

TOWN DOCKETS OF
CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY,

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the 15th of y^e : 12 m^o 1692

this Day the Inhabitants of this townshp of Chesterfield
Being met together About Chuseing A Constable & other
Busnes Belonging to y^e town first wee doo Agree to nome-
nate those persons that have Allredy served the office of A
Constable Before this present year which are as folloeth

Thomas Wood
Thomas folkes
Robert Willson
Thomas ffarnsworth
Edward Rockhill
Will^m Black

And ffor this year insuing wee doo Agree to Chouse Daniell
Bacon Constable & thomas ffolke oversear of y^e highways

Att A town meeting held by the Inhabitants of Chester-
field this 12th day of y^e : 12 : m^o 1693—then was Chosan
William Wood Constable for the year Insuing & Samuell
taylor oversear of y^e highways— Att this towns meting
wee have Considered & Agreed to bind ourselves in y^e sum of
3^s which wee doo promes to pay if wee neglect to Apear
Att our towns metting after A Lawfull sumons by the Con-
stable or his order & for to Conferm the s^d Agrement wee
have subscribed our name

(2) pearsons subscrib to y^e afores^d agrement

ffrancis Davenport	Andrew Smith
Matthew Watson	Robert Willson
Edward Rockhill	John Chester
Will ^m Wood	John Warin
thomas Wood	Marmeduk horsman
Henary Beack	Charls Woulbuertan
Samuell taylor	Charls Mellard
Matthew grane x	Caleb Whetly
thomas Scoly	Matthew fursythy
Will ^m Black	John Cleayton
thomas ffolke	Recempence Kerby
John More	John Black
John Thorn	Thomas Willson
Allen x	Joseph Scattergood
John Bacon	John ffansworth
John Bullock	Asher Cleayton
Will ^m Shaterthewit	Thomas Wright
Joseph Burch	Jonathan Wright
Robert Chapman	Robert Wright
Roger Park	Samuel farnsworth
Richard harison	Joseph Myers
Samuel Buntane	Joseph Nickilson
John Buntane	Benjaman Wright

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the 2^d: Day: of y^e: furst m^o 169⁴

Att A towns Metting by the Inhabetants of Chesterfield Danill Bacon this day gave in his A Counte Concerning y^e office of A Constable & there is fond to bee in his hands of stock 01^{lb}: 11^s: 3. Itt is Also Agred to pay to ffrancis Davenport the sum of 01^{lb}: 18^s.—for money hee has allreddy Layd out of his own for wolves to the Indians: which he of Daniell Bacon now R^d 01^{lb}: 1^s: 3^d

& of Will Wood 00 06 9

overseare that have Allreddy served for this township

John Buntan	Samuell Buntan	Samuell Tayler
thomas ffolk	John Bambreg	

(3) Att A towns metting held by the Inhabetants of Chesterfield this 13th: Day of y^e: 12th: m^o 1694 then John Buntan Was Chosan Constable for y^e year insuing & Andrew Smith Chosan oversear of the heighway—Will^m Wood Brought in his Account & thare Remane in his hands 2^{lb}: 3^s: 3^d—which is to bee paid to John Buntan

Att A towns metting held by the Inhabetants of Chesterfield this 15th Day of y^e 11: m^o 1695: the Inhabetants being sumond by the Constable are met togeather in pursuance of A warant dericted to the Constable to Consult about Raseing a tax of 100^{lb} to Buld a bridg over the Creek at Lasy pint & have made Asesment & have chosan Edward Rockhill & Daniell Bacon to Lay y^e asesment & Matthew Watson Collecttor to geather itt—thare was An order of Cort presented to se About Cheusing out men to Lay out A New Rode between the fales & Burlington & wee doo also agree & Cheuse men with y^e oversear acordingly to doo itt whou are as folloeth

Will ^m Black	ffrances Davenport
Marmeduk horsman	Matthew Grane
Will ^m Wood	thomas ffolke
John Warin	Samuell Buntan

thomas ffolke whou was hiared by John Buntan to serve the office of a Constable Brought in his Accounts & is fond to have R^d of Will^m Wood the sum of 2^{lb}: 3^s: 3^d—his disbursement is 01^{lb}: 9^s: 4

Remane in his hands 00 : 14 : 11

(4) Matthew Watson Chosan Constable & Roger Park Chosan oversear of the heighway

Wharas thar has ben severall debats Conserving the working Att the heighway itt is muttully agreed that Evrey person that hath nottis geven by the oversear or Anny that he may order to geve them notis ffor Every days neglect wee doo promise to pay 3^s: p^r. day for A man & for A draught 10^s: p^r. day fixed by us Att our towns meting

Roger Park	frances Davenport
Will Black	Robert Willson
henery Beck	John Waring
Matthew grane	Matthew Watson
Robert Chapman	Edward Rockhill
John Chester	Andrew Smith
Charls Mellward	thomas Scoley
thomas Wood	Samuella Buntan
Caleb Whetly	John Buntan
	Samuella Tayler
	Will ^m Wood

Att A towns metting held by the Inhabetents of Chesterfield the 2th Day of y^e 9th M^o 1696—John Waring was then Chosan Constable ffor y^e year insuing & Robert Chapman oversear of the highwaye for the year insuing

(5) Att A towns metting this 9th Day of y^e 12th m^o 1697 by the Inhabetants of this townshp of Chesterfield then Matthew Watson whou was chosan Constable for y^e year 1695 Brought in his Accounts & they are Agroued on—henary Beck chosan Constable for y^e year Insuing & Charls Melward Chosan oversear of y^e highwaye

Att A towns metting the 4th Day of 12 m^o 1698 the Inhabetants of this townshp of Chesterfield Being mett togeather Att thar yousiall place then the Constable Henary Beck Brought in his Account & they are Aproved—

Andrew Smith Chosan Constable for the year Insuing & Benjamin field Chosan oversear of y^e heighwaye— persons that was Absent this metting Will Black, John More.

At a towns metting held by the Inhabetants of this townshp of Chesterfield this 12 day of y^e 12 m^o 1699 Itt is this day Agreed by the s^d Inhabetents that After A Lawfull summans by the Constable or his order to Apear At a towne metting that Every person so sumond shall Apear by y^e 10th houer of y^e Day Apinted or Else for Every such defalt shall pay ten pence.

(6) the Constable brought In his Accounts and they Are Approved of— John Arnold Chosen Constable for the year Insuing & Thomas Scoly & John More Chosan oversear of y^e highwaye

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Att a towns metting this 16th Day of November in y^e year 1700 Wee the Inhabetents & freholders being met togeather By verty of tou warants derected to the Constable from the Justises dated the 12th of this insta^{nt} to sumans in all the freholders & Inhabetants of this townshp which s^d warants Are for to Rase a Provencall tax by verty of an act of y^e genarally free assemble dated the 24 day of may anno donn 1700 & for a County tax by verty of an act of y^e Justesis & grand Jury Att a Cort of Quarter sessions held at Burlington the eighth day of August Last past— Wee the ffreholders & Inhabetent being this day met doo Acording to y^e derictions of y^e s^d warants Cheus our asesers & Collectors to asses & Collect y^e s^d taxes whou are as folloeth Thomas ffolke Ju^r Benjamin ffield

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Chesterfield

Att A towns metting held the fifth day of the twelfth m^o 1700 then was Samuell Taylor Chosen Constable & William Black was then Chosen overseer of the hyway for year Insuing

Chesterfield

Att a towns metting held the seventh day of the Twelft 1701 the constable brought his accounts and the are Aproved six shill (torn) for tending on corts and Apointing on (torn) Towns metting

It is agreead att this Towns meeting that the inhabetants and freeholders of this Township are to mete every year att this metting (torn) one the feirst Seventh day of the week in the Twelft month— Att this towns meeting Charles Millerd was chosen constable and Edward Rockhill overseer of the highwayes ffor the year Insuing And Samuell Taylor chosen clark

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Chesterfield

Att A towns metting held the sixth day of the Twelft month 1702 The constable brought his Accounts and the are aproved Itam himself and his men in exspences for caring the felon to prison—6^s Itam ther wages—6^s— Itam for tending on corts—4^s—

Att the sam meetting Samuell Bunting was Chosen constable for the yeare insuing—Edward Rockhil chosen overseer of the high ways William wood then was chosen overseer of the poor for the year Insuing—

Att A Towns meeting held by the Inhabentant and freeholders of Chesterfild y^e 12th day of the (torn) month 1703 the inhabeters and freeholders being summond by the constable are met together in persuance of a warant derected to the constable for them & (torn) are to chuse assesers and colecters for assesing and colecting of a tax for Repairing of the court house and prison which we their and then did chuse Thomas wood Robert Willson Recompane Kerby William Wood Edward Rockhill Samuel Taylor assessers John wann & Nickolis Brown colectors— The inhabetors & freeholders at the sam metting did chuse John Thorn overseer of the pore and Natthanil feild overseer of the high wayes for the year insuing

(9) The Inhabetans and freeholders of Chesterfield did persuent to warent the 21 of the 7 month 1705 for to sess and Colext a tax for Repairing the Cort hous and prison according to the Derrections of the said warent did chuse our sessers and Colextors to sess and colect the said Tax whose names are as foloweth—

Samuell Bunting

John Bunting

Thomas Scoly

Samuell Taylor

sessers

Joseph Scattergood and John black was Chosen Colextors att the same meetting Beniman Wright for the year Insuing 1706 was Chosen Constable John Moore served Constable for the year 1705

Att a Towns metting the 16 day of the 12 month 1706 Asher Clayton was Chosen constable for the year ensuing—1707. At the same meeting Thomas foulk was chosen overseer of the poor Samuell Taylor and John Black overseers of highways for the year 1707—

(10) The 15 of the feirst month 1708 att a towns meeting held att John Mor's the freeholders and Inhabetors did Chues John Chesher overseer of the poore John a'rnel Chosen Constable And att the same time did Chues John Warin and Samuell willson over seers of the high ways for that year insuing

The 24 of the 3 month 1708 at a Towns meeting held att John moors by vertue of a warent derexted to the overseer of the poor to tak Care of mary wheat Craft and her Children wee did meet persuent ther unto and have agreed to buld a loghouse by John moors to put Her in and at the sam time we did agree with John moor to find her meet drink and washing for one year at Tenn pound ayear if she did work otherwise he wear to have Twelfe pounds ayear att the same meeting it was agreed by the Justise's and freeholders that all freeholders and inhabeters that wear warned by the overseer of the poore the who did not apair at that Towns meeting to pay ther Tax nor subscrib to it for not so doing shall pay fore Shilings to the overseer of the poor for the use of the poor by the 2 day of June next At the same meeting wee did Let a log hous to be bult by Gorg nichelson for to put the said mary wheat Craft in and s^d Gorg is to have 4 pounds for bulding it.

It was agred att the same meeting by the Justis and Inhabeters and freeholders at that Towns meeting that the inhabetors and freeholders Shall meet per Anum att John moors on the feirst seventh day of the weeck in the Twelft month for to Chuess Constable and other ofesers for the Township—and at the same meeting it was agreed that all persons that did not apair or (torn) sum Lawfull Cous why

the did not apair they shall pay three shilings towards mentaining the poor or for the Towns use

(11) At a towns meeting held the (torn) day of the 12 month 1708 about Chuesing of a Canstable and other busniss belonging to the Town wee do agree to nomenat y^e Constables and other ofesers belonging to the Town that served To this present year folowing are as fowlloweth

<i>Constables</i>	<i>over seer of highways</i>	<i>overseers of poor</i>
Thomas Wood	Thomas foulk	William Wood
Thomas ffoulk	John Banbrig	John Thorn'
Robert Willson	John Bunting	Thomas ffouleck
Thomas farnsworth	Samuell Bunting	John Chesher
Edward Rockhill	Samuell Tayler	
William Black	Andrew Smith	
Daniel Bacon	Roger Parkes	
William Wood	Robert Chapman	
Andrew Smith	Charls Millerd	
John Bunting	Beniaman feild	
Matthew Wattson	William Black	
John Waring	Thomas Scoly	
Henery Beck	John Moore	
Samuell Tayler	Edward Rockhill	
Charls Milerd	William Wood	
Samuell Bunting	Nathanill feild	
Beniaman Wright	Samu ^l Tayler	
Nicolass Brown	John Black	
John Moore	John Waring	
Asher Clayton	Samu ^l Wilson	
John Bulock		
John Arnell		

att y^e same meeting held y^e 5 day of 12 month 1708 y^e freeholders and inhabeters being meet wee did agree with John moore to keep the said mary wheat Craft another year after this year is expired with meat drink and Lodging and is to give to the said John moor Twelfe pounds for so doing

att A towns meeting held y^e 28 day of y^e 10 month 1708 Jonathan Wright and Robert wright Colexters Chosen by the Town to reseve the Tax and pay it to y^e Trasur with

Bustill (?) for Repairing of the prison then brought their accounts and Their is due to the Town one pound Two Shilings 2 pence Errors excepted and their to Remain till further order

(12) Att the same meeting held the 5 of the 12 month 1708 the freeholders and inhabetors being then mett wee did then chuess Robert Chapman Constable John Sykes and matthew wattson overseer of high wayes John Bacon overseer of the poore

persons that did not apeair att this Towns meeting held y^e 5 of y^e 12 month 1708 Samuell bunting william Wood Asher Clayton Nicolas brown John Clark John Arney Charls Milerd Matthew forsyth John Wright

persons hath not yet payd for not apairing at a towns meeting held y^e 28 of y^e 10 month—1708 Asher Clayton nicolas brown

The 28 of the feirst month 1709 John Chesher overseer of y^e poor Gave in his aCount of what he Laid out upon the aCount of y^e prison which was fore pound Twelve shiling Teen pence his Account was given to John Bacon overseer of the poore before me Samuell Taylor & Joseph Myers

Att the Same Time John Chesher brought in a bill of what he had Laid out upon the aCount of the woomam mary wheat craft for Table and other Charges belonging thto which was Sixteen pound Two Shilings and a peny as will apair by his bill 6th—02^d—01^d. Also att the sam tim he brought aCount of what he Reseved upon the aCount of the prison which was fore pound Eleven shiling & a leven pence Reseved of frances Devenport Joseph Myers for not apairing at Towns meeting Six shilings

(13) Att a towns meeting held by the Inhabers of Chesterffild the 22 day of the 4 month 1709 the Inhabetants being sumensed by the overseer of the poore by ver-ture of a warent derexted to him for Raising a tax toward maintaining of mary wheot craft whereto we have agreed

to make asesment and havf Chosen Samuell bunting Edward Rockhill Thomas Scoly william wood Samⁿ Taylor To lay the asesment

att The same meeting held y^e 22 day of y^e 4 month 1709 wee did agree with Thomas foulk to keep mary wheat craft with meet Drink and Clos for eight pound ayear—

att the sam meeting 22 day of y^e 4 month 1709 John Moor was willing and proferd that if any would keep the said mary wheat Craft Cheaper than we had agreed with him for The Town Was free to Tak her away and Let her to another

The 30 of the 7 month 1709 att our Towns meeting held at John Moors by vertue of a warent derected to the constable for the overseer of the poore to Take care of hughe parett we persuent to y^e warrant did meet and at y^e Same meeting it was agreead by the Town that william wood Thomas Scoley John Waring with y^e overseer of the poore John Bacon should Let y^e said hugh parret to be maintained with meat Drinck and Lodging for one year if he life so long

att the same meeting the Town Did agree with Thomas ffoulck for Twenty Shilings ayear more for maintaining of mary wheat Craft for not Removing of the Loge house

att the same meeting The overseer of the pore John Bacon Reseved of Asher Clayton for the use of hugh paritt one pound six Shilings and a Eleven pence

(14) Att a Towns meeting held the 4 day of y^e Twelft month 170¹⁰/₉ To Chues a Constable and other busness belonging to the Town nathanill feild Chosen Constable but doeth not Stand—John Thorn Constable for the year insuing. Henery Becke Chosen overseer of the poore Franciss Devenport and Samuell Denford Chosen overseers of high-ways for the year insuing

Att our Towns meeting held the 6 day of the 12 month 170¹⁰/₉ The freeholders and Inhabetors then meet to Chues Two men wee did Chues Thomas Scoley and John Waring

as Repreritvses for the Town Acording as act of Asembly
Alowes

att y^e same meeting held the 6 day of y^e same month
170¹⁰/₉ The freholders and Inhabetors then meet did agree
to nomenatt and Chuess Recompance Kerby Thomas Scoley
Samuell Tayler to meet y^e 11 day 12 month 170¹⁰/₉ att
henery becks with the overseer of poor John bacon that he
might give his aCounts before us to henery beck then
overseer of the poore

The 11 of the 12 mth 170¹⁰/₉ Recompance Kerby Thomas
Scoley Samuel Tayler and John Bacon did meet acording
to order Their and Then John bacon gavie up his aCounts
before us which was aproved on by us whose namas are
above written

(15) The 11 day of y^e 12 mth 170¹⁰/₉ John bacon made
up his aCounts and ther was in his hand due upon the
aCount of the Towne sesments eight pound 5 shilings and
pence which he then paied to henery beck before us Recom-
pance Kerby Thomas Scoley Samuell Tayler

At the same Time then we Colexted and Cast up before
henery beck and their weare for him together upon the
aCount of the Towns Taxe Eight pound thre Shilings and
Tow pence Errors Excepted.

Att a Towns meeting of Chesterffild held the 3 day of
the 12 month 17¹⁰/₁₁ To Chues A Canstabel and other busnes
belonging to the town Richard Harison Chosen Constable
Thomas Scholey Chosen overseer of the poore Johanathan
Wright and William Kerby overseer of highways for the
year insuing.

Att the said meeting held for y^e Township of Chester-
ffild y^e 3 day of y^e 12 month 17¹⁰/₁₁ the freeholders and in-
habeters being meet and find in there wear a necesety for
to Rais money for Releiveng of y^e poor and for other nes-
sesary uses beLoning to the Said Township in order Ther-
unto we who weare meet att y^e said meeting Did Chues fore
men to rais a taxe and sess the Same the names of them

that wear Chosen William Wood John Waring Ambros feild Samuel Tayler

Att the s^d metting held y^e 3 day of y^e 12 month 17¹⁰/₁₁ we whose names are here above writen being Chosen being Chosen by the freeholders and Inhabeters to inSpet in to ye aCouents of henery Beck overseer of y^e poore

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Att our Towns metting held at y^e hous of John Moors the 2 day of the Twelft month 170¹²/₁₁ to Chues Constabls and other busness belonging to the Town Gorge nichelson serveth Constable for y^e year Insuing Ambros feild Chosen overseer for the poore James Pharoh Chosen overseer for the high wayes for y^e year Insuing

Att the same meeting the Inhabeters and freholders being their meet and finding a nesesity for to Rais money to Releve the poore In order there unto we were meet att the said meeting Did Chues Robert Chapman Beniaman Wright John Clayton Samuel Tayler To Rais a Tax and Sess the Same

att the Same meeting 2d of y^e 12 month 17¹²/₁₁ held at the house of John moors the Inhabeters and freholders being ther mett the did agree with Ambros feild to keep mary wheat Craft 4 years from the feirst of may next Insuing with meet and drink and Close att his owne proper Charge and to beare the Township of Chesterff^d harmlis of any Transaxtion if any shall hapen by the said mary wheat Craft and the said Ambros is not to imploy nor set her to work out of Doers Except in harviss or hay Time and for so doing the freholders and Inhabeters do agree and promis to pay to the said Ambros the sum of 9th 10 shilings a year to be paid at every half year end if she Live so Long as the 4 years the said Ambros Doeth Agree for his selfe that if he should Die his wife should not be Incumbred with the said mary wheat Craft but that the Towne shall Tack her to the Disposing of again paying only for y^e time she Lived with him

