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1634.

IT was ordered, that Wednesday, the 20th of this moneth, shalbe kept as a day of publique thanksgiueing throughout the seuall plantacons, for the safe arriueall of shipps and passengers this sumer, &c./ — 6 August. Day Thanks.

It is ordered, that Aggawam shalbe called Ipswitch./ — Ipswich.

It was witnessed vpon oath, that James Rawlens tooke xviij^{d} aday & meate and drinke, for 10 dayes worke, for one of his servts for weedeing corne, contrary to an order of Court, & therefore is to pay 5^{s} for euy day hee hath soe transgressed./ — 50s

John Humfry, Esqr, being chosen an Assistant att the last Genall Court, did nowe take an oath to his place belonging in presence of the Court./ — Jn° Humphry, Esqr sworne.

Rich: Cornishe hath bound himselfe in x^{li} for his wyves psonall appearance att the Court in Octob^{r} nexte, to answer to such things as shalbe obiected against her./ — Rich: Cornish.

Frauncis Godson hath bound himselfe in x^{li} for his psonall appearance att the Court to be holden in Octob^{r} nexte, to answer for breach of an order of Court in takeing to greate wages, &c./ — Frā Godson find.

Sam^{ll} Hosier chosen & sworne constable of Waterton./ — Sam: Hosie^{r}, constā.

It was ordered, that Katherine Gray shalbe whipt for her filthy & vnchast behav^{r} wth Thomas Elkyn./ — Kathe: Gray to be whip^{t}, &c.

Rich: Hitchcocke hath bound himselfe in xx^{li} to make his psonall appearance att the Court to be holden the first Tuesday in Octob^{r} nexte, to answer to such things as shalbe obiected against him./ — Ri: Hitchcock bound ouer to ye Court.

It was ordered, that such moneyes as shalbe layde out for the mainetenance of Widd Bosworth & her famyly, shalbe payde againe by the Treasurer./ — Widdō Bosworth^{s} prouision.

Whereas it was made knowen to the Court that Robte Way was lawfully assigned by Ensigne Gennison to Edward Burton, it was therefore ordered, that the said Burton shall keepe the said Way, according to covenant./ — Robt Way to abide wth Edwd Burton.

John Humfry, Esqr, & Mr Increase Nowell was desyred by the Court to take deposicons of the witnesses of Mr Aspinwall, in a case betwixte Sr Willm Brewerton, Bar[^{t}], & the said Mr Aspinwall./ — Mr Aspinwalls oath to be taken, &c.

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*Att a Gen^{r}all Court, holden att Newe Towne, Sept: 3, 1634.

[*122.]

3 September.

IT was ordered, that there should be a plattforme made on the north east syde of Castle Ileland, & an house built on the topp of the hill to defend the said plattforme./ — 122— A platforme at Castle Island.

It was further ordered, that wants shalbe sent to ye constable of euy plantacon, to send in money or workemen to make that which they haue already — 123—

545. Mass.—*General Court, Newe Towne; Bay Recs. Vol. 1, Shurtleff, 1853; Act, Sept. 3, 1634, pp. 123–125.*

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1634. 3 September. done, three days a peece towards the ffort att Boston, both of newe comers & oth^rs for eũy hand able to worke (except magistrates & minist^rs) that are behinde, to be deliũed to Captayne Vnd^rhill, before the nexte Court of Assistants./

124– (23) Power to imp^rsse for publick workes. It is ordered, that in all ordenary publique workes of the com̄onweale, the ouerseer of the worke, with the helpe of an Assistant, shall haue power to send their war^t to the constable of the nexte plantac̃ons to send soe many labourers & artificers as the war^t shall directe, which the constable & two oth^r, or more, of the ffreemen which hee shall take to himselfe, shall forthwith execute, for wch service the Assistant & oũseer shall haue power to giue such extraordinary wages as they shall iudge the worke to disserue, provided that for any ordenary worke, noe man be compelled to worke from home more then a weeke att a tyme. And for all extraordinary publique workes it is ordered, that the ouerseer of the worke & an Assistant shall haue power to send their war^t to the constable of any plantac̃on to send soe many of any condic̃on (except magistrates & officers of churches & com̄onwealth) as the war^t shall direct, wch the constable & two or more that hee shall chuse shall forthwith send./

125– It is ffurther ordered, that there shall be a fortificac̃on made att the poynte neere Rob̃te Moultons, att Charlton, & another either att the Deputy Goũn^rs, or att Foxe Poynte: wither the com̄ittees for that busines shall iudge most convenient for ffortificac̃on, & howe many peeces shalbe in each place, is referd to the com̄ittees & ouerseers of the workes: this is to be done by the publique, provided, that if Salem shall soe fortifie themselues as to satisfie the Court within theis 12 monethes, that then they shall haue such moneyes returned them as they haue contributed to the said fforts of Castle Ileland, Charleton, & Dorchester./

[*123.] Com̄ittee for fortiffications. *Captaine Vnderhill, Capt̃ Patricke, Capt̃ Mason, Capt̃ Traske, Capt̃ Turner, Leiueten^t Feakes, Leiueten^t Morris, are chosen com̄ittees to find out the convenient places for scituac̃on, as also to lay out the seũall workes for fortificac̃on att Castle Ileland, Charelton, & Dorchester. Also ye Deputy Goũn^r is chosen ouerseer for the worke att Castle Ileland, Mr Israell Stoughton for that att Dorchester, & Mr Thomas Beecher for that att Charlton. It is likewise ordered, that the forenamed com̄ittees shall appoynct what further addic̃on of worke shalbe done to the ffort at Boston./

Mr Isr: Stoughton. Mr Tho: Beech^r.

126– Capt^s to trajne y^sir souldiers onc̃ a mõ. It is ordered, that the captaines shall traine their bands once eũy moneth, giueing a weekes warneing before, (except in July and August,) and that the capt̃ shall haue liberty to traine all such vnskillfull men as are att

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their owne hands, soe often as they please, provided they exceede not three dayes in a weeke./ 1634.

3 September.

It is ordered, that the present Goũnor, John Winthrop, Senr, John Haynes, John Humfrey, & John Endicott, Esqr, shall haue power to consulte, direct, & giue comand for ye manageing & ordering of any warr that may befall vs for the space of a yeare nexte ensueing, & till further order be taken herein./ 127— Comittee power to mannag warr for a yeare.

Mr Thomas Beecher, Mr John Coxeall, Mr Richard Dumer, Mr Nicholas Easton, Mr Israell Stoughton, Mr John Oldham, Mr Danll Dennison, Mr John Holgraue, & Mr Tymothy Tomlyns are chosen ouerseers of the powder & shott, & all other amunicõn, in the seũall plantacõns where they lyve, Mr Oldham for Waterton & Meadford./ 128— Comittees power to ouersee pouder, &c., in ye seuerall townes.

It is ordered, that all the musketts, bandeleroes, & rests lately come ouer this yeare, shalbe equally devided amongst the seũall plantacõns; and the townes to haue att all tymes soe many in a readynes as a towne stocke./ 129— Muskets, bandaleirs, &c., lately come, to be diuided amongst ye townes.

It is ordered, that Mr Edward Tomlyns, or any other putt in his place by the comissioners for warr, with the helpe of an Assistant, shall haue power to presse men & carts for ordinary wages, to helpe towards the makeing of such carriages & wheeles as are wanting for the ordinances./ 130— Mr Edwd Tomlins power.

It is likewise ordered, that there shalbe an oath giuen to the capt, & another to the ouerseer of the armes, suteable to their places./ 131— Oath to be given to ye capt & ourse's of ye armes.

Mr John Samford is chosen cañoneere for the ffort att Boston; & itt is ordered, that for two yeares service that hee hath already done att the said ffort, & for one yeare more hee shall doe, to be accompted from this day, hee shall haue allowed him out of the treasury the soñe of xxl./ 132— Mr Jne Samford, cannoneer, & sallery.

*It is further ordered, that eũy trayned soldier, as well pykemen as others, shalbe furnished with musketts, bandeleroes, & rests, powder and shott, according to the ordr for musketeers, vnder the penalty of xs./ [*124.] 133— Penalty for defect in armes.

Further, it is ordered, that noe trayned soldier shall make any shott vpon any traineing day, but with bulletts, att a mãke, by direcõn of the captaines, vnder the penalty of xijd for eũy such shott./ 134— No shot to be made wthout bullets, &c.

It is ordered, that Mr Oldham, Mr Danll Dennison, Ralfe Sprage, Edmond Quinsey, Mr Dumer. Ensigne Stoughton, John Kirman, Peter Palfry, & Mr John Spencer, or the maior pte of them, shall haue power to sett out the bounds of all townes not yet sett out, or in difference betwixte any towne, pvided that the comittees of those townes where the difference is shall haue noe vote in that pticular, & the comittees are appoyncted to returne into the nexte Court, in Novembr, what they haue done herein./ 135— Genr comittee to sett out bounds of townes.

It is ordered, that Wynetsemt shall belonge to Boston, & to be accompted as pte of that towne./ 136— Winisemet to belong to Boston.

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