

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT  
CHARTERED SEPTEMBER 5, 1761

CLARENDON.

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, about Twenty three thousand Six Hundred Acres, which Tract is to contain Something more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the South Westerly Corner of Shrewsbury thence North five degrees East Six Miles by Shrewsbury to the North West Corner thereof thence West five degrees North Six Miles & Three quarters of a mile thence South four Degrees East Six Miles thence East five degrees South Six Miles to the South West Corner of Shrewsbury the Bound first Mentioned And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Clarendon And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said

Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*2-166 \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Wednesday in October Next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Josiah Willard Esq who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the of March annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, *viz.*

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of

December annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of December. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of December, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of December, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 One shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the fifth Day of September in the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reig<sup>n</sup>.

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By His EXCELLENCY'S Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> September 5<sup>th</sup> 1761  
Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

¶ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

\*The Names of the Grantees of Clarendon Viz— \*2-167

Caleb Willard	Josiah Willard jun <sup>r</sup>	Sampson Willard
John Searl	Caleb Stone	Timothy Whitney
Elijah Arms	Jon <sup>s</sup> Oaks	Ebenezer Alexander
Timothy Taylor	Robert Fletcher Jun <sup>r</sup>	Phineas Wait
Mark Gould	Gamaliel Bradford	Thomas Frink
Timothy Pain	Samuel Frink	Ezra Taylor
Abner Hawkes	John Frink	James Scott
William Heaton	Ephraim Butterfield	Thomas Butterfield
Seth Chase	Thomas Frink Jun <sup>r</sup>	Oliver Ashley
Benjamin Melvin	Josiah Willard	Thomas Bridgman
Orlando Bridgman	Enock Baudwell	Gideon Baudwell
Zadock Hawkes	Hilkeah Grout	Samuel Welld
Ebenezer Barnard	Daniel Arms	William Arms
John Mackard	Daniel Murry	Samuel Simpson
Alexander Gordon	Alexander Murry	Edward Selfredge
Robert Wilson	Joshua Willard	Silvanus How
John Waldo Wood	Samuel Gates	Jeremiah Whittemore
Samuel Marble	Ephraim Dorman	Robert Fletcher
David Stone Jun <sup>r</sup>	Phineas Stevens	Ephraim Stone
Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	M <sup>r</sup> H <sup>o</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	Col <sup>l</sup> John Hart
Simon Chamberlain	John Cass	Benning Wentworth
	& John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked B—W— in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, One Share for the First settled Minister of the Gospel, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, & One Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town—

Province of New Hamp<sup>s</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1761  
Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Clarendon under the Province Seal—

Attested ¶ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

