Boston Town Records, 1768.

[60.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston legally qualified & warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 14th. Day of March Anno Domini 1768——

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The Town brought in their Votes for Sixteen Fire Wards and upon sorting them it appeared that ——

John Scollay Esq. Newman Grenough Esq. John Rowe Esq. John Rowe Esq. William Cooper Mr. John Mico Wendell Collo. Thomas Marshall William Homes Esq. Mr. Joseph Tyler Capt. Adino Paddock Mr. James Richardson Majr. James Cunningham Capt. Benjamin Waldo John Hancock Esq. Mr. Samuel Adams Capt. Martin Gay Thomas Daws Esq.

were chose Fire Wards for the Year ensuing.

Capt. William Downe Cheever having declined Serving as a Fire Ward by reason of his ill state of Health. — Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given him for his good services in that Office some Years past ——

Upon a Motion made & seconded, Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be & hereby are given to Jonathan Williams Esq. for his good services as a Fire-Ward some Years past ——

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston in Town Meeting Assembled May 4. 1768

The Petition of a number of Inhabitants "that application may be made to the General Assembly at the next Session, that the Town may be impowered by Law to choose an additional Number of Fire-Wards" — was read, and after Debate had thereon the Question being put, Whether the Prayer of the Petition shall be granted — Passed in the Negative ——

Upon a Motion made and seconded — Voted, that at the Annual Town Meeting in March next, there shall be One Fire-Ward chosen out of each of the Wards in this Town, the Number allowed by Law permitting it ——