

## BOSTON TOWN RECORDS, 1766.

[674.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston legally qualified and warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno Domini 1766 —

The Town brought in their Votes for Sixteen Fire-Wards, and upon sorting them it appear'd, that

Newman Grenough. Esq.  
Joseph Jackson Esq. - - - excused  
John Rowe Esq.  
M<sup>r</sup>. William Cooper  
M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Austin - - - excused

M<sup>r</sup>. John Mico Wendell  
Thomas Marshall Esq.

William Homes Esq.

M<sup>r</sup>. Joseph Tyler

M<sup>r</sup>. Jonathan Williams

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Adino Paddock

[677.] M<sup>r</sup>. James Richardson  
William Tayler. Esq. - - - (excused)  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. William Downe Cheever

James Cunningham. Esq.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Benjamin Waldo

were chose Fire-Wards for the Year ensuing — (all sworn)

Joseph Jackson Esq. M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Austin and William Tayler Esq. having excused themselves from serving the Town as Fire-Wards the Year ensuing —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the said Joseph Jackson, Samuel Austin and William Tayler for their faithful services as Fire-Wards, some Years past —

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. John Green and David Wheeler having at their own cost and charge, built and compleated a Fire Engine, which upon tryal does honor to the Country as well as the Constructors; the use thereof on all occasions by means of Fire that may happen they now offer the Town, provided they will keep the same in good repair, and allow the Men belonging thereto, the Exemptions and Privileges indulged the other Engine-Men — It is therefore Voted that the Town do accept of the said generous proposal, and that the said Master and Men when approved by the Selectmen, be and hereby are excused and exempted from all such Duty, and Entitled to all such Privileges and Allowances, as are the other Engine Men, and this so long as the Town shall be obliged and served with the use of said Engine

Monday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Met according to Adjournment.

The Town brought in their Votes for Three Fire-Wards, and upon sorting them it appeared, that

John Hancock Esq.  
M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Adams - - - - - Sworn  
M<sup>r</sup>. Francis Shaw - - - - - d<sup>o</sup>.

were chose Fire Wards for the Year ensuing —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston legally qualified and warned in Publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Day of April Anno Domini. 1766 —

Upon a Motion made and seconded Voted unanimously, [697.] That the Majestrates of the Town; The Selectmen; Fire-Wards; Constables and Engine Men, be desired to use their utmost Endeavours to prevent any Bone-Fires being made in any part of this Town, also the throwing of Rockets, Squibs, and other Fire Works in any of the Streets of said Town except the Time that shall be appointed for general Rejoicings, and that the Inhabitants be desired for the present to restrain their Children and Servants from going abroad on Evenings —

Upon a Motion made and seconded, Voted, That for the Security of the Powder House on the Night of general Rejoicings the Selectmen be desired to Order two of the Fire Engines into the Common to be placed near said Magazine; and that the Roof thereof be well wet; and that the Air Holes be stop't with Mortar and Brick or otherwise as they may Judge proper —