M. April 3

**Met according to adjournment**

Voted to except (accept) of School Regulations as draughted (drafted) by said  
committee

Chose Jonathan Griffen Jr. **Selectman & Sworn**

Voted many things respecting schools which were all reconsidered and then voted  
to chuse (choose) 5 committeemen by ballot and chose Rev. C. O. Kimball, Rev.  
J. W. Eastman, Joseph W. Carleton, John M. Grosvenor and Stephen Barker 2d  
for School Committee

Voted to reconsider the vote taken 6<sup>th</sup> March to oppose the roads paid for by Asa  
Palmer & others and George Gutterson and others

Voted to adjourn this meeting to May Meeting

Met according to adjournment May 11 1826

Voted to reconsider the vote taken 6 March respecting Taxes being paid in at two  
instalments (installments) and chose Moses Merrill Collector and voted that there  
shall be a discount of 8 per cent for 30 days & 6 per cent for 60 days & 2 per cent  
for 120 days

Voted that the Treasurer return the Tax List 60 days after the expiration of the last  
discount and then collect without cost to the Town

**Five Wardens chosen**

Benjamin Osgood, William Richardson and Caleb Swan

Voted that the former committee chosen at the March Meeting to oppose the roads prayed for Asa Palmer & others and George Gutterson & others be empowered to act as when first chosen

Voted to reconsider the chusing (choosing) the School Committee which were chose at the April Meeting and then dissolved said Meeting

Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### April 3, 1826

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held April 3 1826 agreeable to Warrant 134 file 4 for the purpose of voting for Governear, Lieut Governor and Senators the votes being given sorted & counted and declared as the law directs were as follows (viz.)**

#### **for Governor**

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had	ninety three
Hon. Samuel Hubbard had	sixty six

#### **for Lieutenant Governor**

Thomas L Wintrop had	one hundred and twenty eight
Samuel How had	twenty three
Leverett Saltonstall had	six

#### **for Senators**

Hon. John Prince had	161
Stephen White	91
Asa J Newell	90
Israel Trask	89
Amos Spaulding	89
John Pickering	69
Stephen W. Marston	70
Stephen Barker	71
Winthrop Sargent	70
Moses Little	70

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### April 3, 1826

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held April 3 1826 agreeable to Warrant No 135 file 4 for the purpose of taking the yeas & nays on the question of dividing the county of Essex viz.**

Opened the Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator and ninety nays were taken

Voted to pass over 8<sup>th</sup> article and then dissolved said meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **May 11, 1826**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 11 1826 according to Warrant No 131, file 4 for the purpose of chusing (choosing) a Representative to General Court of this Commonwealth the votes being given in sorted & courted by the Selectmen were for**

Benjamin Osgood Esq.	40
John Russ Esq	1
Stephen Barker, Esq had	64 and was chosen

Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **May 11, 1826**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 11 1826 agreeable to Warrant No 137 file 4**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Voted that Edward & Joseph Kimball had leave to work out their highways taxes on their own land between their house & the road and dissolved said meeting

Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **June 12, 1826**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held June 12 1826 agreeable to Warrant No 138 file 4**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Voted that the Town buy out & accept of a road from the Town road to Jesse Heatahs House as was formerly laid out by the Selectmen

Voted to pass over 3<sup>rd</sup> article in regard to the road near Isaiah Silver's

Voted that the Selectmen widen the road near the Baptist Meeting House according to their discretionm

Voted that the Selectmen draw orders for School Money as usual and then dissolved

Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **November 1, 1826**

**At a legal Town Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Methuen November 6 1826 it being the first Monday of said Month agreeable to Warrant No 139 file 4<sup>th</sup> for to give in their votes for a Representative to Congress for Essex north district the votes being given in sorted counted and declared were as follows (viz.)**

For Hon. John Varnum	fifty three = 53
For Hon. Benjamin F. Varnum	sixteen = 16
For Hon. Caleb Cushing	thirty eight = 38

Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **November 1, 1826**

**At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen November 1, 1826 agreeable to Warrant No 140 file 4**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Voted that the Town chuse (choose) an agent to assist in getting the road prayed for by Benjamin Osgood & Others and chose Joseph W. Carleton Esq.

Voted not to except (accept) the report of Selectmen on the road near Jesse Heaths House and voted to pass over said article

Voted to except (accept) of the Report of Selectmen on the road near the Baptist Meeting House and then dissolved said meeting

Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

## **1827**

**March 2, 1827**

**Report of Committee that settled with Moses Merrill Town Treasurer March 2 1827**

We the Subscribers having been chosen a committee by the Town of Methuen to examine the accounts of Moses Merrill Treasurer for the Town of Methuen report as follows (viz.) that on settlement with said Treasurer March 3 1826 there was in his hands as Treasurer due from back collectors and others of the Town's money three thousand sixty two dollars and forty eight cents

3062.48

And that there has been put into his hands as Treasurer since that time as follows

By order on Moses Merrill

1646.30

by each of sundry persons for exemption from Military duty

12.00

by cash received of the State Treasurer for Wm. Richards two children

83.21

by a note against Jesse Sargent

1.33

by cash of Jonathan Merrill for giving swine for the animal show

2.00

by note of Moses Merrill

1.34

by cash of Selectmen - proceeds of sale of Elisabeth Emerson person at Estate

9.69

by cash of the Selectmen for rent of widow Mary Hastings Hinds

19.00

Making in all four thousand eight hundred thirty seven dollars & thirty five cents

4837.35

And we find that said Treasurere has paid out by Assessors Orders

1953.55

by amount of 8 per cent discount on Taxes

74.95

Which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of two thousand eight hundred & eight dollars and eighty five cents

2808.85

And we find that there is due to Said Treasurer from former collectors and others of the Town's Money as follows

from Moses Bixby Collector fir 1822

94.46

from Christopher Messer for 1824

367.40

from Isaiah Silver for 1815  
17.12  
from Isaiah Silver collector for Benjamin Town's list  
16.47  
from Jesse Sargent collector for 1825  
835.26  
from Moses Merrill collector for 1826  
303.22  
Notes of hand Elijah Jennings  
157.91  
Isaiah Silver  
239.90  
Joseph Griffen Jr  
17.57  
Ebenezer Merrill  
11.04  
Dudley Davis  
21.84  
Jacob W. Morse  
6.97  
James Gutterson  
15.15  
Jonathan G Davis  
4.53  
Robinson How & Nathaniel Merrill  
95.00  
Jesse Sargent  
1.33  
John Pettengill 2<sup>nd</sup> & Ephraim Peabody  
200.00  
Uncurrent Money  
40.50  
To cash in Treasurer's hands  
363.18

2808.85

**Methuen March 2 1827**

Jonathan Merrill  
Samuel H Harris      } Selectmen  
Jonathan Griffen Jr.  
Moses Merrill, Town Treasurer

**March 12, 1827 – Annual Meeting**

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held March 5  
1827**

**agreeable to Warrant No 141 file 5**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. **Moderator**

Chose Moses **Merrill Town Clerk & Town Treasurer** and Sworn

**Selectmen – Sworn**

Samuel H Harris

Stephen Barker

Stephen Gage

**Surveyors of Highways – All Sworn**

Ben Richardson

Enoch Whittier

John Russ

Ebenezer Woodbury

Asa Frye

Asahel Adams

Cyrius Carleton

Patrick Fleming

Samuel Bodwell

Herman Harris

Nehemiah Herrick

Enoch Poor

MAtt (At)hew Messer

Samuel Griffen

Aaron Jacks

John M. Grosvnear

Jonathan Griffen

Christopher Messer

James Merrill

**Field Drivers – All Sworn**

Stephen Barker 2d

Nehemiah Herick

Isaiah Silver

John Huse

Amos Morse 3d

Asa Currier 2d

Ebenezer Tippets

Jeremiah Frye

Joshua Kent

Samuel Bodwell

Reten (?) Harris, Jr.

Enoch Whittier

**Hog Reaves**

Lewis Gage

Samuel Dinsman

**Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn**

Amos Barker

Thomas Hunter

Samuel Clark

Jeremiah Frye

Stephen Gage

Joseph Griffen Jr

Aaron Sawyer

Samuel Griffen

**Pound Keepers**

Stephen Runnels

Stephen Barker 2d

**Fence Viewers**

Benjamin Osgood

Samuel Griffen

Niles Tilden

### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All Sworn**

Wm. Richardson  
Jonathan Griffen

Aaron Sawyer Jr  
Samuel Eaton

Aaron Sawyer  
Stephen Gage

### **Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn**

Abiel How

### **Fish Wardens – All Sworn**

Samuel Bodwell      Herman Bodwell      James Messer Jr.      Thomas How

Votes for County Treasurer were for Wm F. Wade forty six  
for John Punchard Esq. forty seven

Voted to except (accept) the report of committee with Town Treasurer

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to raise seven hundred dollars for Schooling the year ensuing

Voted to expend one third part for womans school

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways the year ensuing

Voted to choose school committees in each district

Voted that net cattle & horses shall not go at large any part of the year

Voted swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

Voted that the taxes be paid in to the Treasurer as they were the last year and chose Moses Merrill Collector and was sworn

Voted that Surveyors of highway through whose district the Turnpike runs work out part of their Taxes on said Turnpike Road

Voted that this Town authorize the Selectmen to (?) with Dracutt on the old former bounds

Voted to refer to the Selectmen & Town Treasurer to omit the uncurrent money & such notes as they shall think proper in the next annual report

Voted that the Selectmen in future lay before the Town at their Annual Meeting an account of the expenses of the Town as petitioned for in the Warrant

Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the road from Richardsons tavern to Joseph Marston & report at the next Meeting

Voted that the Selectmen be the committee

Voted to divide the Highway District halfway between Richard Currier's & James Merrills

Voted to pass over 16 article

Voted to provide an ax shovel for the District which Abnear Stevens lives in

Voted to send a delegate to meet the convention at Ipswich and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of April next at 1 o'clock A.M.

#### **April 2 Met agreeable to adjournment**

The Constableship was put up at auction and struck off to Joseph Griffen Jr. for which he is to pay five dollars and said Griffen was chosen Constable & sworn

Voted not to choose a school committee

Voted to instruct their School Committees to hire school instructors as usual

Voted to pass over this article respecting schools indefinitely

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen widening and straightening the road  
from Richardson tavern to Joseph Marstons

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the May Meeting at 3 o'clock P.M.

#### **May 3 Met agreeable to adjournment**

Voted to pay Asakiel Adams twenty dollars for removing the well between the bridge & the companys shop and said Admas is to fill up the causeway

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**April 2, 1827**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant No 142 file 4**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows –

**for Governor**

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had	102
Hon. William C Jarvis	30
Hon. Marcus Morton	10
Joseph Brown	1
Capt Jonathan Merrill	1

**for Lieutenant Governor**

Thomas L Wintrop had	142
Capt. Samuel H. Harris	1

**for Senators**

Hon. John Prince had	116	Moses Wingate
67		
Hon. Gideon Boston	131	Wm. W. Parrott
19		
Leverett Saltonstall	57	Caleb Cushing
2		
Rufus Choat	51	Rev. Charles O Kimball
1		
William Thorndike	32	Stephen Barker Esq.
1		
Asa T. Newell	125	Joseph W. Carleton Esq.
1		
John Merrill	141	Doctor John Pettengill
1		
Israel Trask	97	David Clark
1		
Amos Spaulding	32	Moses Webster
1		

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

## **April 2, 1827**

### **At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held April 2 1827 agreeable to Warrant No 143 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq Moderator

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen widening and straightening the road

from Caleb Swans by the Methuen Companys Boarding House to the Turnpike

Voted that John Searl have liberty to work out his highway taxes under the surveyor

Voted to pass over 4<sup>th</sup> article

Voted to pass over 5<sup>th</sup> article

Voted to furnish an ox shovel in the highway districk where Isaiah Wheeler lives

Voted to pass over 7<sup>th</sup> article

Voted that Edward & Joseph Kimball have leave to work their highway taxes on their

own land and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

## **May 3, 1827**

### **At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 3 1827 agreeable to Warrant No 144 file 4 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to General Court of this Commonwealth the votes being sorted & counted by the Selectmen were for Jonathan Currier Esq. 50, for Stephen Esq. 6, Benjamin Osgood Esq. 1 and Capt John Russ had seventy five and was chosen.**

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

## **May 3, 1827**

### **At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 3d 1827 agreeable to Warrant No. 144 file 4**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Voted that the Methueh Company have leave to move the road the width of it further south so as is stated in the Warrant and shall have liberty to occupy the land when the road now is trod

Voted that Jonathan Jennings have liberty to work out his highway taxes on his own land

Voted to pass over 4<sup>th</sup> article

Voted to abate sundry persons taxes in Moses Merrils list for 1826 (viz.) Samuel Berry, Caleb Davis, Morley Gage, John Huse 2d, Marston Huse, Moses Morse, John White, Joseph Wilson, Isaack Bodwell, David Badger, Samuel Bacon, Mary Cluff, John Stevens & (?) Currier highways tax and dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**Report of Committee with Treasurer –**

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Methuen agreeable to a voted os said

Town have examined the accounts of Moses Merrill Treasurer of Said Town and report thence as follows

That on settlement with Said Treasurer on March 2 1827 we find there is in his hands

as Treasurer of said Town due from back collectors and on tax lists committed to him to collect and from sundry other persons of the Town's money

2808.85

That here has been put into his hands since that date as follows by tax lists committed to him to collect for 1827

1640.86

by cash received of sundry persons for exemption from Military Duty  
6.00

by cash received of Town of Salem for support of Clarisse Benny  
15.34

by cash received of Town of Newbury for support of Mrs Miniuck  
7.57

by cash received of Commonwealth for support Richardson children  
66.00

by interest paid on Silvers note  
158.12

by cash & note received of George A. Waldo for the proceeds on the sale

of William Ordways things	
19.38	
by sundry taxes added to his list after they were committed	
4.10	
by cash received of Selectmen which they received of Moses Morse for what	
the Town had to pa the Town of Haverhill for the support of said Morse wife	
16.28	
by cash received of Selectmen which they received of Jonathan Currier, Esq.	
Guardian to Hezekiah Chadwick for the support of his daughter at Charlestown	
72.00	
By cash received of Samuel Griffen for being Constable for 1826	
<u>10.25</u>	
Making in the whole four thousand eight hundred and twenty six dollars	
and seventy five cents	
4826.75	

From which we deduct as follows

for uncurrent money in the Treasury	40.50
for Ebenezer Merrills note	11.04
for Dudley Davis note	21.84
for Elijah Jennings note given up to Leonard Pinkham	<u>157.91</u>
<u>-231.29</u>	

4595.46

and we find said Treasurer has paid out on Assessors orders since said settlement  
2035.77

By amount of 8, 6 & 4 percent discount of Taxes  
96.46

2132.23

which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of two thousand four hundred  
2463.23  
and sixty three dollars and 23 cents

And we find that there is due to said Treasurer from former collectors  
and on lists committed to said Treasurer and in Notes of hand and in cash  
in the Treasury as follows

from Isaiah Silver collector of Benjamin Towns lists	
16.47	
from Moses Bixby collector for 1822 committee to Jesse Sargent	
94.46	
from Christopher Messer collector for 1824	
160.03	
from Jesse Sargent collector for 1825	
316.26	

from Moses Merrill collector for 1826  
145.65

Notes of hand  
against Joseph Griffen Jr  
17.57  
Jacob W Morse  
6.97  
James Gutterson  
15.15  
Jonathan G Davis  
4.53  
Roertson How & Nathaniel Merrill  
95.00  
John Pettingill 2d & Ephraim Peabody  
200.00  
John Henrick & Artemas Henrick  
100.00  
Isaiah Silver & Asa Austin  
178.00  
Asa Austin & Issaiah Silver  
100.00  
George A Waldo  
14.34  
Cash in the Treasurer hands  
720.66

\$2463.23

**Methuen March 1 1828**

Samuel H. Harris  
Stephen Gage        } Selectmen

Moses Merrill, Town Treasurer

**1828**

**March 3 1828 – Annual Meeting**

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote  
in Town affairs held March 3 1828 agreeable to Warrant No 145 file 4**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. **Moderator**

Chose Moses Merrill, **Town Clerk & Treasurer & Sworn**

**Selectmen – Sworn**

Capt Jonathan Merrill

Samuel H. Harris

Stephen Barker 2d

**Surveyors of Highway – All Sworn**

Elijah Jennings

Joseph How Jr

Nathaniel Merrill

Benjamin Webster

Niles Tilden

Isaac Cluff   Asa Griffen

Jonathan Wheeler

Stephen Gage

Samuel Clark

Daniel Merrill

Ralph Clark

Christopher Messer

Jeremiah Frye

Benjamin Osgood

Caleb Swan

Enoch Poor

Aaron Jacks

Benaius Jones

**Field Drivers – All Sworn**

Jonathan Merrill 3d

Samuel Bodwell

John Huse

Asa Currier 2d

Nathaniel Sargent

John Frye

**Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All Sworn**

Christopher Messer

Stephen Gage

Aaron Sawyer

Joseph W. Carleton

Jonathan Griffen

John Russ

**Fence Viewers – All Sworn**

Samuel Griffen

Peabody

Benjamin Osgood

(?) Thimbull

Ephraim

**Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn**

Amos Becker (?)

Samuel Clark

Aaron Sawyer

Jeremiah Frye

Jonathan Swan

Stephen Gage

Joseph Griffen Jr

Enoch Poor (at adjournment)

Christopher Messer

Joseph How Jr

Richard Whittier

**Hog Reaves**

None listed

**Sealer of Weights & Measurer – Sworn**

Abiel How

**Pound Keepers**

Stephen Runnels

Timothy Harris

## Fish Wardens

Samuel Bodwell

Elisha Thimball

Herman Bodwell

Voted to choose a School Committee of three persons and chose John M. Grosvenor,  
Stephen Huse, Stephen Barker 2d

Votes for **County Treasurer** were for William F. Wade Esq. forty one and Joseph F. Wade one

Voted to except (accept) the report with said Treasurer

Voted the Selectmen Att (At)end and make what abatements they think necessary in back collectors list

Voted to raise five hundred dollars to defray Town charges

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways the years ensuing

Voted to raise six hundred dollars for schooling the year ensuing

Voted to expend one third part for womans schools

Voted that each school district choose their own district committees

Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not go at large any part of the year

Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

Voted that the Taxes be paid into the Town Treasurer as they were last year

The office of Constable was put up at auction and struck off to Joseph Griffen Jr. for which he is to pay three dollars and he was chosen Constable and was sworn

Voted that the highway surveyors through whose districts the Turnpike runs work out part of their taxes on said Turnpike road

Voted to pass over 13<sup>th</sup> article until the adjournment

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen on the Road near the House of Jacob W Morse

Voted to pass over 15<sup>th</sup> article to next Meeting

Voted to pass over 16<sup>th</sup> article to next Meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of April next at 2 o'clock P.M.

**April 7** Met according to adjournment

Voted to discontinue the old road near the House of Jacob W Morse as is described in the Warrant after the new road is made

Voted that Selectmen be a committee to examine the road as petitioned for by Isaiah Silver and make report at the next Meeting

Chose Moses Merrill collector of Taxes & Sworn

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of May nextg at 3 o'clock P.M.

**May 1** Met according to adjournment and

Voted to adjourn this meeting until next Thursday at 3 o'clock P.M.

**May 8** Met according to adjournment

Voted to raise two hundred dollars in addition to the former sum for schooling the present year

Voted the Selectmen be a committee to make enquiry to see if the road near Lydia Franks can be widened by making people move back their fences and make report at a future meeting

On the 13<sup>th</sup> article it was voted to pay Mr Asakel Adams 40 cents a ? for laying the stone butments of the South Bridge over Spicket River and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**April 7, 1828**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday April 7 1828 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant No. 146 file 4** the votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

**For Governor**

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had one hundred & one votes  
Honoral Marcus Morton had forty five votes

Artemus Henrick ? votes

**Lieutenant Governor**

Honorable Thomas L Winthrop had one hundred & eight votes  
Nathan Willis had thirty nine votes

**For Senators**

James Gardnear had	42
John Forester	41
Asa T Newell	45
Lowell Bayley	45
John Russ	46
Samuel Phillips	37
Jacob Gerrish	37
William W. Parrott	102
William Thorndike	102
Joseph E Sprague	102
John Merrill	100
James H Duncan	102
Amos Spaulding	89
Gideon Barker	4
Leverett Saltonstall	1
Hubert Clark	1
Stephen Barker	1
William Sutton	4
Gaiton B Osgood	4

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**April 7, 1828**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held  
April 7 1828 agreeable to Warrant No. 147 file 4**

Opened said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. Moderator

Voted that Edward & Joseph Kimball have leave to work out that highway tax on  
their own land as petitioned

Voted to allow Isaiah Silver one half of a 10 dollar bill which found to be bad

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the May Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

**May 8** Met according to adjournment and voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen on the road so far as respects Samuel Clark, Ezekiel Clark and Artemus Henricks land

Voted to allow Ephraim Peabody twenty dollars for widening the bridge as reported

Voted to more David Clark fifteen dollars for his land & moving the wall and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **May 8, 1828**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 8, 1828 agreeable to Warrant No 148 file 4** for the purpose of choosing Representatives to General Court of this Commonwealth

Voted to send one Representative this year

The votes being given in sorted and counted by the Selectmen were for Stephen Barker 2, Joshua Buswell 1, Jonathan Currier Esq. 1, Moses Merrill 7, Joseph W. Carleton 69, John Russ Esq. had 83 and was chosen

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **May 8, 1828**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 8 1828 agreeable to Warrant No 148 file 4**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

The Town voted not to except (accept) of the Report of Selectmen on the petition of Ben Pettingill & others for a road near Isaiah Silver

Voted to except (accept) of the Report of Selectmen on the petition of Jesse Heath & others for a road and voted to refer to Selectmen to agree with Ephraim Peabody

Voted that the Selectmen & Town Clerk be a committee to solisset (solicit) subscriptions for the sufficiency ?

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **September 16, 1828**

**Aat a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held September 16 1828 agreeable to Warrant No. 149 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Stephen Barker 2d Esq. Moderator

Voted to pass over 2d article to act on 3d article

Voted to pass over 3d article until 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Nov. next

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Nov. next at 2 oclock P.M.

**November 3** Met according to adjournment and voted that the location of the road as was prayed for by Ben Pettengill and others last Spring and was ordered by the Court of Sessions and the letting out Said road to be made etc all be referred to the Selectmen

Voted to pass over 3d article and dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **November 3, 1828**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Nov. 3 1828 agreeable to Warrant 150 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened said Meeting and chose Hon. Benjamin Osgood Moderator

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen for widening and straightening the road as was prayed for by Robinson How and others

Voted to pass over 3d article

Voted to choose three fire wardens and chose Asakel Adams, Col Ben Osgood and Josiah Osgood fire wardens & excepted (accepted)

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen on the Road prayed for by Jonathan Currier 2<sup>nd</sup> Esq.

Voted to pay Enoch Poor four dollars for what he paid for stones and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**November 3, 1828**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen Nov. 3 1828 it being the first Monday of said Month agreeable to Warrant No. 141 file 4 for the purpose of giving in their votes for fifteen Electors of President & Vice President also to give in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for Essex North District**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declared were as follows

**Votes for Representative to Congress were**

For Hon. Benjamin F Varnum	52
Samuel Phillips Esq.	67
Hon. John Varnum	64
Hon. Thomas L Winthrope of Boston	121
Hon. Samuel Lathrope of West Springfield	121
Suffolk District Hon. Jesse Putnam of Boston	121
Hon. Stephen White of Salem	121
Hon. Bailey Bartlett of Haverhill	119
Hon. Nathan Chandler of Lexington	121
Gen. Jonathan Davis of Oxford	121
Hon. Silas Holman of Bolton	121
Col. Eliel Gilbert of Greenfield	121
Hon. Joshua Frost of Springfield	121
Samuel Jones Edq. Of Stockbridge	121
Hon. Edward H Robbins of Milton	121
Hon. Seth Sprague of Duxbury	121
Hon. Oliver Starkweather of Pawtucket	121
Hon. Braddock Dimmick of Falmouth	121

**Electors at Large**

Hon. Nathan Willis Berkshire District	67
Hon. David Henshaw Suffolk District	67

**For the Districts**

John H Simpson of Boston	67
Col Josiah Newhall of Lynnfield	67
John Russ Esq. of Methuen	66
Hon. William Austin of Charlestown	67
Hon. Jonas Libbey of Sutton	67
Wiliam Willard of Lancaster	67
John Drury Esq. of Coleman	67
Gen. Joseph M. Fonward of Southwick	67
Hon. Phineas Allen of Pittsfield	67
Hon. Ebenezer Leaver of Roxbury	67
Hon. Peter H. Pierce of Middleboro	67
Elihas Dagget Jr. Esq. of Att (At)leboro	67
John P Norton Esq. of Tisbury	67

Attest Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

## 1829

### Report of Committee with Treasurer Feb. 1829

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Methuen agreeable to a vote of Said Town have examined the accounts of Moses Merrill Treasurer of Said Town and report thereon as follows

That on Settlement with Said Treasurer on march 1<sup>st</sup> 1828 we find there is in his Hands as Treasurer of Said Town due from back collectors and on Tax lists committed to him to collect and from sundry other persons of the Town money  
2463.23

That there has been put into his hands since that date as follows  
by Tax lists committed to him to collect for 1828

1384.60

by cash received of sundry persons for exemption from Military duty  
2.00

by cash received of the Town of Newbury for support of Ms Merrick  
12.08

by a note received of David Perry dated April 1 1828  
107.00

by interest received on Isasiah Silvers note  
9.59

by cash received of Joseph Griffen Jr for constableship for the years 1827 & 1828  
8.00

Making in the w hole three thousand nine hundred eighty six dollard & fifty cents  
3986.50

And we find Said Treasurer has paid out on Assessors orders since Settlement  
2586.07  
By amount of 8 - 6 - & 4 per cent discount on taxes  
90.31

2676.38

Which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of one thousand three hundred  
ten dollars and twelve cents  
1310.12

And we find that there is due to Said Treasurer from former collectors  
and lists committed to Said Treasurer and in notes of hand and in cash in the  
Treasury as follows

from Isaiah Silver collector of Benjamen Town list  
16.47  
from Moses Bixby collector for 1822 committed to Jesse Sargent  
59.44  
from Moses Merrill collector & treasurer for 1826  
70.80  
from Moses Merrill collector & treasurer for 1827  
93.02  
from Moses Merrill collector & treasurer for 1828  
156.41  
Notes of hand on account Joseph Griffen Jr dated Sept 6 1823  
17.57  
one against Jacob W Morse dated January 15 1825  
6.97  
one against James Gutterson dated Nov. 1 1824  
15.15  
one against Jonathan G. Davis dated January 15 1825  
4.53  
one against Robinson How & Nathaniel Merrill dated June 21 1825  
95.00  
one note against John Pettengill 2d and Ephraim Peabody dated March 2 1827  
200.00  
one against John & Artemas Henrick dated Nov. 17 1827  
100.00  
one against Asa Austin & Isaiah Silver Jun. 3 1827  
100.00  
one against George A Waldo dated January 7 1828  
14.34  
one against David Perry dated April 1<sup>st</sup> 1828  
107.00

Cash in the Treasurer's hands  
253.42

\$1310.12

**Methuen Feb. 28 1829**

Jonathan Merrill  
Samuel H Harris      }      Selectmen  
Stephen Barker 2d  
Moses Merrill, Town Treasurer

### **March 2, 1829 – Annual Meeting**

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 2d 1829 agreeable to Warrant No. 152 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to choose the Town Clerk & Treasurer on one ticket  
Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Treasurer & Sworn**

Chose Samuel H. Harris, Stephen Barker 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jonathan Currier 2<sup>nd</sup> **Selectmen**  
and were sworn

#### **Surveyors of highways – All Sworn**

Nathaniel Sargent	Jonathan Wheeler	Francis Frye
Isaiah How	Frederick Kimball	John Davis
Jonathan Currier	Ezekiel Clarke	Benjamin Thurston
Benjamin Webster	John Huse	William Swan
Joseph F. Ingalls	John E. Merrill	Asa Palmer
Jacob Tyler	Jonathan Griffen	Varnum Tyler
Oliver Emerson 2 <sup>nd</sup>		

#### **Field Drivers – All Sworn**

John Huse	Samuel Bodwell	Ebenezer Tippets
Nehemiah Herrick	Benjamin Kimball Jr	Asa Currier 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ebenezer How	Asa Griffen	

#### **Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn**

Joseph Bodwell	John Wilson	Christopher Messer
Samuel Clark	Stephen Gage	Aaron Sawyer
Joseph Griffen Jr.	Charles Dunbar	Jeremiah Frye

#### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All Sworn**

Aaron Sawyer	Jonathan Griffen	Stephen Gage
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Joseph W. Carleton  
Daniel Merrill

Niles Tilden Jr.  
Joseph How Jr.

John E. Kimball

### **Hog Reaves**

Blank

### **Fence Viewers – All Sworn**

Samuel Griffen

Benjamin Osgood

David Clark

### **Fire Wardens**

Asakel Adams

Josiah Osgood

Ben Osgood

### **Sealer of Leather**

Moses Merrill

### **Pound Keepers**

Stephen Runels

Samuel Griffen

### **Sealer of Weights & Measures - Sworn**

Abiel How

### **Fish Wardens - Sworn**

Samuel Bodwell  
Moses Bixby

Nathaniel Morse  
Christopher Messer

Herman Bodwell  
Samuel H Harris

Voted to pass over choosing the School Committee until the adjournment

Voted to pass choice of Constable until the money is raised

Voted to pass over the subject of choosing a Sexten for the present

Voted to except (accept) the report with the Town Treasurer

Voted to raise Seven Hundred Dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to raise Eight Hundred Dolalrs for Schooling the year ensuing

Voted to expend one thirs part of school money for womens schools

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars for repairing highways & private ways  
the year ensuing three hundred of which is to be expended for a winter tax if  
wanted

Voted that neat cattle & horses shall not go at large any part of the year

Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

Voted that the Taxes be paid into the Town Treasurer as they were the last year

Chose Moses Merrill Collector the year ensuing

Voted the Constableship be put up at auction struck off to Joseph Griffen Jr. for  
which  
he is to pay three dollars and he was chosen Constable and Sworn

Voted that the Surveyors of highways through whose districts the Turnpike runs  
work  
out a part of their highway taxes on Said Turnpike Road

Voted to refer the repairing the Bridge near Wm. Bodwells to the Selectmen

Voted to furnish the Engine Company with five hooks

Voted to pass over the 13<sup>th</sup> Article until the adjournment

Voted to pass over the 14<sup>th</sup> Article until the adjournment

Voted to pass over 15<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted to adjourn this Meeting until 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of April at 1 o'clock P.M.

**April 2** Met according to adjournment and voted to choose three for School  
Committee  
and chose John M. Grosvenor, Stephen Huse and Stephen Barker 2d committee

Voted to exeft (accept of the Report of Selectmen on the road near Daniel Huses

Voted to pass over 14<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to abate what taxes they think proper in  
back

Collectors lists and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**April 6, 1829**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday April 6, 1829 for the purpose of giving in their votes for State Officers agreeable to Warrant No 153 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

**For Governor**

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had	112
Hon. Marcus Morton had	67

**For Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	111
Hon. Nathan Willis	67

**For Senators**

Hon. John Merrill	112
Hon. Amos Spaulding	100
Hon. Joseph E Sprague	111
Hon. James H Duncan	105
Hon. William Thorndike	103
Hon. Rufus Choat	111
John Russ	73
Stephen White	7
Josiah Newell	64
Wm. Beach	67
Joseph S. Cabbot	65
Gayton P. Osgood	66
Jacob Gerrish	64
Asa T Newell	3
Samuel Phillips	1
Stephen Marston	1
Hobert Clark	1
Moses Wingate	1
Rufus Coat	1

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **April 6, 1829**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held April 6 1829 agreeable to Warrant No 154 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen on the Road near Benjamin Wilsons as was petitioned for by Samuel Cross & others

Voted that the Selectmen agree with the men for the land

Voted that Joseph F Edward Kimball have leave to work out their highways tax on their own land agreeable to their request

Voted that all those nonresidents highway taxes which are paid in to the Treasury be drawn out and expended in the Districts where the land lies

Voted to pass over 5<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted to pass over 6<sup>th</sup> Article

Voted that the Selectmen examine the Bridge near Aaron Sawyers and make repairs as they think proper and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **May 7, 1829**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 1829 agreeable to Warrant No 155 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of choosing Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth**

Voted to send one Representative – the votes being given in sorted & counted by the Selectmen were for Joseph W Carleton Esq. 27, Moses Merrill had 57, Joshua Buswell Jr. had one, John Russ Esq. had 97 and is chosen

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **May 7, 1829**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 7  
1829 agreeable to Warrant No 156 file 4**

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Voted to pass over the article respecting the Bridge and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**May 26, 1829**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to  
vote in Town affairs May 26 1829 agreeable to Warrant No 157 file 4**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Joseph W Carleton Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to oppose the road petitioned for by Asa Currier 2d and others

Voted to choose a committee of three persons for that purpose

Voted to choose the committee by ballot and chose Ephraim Peabody, Joseph W. Carleton

and Stephen Gage for Said Committee

Voted to pass over 3d Article

Voted to refer to the Selectmen the article respecting purchasing some burying ground that

is for them to purchase a piece of land for that purpose when they think most proper

likewise to enlarge the yard at the southwest part of the Town if necessary and then

dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows viz.**

That there was in Said Treasurer's hands of the Towns money at the settlement Feb. 28 1829

1310.12

and that there has been put into his hands since that time as follows viz. – by Tax list committed to him to collect for 1829

1568.56

by cash received of sundry persons for exemption from Military Duty  
4.00

by interest on John Henricks note	
8.00	
by interest on Asa Austins note	
8.00	
by cash from the commonwealth for support of the Richard children	
83.00	
by cash of Stephen Runels for Chadwick	
30.00	
Interest on George A Waldos ntoi	
1.85	
Interest on Robinson How & Nathaniel Merrill's note	
30.00	
By cash received of effects of Isaac Pettengill	
<u>1.00</u>	
Making in all Three Thousand & fifteen Dollars	
3015.53	

And said Treasurer has paid in Assessors orders since last Settlement 2490.90}  
 by amount of discount on Taxes 96.50}  
2589.39

which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of  
 426.14

and we find there is due to said Treasurer as follows viz.  
 From Isaiah Silver Collector of Benjammon Towns List  
 16.47  
 From Jesse Sargent Collector of Moses Bixby List  
 48.83  
 From Moses Merrill Collector for 1826  
 37.80  
 From Moses Merrill Collector for 1827  
 71.04  
 From Moes Merrill Collelctor for 1828  
 55.07  
 From Moses Merrill Collector for 1829  
 353.55  
 Note against Joseph Griffen Jr dated Sept. 6 1823  
 17.57  
 Note against Jacob W Mors Dated January 15 1825  
 6.97  
 Note against James Gutterson Dated Nov 1 1824  
 15.15  
 Note against Jonas G Davis Dated January 15 1825  
 4.53  
 Note against John Pettengill & Ephraim Peabody dated March 2 1827  
 61.60

Note against David Perry dated April 1 1828 dated April 1 1828  
37.00

\$925.58

**Feb 26 1830** Moses Merrill, Town Treasurer

1830

## **March, 1830 – Annual Meeting**

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote  
in Town affairs held March 1<sup>st</sup> 1830 agreeable to Warrant No 158 file 4**

Opened said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to choose the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer on one ticket

## **Chose Moses Merrill Town Clerk & Town Treasurer and Sworn**

Chose Samuel Richardson Jr., Samuel H. Harris, and Jonathan Merrill  
**Selectmen & Sworn**

## **Surveyors of Highway - Sworn**

Jonathan Jennings	Enoch Whittier	Daniel How
Samuel Cross	Moses Messer	Christopher How
Ephraim Peabody sworn)	Daniel Balch(?)	Moses Morse (not sworn)
William Cross	Michael Gage	Amos Griffen
Stephen Currier Jr.	Grachaniah Willis	James Messer Jr
William Huse	Moody Morse	John Russ
Oliver Emerson 2d (not sworn)		

## Hog Reaves – Sworn

Thaddeus Osgood      Henry Spencer      Atenaham Whitney  
Samuel P. Brown      Isaac Goldsmith

## Fence Viewers – Sworn

Samuel Griffen  
Jonathan Griffen

Benjamin Osgood

David Clarke

### **Pound Keepers**

Stephen Runels

Samuel Griffen

### **Field Drivers – All Sworn**

James Merrill  
John Tarbox  
Joseph S. Morse  
Enoch Whittier

John Frye  
Samuel Richardson Jr.  
Asa Currier

David Clarke  
Sterling Kimball  
Henry Spencer

### **Surveyors of Lumber – Sworn**

John Wilson  
Stephen Gage  
Abiel Stevens

Isaac Goldsmith  
Joseph Griffen Jr.  
Enoch Poor

Samuel Clarke  
William Poor

### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark – Sworn**

Jonathan Griffen  
Joseph W. Carleton

Joseph Bodwell  
James Gutterson

Stephen Gage  
Caleb Swan

### **Fire Wardens**

Asa Griffen  
Asakel Adams

Benjamin Cross  
John Davis

Ben Osgood  
Abiel Stevens

### **Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn**

Abiel How

### **Fish Wardens – Sworn**

Samuel Bodwell  
Jonathan Merrill

Amos Griffen  
Joseph How

Samuel H Harris  
Asakel Adams

Votes for **County Treasurer** wee for William F Wade, Esq. twenty one, Joseph F Wade  
five and Caleb Swan two, Samuel Richardson Jr one

Voted to pass over choosing Constable until the money is raised

Voted to except (accept the Report with Town Treasurer

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray Town charges

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways the year ensuing

Voted to raise eight hundred dollars for schooling the year ensuing

Voted that one third per cent of hired shool money be appropriated for womens school

Voted that neat cattle & horses be not suffered to go at large any part of the year

Voted that swine be not suffered to go at large being hoked and ringed as the law directs

Voted that the Taxes be paid into the Town Treasurer as last year and chose  
Moses Merrill Collector

The Constableship was put up at auction and struck off to Joseph Griffin Jr. for which  
he is to pay five dollars and he was chosen Constable & Sworn

Chose John Tenny, Stephen Huse & John Davis School Committee –

Voted that surveyors of highway through whose district the Turnpike runs work part  
of their Taxes on Said Turnpike Road

Voted to pass over 11<sup>th</sup> Article until the adjournment

Voted that School District No. 8 have leave to expend one half of their money for  
womens school

Voted that the 13<sup>th</sup> article be referred to Selectmen to do as they think proper  
respecting the school money in Ward No. 8

Voted to choose a Sexton and chose Joshua C. Flint and adjourned this Meeting to  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of April at 1 o'clock P.M.

**April 5** Met according to adjournment

Voted to pass 11<sup>th</sup> article until the May Meeting

Voted to adjourn this Meeting until the May Meeting

**May 6** Met according to adjournment

Voted to pass over 11<sup>th</sup> article

Chose Asa Currier, Henry Spencer and Enoch Whittier Field Drivers and were sworn

Chose Oliver Emerson 2d Surveyor of Highway

Voted to dissolve said Meeting

### **April 4, 1830**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen April 5 1820 agreeable to Warrant No. 159 file 4** for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and Senators

Opened Said Meeting and the votes being given in sorted and counted and declaration made as the law directs were as follows viz.

#### **For Governor**

His Excellency Levi Lincoln had	131 votes
Hon. Marcus Morton had	97

#### **For Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Thomas L Winthrope had	131
Hon. Nathan Willis had	97

#### **For Senators**

Gayton P. Osgood	95
Ebenezer Mudge	98
William Hawks	97
George S?	95
Stephen White	131
John Merrill	131
Wm Thorndike	129
Amos Spaulding	130
James H Duncan	129
Stephen C. Phillips	131
Stephen Barker	2
William John	1

Wm. Jones

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Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**April 5, 1830**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 5<sup>th</sup> 1830 agreeable to Warrant No 160 file 4**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Joseph W Carleton Esq. Moderator

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to carry the resolves of the Legislator into effect in regard to taking a plan of the Town etc –

Voted that the Town pay the expense of keeping a cow for Isaac Austin the year ensuing

Voted to pass over 4<sup>th</sup> article

Voted to pass over 5<sup>th</sup> article and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**May 6, 1830**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 6 1830, agreeable to Warrant No. 161 file 4<sup>th</sup> for the choice of a Representative to the General Court**

The votes being given in sorted and counted by the Selectmen were for the following persons viz. For John Russ Esq. 97 – ScAtt (At)ering 5 and for Moses Merrill 106 and is chosen

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**May 6, 1830**

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 6 1830, agreeable to Warrant No. 162 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened said Meeting and chose Stephen Barker 2d Esq. Moderator

Voted to act on the Report of the Road by sections

Voted to except (accept) of the Report so far as goes by Capt. Hazeltons land

Voted to except (accept) the Report so ar as the corner which turns towards Lowell with this provision that if the Selectmen can get it done any cheaper than is reported they have the ? and Mr. Barker consents to it

Voted to except (accept) the Report as far as the corner of the ?

Voted to except (accept) the Report so far as the corner of widow Morse garden

Voted to pass over the remainder of Said Report

Voted to dissolve said Meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

## **June 25, 1830**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in**

**Town affairs held June 25, 1830 agreeable to Warant No 163 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened Said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. Moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the Town will build a stone arched bridge over Spickett River near Adolphus Durants

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to get the Bridge bilt as cheap as they can and they are to be the overseers of the work –

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to act on the Report of the Road in sections

Voted to except the first section of the Report which takes 2 rods of land – price for moving the wall & land one dollar

4<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine the road near Joseph W Carletons house and report at some future meeting

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Wednesday the Seventh of Jul next at 3 oclock P.M.

**July 7 1830** Met according to adjournment

Voted that the Selectmen have fifteen months to make the Stone Bridge near A Durants as was voted 25<sup>th</sup> of June last

On the 4<sup>th</sup> article the Subscribers proposes to deed the Town of Methuen all his right & title to the land under and adjourning his house situated near the store of Mr White reserving to individuals the priviledge of occupying a part of the same for a Hay Scale and small bilding so long as the Scale shall be kept in good repair afterward to become a publick common on condition the house is removed according to agreement

Signed Joseph W. Carleton

If the Town will otherize (authorize) the Selectmen to pay fifty dollars toward removing and compleating (completing) said house, Said fifty dollars to be taken and applied out of the highway tax of the Methuen company for the year 1831 we the Subscribers will comply with the Carleton proposition

Signed Asakel Adams and Josiah G. White

Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to comply with the offers of Joseph W Carleton Esq. and Asakel Adams & others and then dissolved said Meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **July 7<sup>th</sup> 1830**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in  
Town affairs held July 7<sup>th</sup> 1830 agreeable to Warrant No 164 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis Moderator

Voted to otherize (authorize) the Selectmen to Petition the County Commissioenrs as is set forth in the Warrant – 72 in the addirmative about 10 in the negative and then dissolved said Meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

### **October 4, 1830**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in  
Town affairs held October 4 1830 agreeable to Warrant No. 165 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. Moderator

Voted to pass over 2d Article

Voted that the Selectmen present the subject of a donation to the Gloucester Sufferers to each Religious county to introduce a contribution and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**November 1, 1830**

**At a legal Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Methuen November 1<sup>st</sup> 1830, it being the first Monday of Said Month agreeable to Warrant No. 166 file 4<sup>th</sup> to give in their votes for a Representative to Congress of the United States for Essex North District the votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.) for Hon. James H. Duncan Ninety three, Hon. John Merrill had eight votes, Gayton P Osgood Esq. seventy five, Stephen W. Marston Esq. had one, Hon. Benjamin F Varnum had one**

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**1831**

**January 3, 1831**

**At a legal Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held January 3 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 167 file 4<sup>th</sup> to give in their votes for a Representative to congress of the United States for Essex North District**

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows(viz.)

For Gayton P Osgood Esq. had 135 votes
For Stephen W Marston Esq. 104 votes
Hon. Caleb Cushing 26 votes
Hon. Amos Spaulding 1 vote

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**January 3, 1831**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held January 3 1831 agreeable to Warrant No 168 file 4<sup>th</sup>**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Voted to pass over 2d article until March Meeting and then dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

**March Ye 26 [found on the last page of the book – there is no year noted]**

Then Francis Swan Junr Town Clerk and Asa Messer, Bodwell Ladd, Ebenezer Carlton Selectmen and Timothy Poor Town Treasurer personally appeared before me and took the Oath of Allegiance – James Ingals, Justice of the peace