Records of the Military Company in Princeton

Commission Officers

Eben Jones, Captain
Caleb Minick 1st. Lieut.
Jos Sargent 2nd. Lieut.
Eph. Hartwell Ensign

Received their Commissions under Col. John Murray at Rutland Ap. 7. 1774

John Jones Clerk, appointed by the Captain, & sword Ap. 1774.

Sergeants

William Whitleker
Jacob Norcotts

Corporals

Abijah Harrington

Peabody How

N.B. Elsh Kalc. was 3d. Sergeant, for his decease 2nd.
Blaye, Octobre

Mathew, mitte Poster, Gren.

New York, 19 dece. 1788

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

Your friend,

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5 Sept 1774. Officers resigned under Colo. Murray by sending the following letter:—

"Sir, Having had command of Her under your command, taking it for granted you were a friend to ye. County, the contrary of which we were unwilling to believe—But since you have accepted the late appointment as an unconstitutional Counsellor, which we must own surprised us—Allow us to acquaint ye. Honble. that we no longer hold our commissions under ye. present mode of Government—"
5th Sept. 1774. The Town of Princeton
Being assembled at 9th Meeting House in said Town
after having passed several Votes--It was put to see
if the Town would Choose Military Officers to
lead and order them in case of an Invasion by
force of arms, to put 9th Late Acts into Execution.
Voted in y Affirmative--They then proceeded to
Choose--

J. Ben. Jones Capt.
Caleb Mirick 1st Lieut.
Jos. Sargent 2nd Lieut.

9th Nov. 1774. The Military Company
in Princeton being met for Exercising
Dr. said Company in 9th Art. Military
It was thought Proper to raise a Company
of men to be ready at a minutes warning
in case of an Alarm; as many other Towns
in the Province had done. According officer
were chosen by said Company to Draud out or
Insist 3 Companies of citizen men so called.
Viz--

Boasy Moore Capt. 9th of 9th Company on
John Jones 1st Lieut. 1st Company on
About 12th Hour 2nd Lieut. 9th Last Page
Field Officers Chosen by Commission Officers and Commission Officers Chosen by y People in the County of Worcester.


Nathan Sparhawk of Rutland Dist. Colonel
Jonathan Grovit of Petersham Lieut. Colonel
Jonas Wilder of Templeton Major


Drs

Petersham Colonel

Benjamin Holden of Princeton Lieut. Colonel
Willard Moore of Paxton Major

Oct. 1774.
Records of ye sad Division of ye English Nation
and Notwithstanding y Disaffection between Great Britain
the Colonies, has been for several years. This Record bears
Date from the first of June, 1774, when British Troops were
landed at Boston and encamped on y Borderon with y Train
their Artillery levelled at y Town of Boston — It is Majesty
Ship, of War in Boston Harbour, to Stop all Trade and Commerce

In July following ye Lettersmittted to the Accounts
from ye Britain that his Counsellor were Appointed
the Constitutionelly from Home which proved true. According
the most of them were Sown — the Letter end of Aug. Large
Numbers of People Openly Visited many of those who had
accepted of their Appointments and Oblige Them to resign
their Office: — a general Concern among almost throughout
the Country. Distressing Events, Thos Gage, Governor in
Chief, Invested Power and Authority from his Majesty to put
the late acts of Parliament in force — which if affected fatal
to ye Nation — many Unhappy Disasters happen

Second of Sept. Regular Troops take about two hundred barrels
of Powder from ye Powder house in Miskirk near Cambridge — the
whole Province allarmed being informed that the Powder was
taken & six men killed. Almost every Town General sent
but were stoped by a second Information Viz. that no Lires
were lost, all Returned. Princeton Company marched as far
of as Lancaster on 25 Sept. 2nd of Oct. nearly presented by a meeting of a Large Number of People
on 26th the days of Night at Worcester for that Purpose
Committees of Correspondence in several towns in the County of Worcester met at Worcester in Aug. & Sept. several times, hast many Resolves. Note 1st: Respecting the Distressed Circumstances of America.


Continental Congress returned in Nov. 1774
Capt. James Entertain'd 1st Training June 21, 1774
Sieg. M'Keech Capt. 2. Training Aug' 30, 1774
Sieg. Sargent Capt. 3. Training Sept' 20, 1774
Ensign Hartwell Capt. 4. Training Nov' 9, 1774