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Warrant for Town Meeting.

To George W. Jordan, a Constable of the Town of Cumberland, in the County of Cumberland :

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Cumberland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Town House, in said town, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, A. D. 1898, at nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3d. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and Assessors.
- 4th. To hear and act on the report of the Overseers of the Poor.
- 5th. To hear and act upon the report of the Town Treasurer.
- 6th. To hear and act upon the report of the Superintending School Committee.
- 7th. To hear and act upon the report of the Treasurer of the Cumberland school fund.
- 8th. To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of Greely Institute.
- 9th. To choose all other necessary Town Officers,

10th. To raise money for support of schools for the ensuing year.

11th. To raise money for the support of the poor.

12th. To raise money for the payment of town notes and interest.

13th. To raise money or labor, or both, for the repair of highways, town ways and bridges.

14th. To raise money for the payment of snow bills.

15th. To raise money for contingent expenses.

16th. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received from the State in aid of free high schools.

17th. To hear and act upon the request of any collector for abatement of taxes.

18th. To receive bills against the town.

19th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to unite with other towns in employing a Superintendent of Schools, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made for such a union.

20th. To see what measures the town will take to pay the town debt or fund it at a lower rate of interest.

21st. To see if the town will allow a discount until a certain time on taxes paid, and charge interest after a certain time.

22d. To see if the town will vote to raise money for repairs on school houses and for appliances.

23d. To see if the town will vote to purchase land in different parts of the town for repairs of highway.

24th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the Elizabeth I. Drowne legacy.

25th. To see if the town will vote to allow \$1.50 per week toward the support of Matilda Henly, the balance of her support, to be paid by her relatives and friends.

26th. To see if the town will vote to raise money for school books.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the Town House, at eight (8) o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February, A. D. 1898.

EDWARD H. TRICKEY, } *Selectmen*
DAVID L. BLANCHARD, } *of*
SOLOMON F. HAMILTON, } *Cumberland.*

REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Cumberland:

We the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Clerk and Superintendent of Schools, herewith submit the following annual report for the municipal year ending February 15, 1898, showing receipts and expenditures.

The total amount of property as valued by the Assesors as shown by the valuation for the year 1897, real and personal is \$691,220 00.

The amount of money raised at annual town meeting held March 2, 1897, was as follows:

For Town purposes,	\$8,555 61
Assessed for State tax,	2,136 74
Assessed for County tax;	1,003 84
Amount of overlay,	283 33

Selectmen and Assessors' Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1897.

For State tax,	\$2,136 74
County tax.	1,003 84
schools,	\$1,190 40
interest,	1,300 62
road repairs,	1,700 00
contingent,	1,600 00
almshouse poor,	700 00
outside poor,	400 00

For bridges,	200 00
school books,	200 00
snow bills,	200 00
culvert, Cumberland Centre,	500 00
road on Island,	125 00
repairs on school houses,	200 00
Collector's premium,	239 82
overlay,	283 33
supplemental,	12 00
	———— \$8,851 17
Total assessment,	\$11,991 75
Number of polls, 466.	
Rate of taxation, 16 mills on the dollar.	
Poll tax, \$2.00.	
Total valuation, \$691,220.	

ROAD REPAIRS.

Paid Portland Stone Ware Co., stone pipe,	\$4 82
Legrow Bros., cedar posts,	3 99
F. S. Blanchard, labor,	15 30
F. H. Collins, labor,	13 71
M. W. Pearson, labor,	1 50
Frank Jones, labor,	2 10
G. S. Doughty, labor for 1896,	1 75
Portland S. Ware Co., stone pipe for 1896,	3 60
F. P. Blanchard, labor, for 1896,	1 80
Henry Nelson, " for 1896,	7 75
Frank W. Blanchard, "	1 72
F. H. Jones, " 1897,	15 45
Simeon Jones, " "	6 75
F. S. Blanchard, " "	36 75
E. O. Russell, " "	18 50

For G. S. Doughty,	labor,	1897,	25 00
W. E. Blanchard,	"	1887,	22 80
A. C. Sturdivant,	"	1897,	14 25
F. N. Doughty,	"	1897,	6 00
P. S. Hulit,	"	1897,	37 37
C. E. Merrill,	"	1897,	11 92
C. A. Merrill,	"	1897,	27 75
W. H. Rowe,	"	1897,	4 10
W. L. Merrill,	"	1896,	7 00
W. L. Merrill,	"	1897,	19 25
J. L. Dunn,	"	1897,	45 70
Shaw Bros.,	"	1897,	81 55
Chas. E. Leighton,	"		45 45
John M. Black,	"		17 25
R. B. Morrison,	"		111 80
O. W. Lufkin,	"		45 20
G. R. Leighton,	"		12 25
J. E. Wilson,	"		49 20
R. B. Morrison,	"		69 82
S. F. Hamilton,	"		108 58
G. T. R. R. Co., freight,			30
C. H. Frost,	labor,		11 57
O. S. Thomes,	"		8 02
L. J. Hamilton,	"		34 30
R. S. Porter,	"		2 40
O. W. Leighton,	"		18 00
F. P. Blanchard,	"		8 55
W. E. Blanchard,	"		1 50
W. M. Farwell,	"		1 12
M. H. Nelson,	"		44 55
James Sanborn,	"		75
Joshua McKenney,	"		130 50
A. W. Stanley,	"		43 05
N. A. Cole,	"		8 75
G. S. Doughty,	"		29 37
F. H. Jones,	"		28 87

For Simeon Jones, labor	17 92
S. F. Hamilton, "	67 65
S. H & A. R. Doten, posts for highway,	19 00
N. D. Farwell, labor,	4 90
Chas. E. Leighton, labor,	22 80
O. A. Mountfort, gravel,	10 00
J. E. Wilson, labor,	53 70
R. B. Morrison, salary in part, 1897,	57 80
R. B. Morrison, labor,	69 05
C. W. Shaw, repairs road machine, &c.,	5 39
W. M. Merrill, labor,	5 00
E. H. Trickey, "	5 47
R. N. Leighton, "	7 10
F. H. Jones, "	2 30
Chas. H. Morrill, "	32 51
E. O. Russell, "	4 40
O. R. Sturdivant, "	10 50
R. G. Brackett, "	31 52
George Blanchard, "	3 00
O. S. Thomes, lumber for highway,	16 54
C. E. Herrick, watering tub, 1896,	3 00
F. H. Collins, labor,	24 50
S. F. Hamilton, labor,	1 50
G. T. R. R., freight,	30
F. L. Adams,	3 00
L. W. Dyer, labor,	24 50
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	\$1,772 68
Appropriation,	1,700 00
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Balance against the town,	\$72 68

SCHOOL BILLS.

Paid S. F. Hamilton, fuel, 1896	\$12 00
Addie R. Duren, teaching,	54 00
Olive M. Hayes, teaching	81 00
Annie W. Morrill, teaching	63 00
Rita N. Wilson, teaching	67 50
Gertrude S. Merrill, teaching	63 00
Alice C. Blanchard, teaching	72 00
Edwin S. Sweetser, teaching	81 00
Dexter Burnell, carrying scholars	18 00
Sarah E. Clark, teaching	92 25
Inez M. Rowe, teaching	78 75
Edward Ross, fuel	15 90
W. L. Merrill, fuel	4 50
J. F. Copp, carrying scholars	13 50
E. Y. Hall, fuel	12 00
R. G. Brackett, fuel	16 50
L. Mountfort, cleaning school house	6 00
H. Hanson, fuel	7 25
W. L. Merrill, fuel	14 00
J. Morrill, fuel	12 00
Dexter Burnell, carrying scholars	20 00
Olive M. Hayes, teaching	90 00
Inez M. Rowe, teaching	90 00
Olive H. Merrill, teaching	90 00
Annie W. Morrill, teaching	70 00
Elsie M. Dolloff, teaching	95 00
John F. Copp, carrying scholars	15 00
Abbie F. Trafton, teaching	90 00
Gertrude S. Merrill, teaching	70 00
Nellie C. Groves, teaching	75 00
C. P. Eastman, carrying scholars	20 00
Lewis J. Miller, board of Calder children	20 00
S. F. Hamilton, fuel	15 50
Hamilton & Co., fuel for Dist. 8 and 9	40 67

Paid John F. Copp, carrying scholars		18 80
Inez M. Rowe, teaching		90 00
Annie W. Morrill, teaching		75 00
N. C. Groves, teaching		80 00
Alice L. Randall, teaching		95 00
Elsie M. Dolloff, teaching		105 00
A. F. Trafton, teaching		90 00
Gertrude S. Merrill, teaching		75 00
C. A. Merrill, fuel		6 00
C. P. Eastman, carrying scholars		27 50
Mary Moxcey, cleaning school houses, 3 and 7,		6 00
Olive M. Hayes, teaching		90 00
Edward Ross		4 50
Frank H. Chase, fuel etc.		2 82
W. C. Merrill, carrying scholars		17 00
Mrs. Lewis J. Miller, board of Calder children,		20 00
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, fuel		6 00
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		\$2,393 94
Amount raised by town,	\$1,190 40	
“ received from State,	1,080 91	
“ “ from Cumb. School fund,	92 62	
Balance from 1896,	306 91	
	<hr/>	\$2,670 84
Balance in favor of schools,		\$276 90

SCHOOL BOOKS ACCOUNT.

Paid Rand, McNally & Co.	\$25 00
D. C. Heath & Co.	23 20
Loring, Short & Harmon	84 64
Canadian Express Co.	60
D. H. Knowlton & Co.	2 00
W. H. Saddler	6 30
Loring, Short & Harmon	12 24

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon, 1896		4 58
Allyn & Bacon		8 13
Loring, Short & Harmon		33 53
Silver, Burdette & Co.		3 50
American Book Co.		68
D. C. Heath & Co.		4 10
Thompson, Brown & Co.		2 56
Loring, Short & Harmon		22 62
Silver, Burdette & Co.		2 79
E. L. Pennell		1 80
		<u>243 27</u>
Appropriation	\$200 00	
Books sold	36 81	236 81
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Bal. against the town,		\$6 46

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax		\$2,136 74
County tax		1,003 84
		<u>3,140 58</u>

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid A. P. Skillin, labor		\$2 00
Edward Ross		6 30
O. M. & D. W. Nash		9 45
Frank H. Chase		1 00
O. S. Thomes		1 67
J. Morrill, labor and material		13 04
E. H. Trickey		30
C. H. Greely		1 25
J. Morrill		2 12
Hamilton & Co.		1 84

Paid Hamilton & Co.	1 11
Ervin L. Ross	7 29
Edward Ross	14 15
James L. Dunn,	4 00
Frank H. Chase	2 75
S. L. Farwell	7 13
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	\$75 40
Appropriation	\$200 00
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Balance in favor of town,	\$124 60

DOGS LICENSED.

Males, 66	66 00
Females, 6	18 00
Special Kennel license	10 00
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	\$94 00

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Justina Morton,	\$36 34
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Elizabeth H. Norton,	41 70
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., E. H. Norton,	29 96
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Justina Morton,	33 73
City of Deering. board, etc., Sarah J. Prince,	26 58
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Justina Morton,	29 58
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., E. H. Norton,	30 73
George H. Matthews, moving J. H. Cobb,	10 00
H. C. Hanson, M. D., consultation, J. H. C.,	10 00

Paid City of Deering, board, etc., Sarah J. Prince,	29 96
S. S. Rich & Son, moving J. H. C ,	11 00
City of Deering, board of Sarah J. Prince,	3 67
Maine Insane Hospital, board Justina Morton,	31 85
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., E. H. Norton,	32 59
A.,N. Hicks, board, etc., J. H. Cobb,	10 00
City of Portland, board and supplies, W. F. Darling,	23 43
City of Portland, supplies for Mrs. C. A. Whiting,	14 50
Hamilton & Co., supplies, Ira Ridlon family,	17 50
Town of Harpswell, board and medical attend- ance J. H. Cobb,	218 07
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	\$641 19
Appropriation,	\$400 00
Amount due from C. B. Norton,	134 98
Amount due from town of Lisbon,	14 00
Balance of J. H. Cobb's U. S. Pension,	15 00
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	\$563 98
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Balance against the town,	\$77 21

SNOW BILLS.

BREAKING SNOW.

Paid A. B. Wyman,	\$1 70
W. H. Rowe	5 30
F. P. Blanchard	9 10
Dexter Burnell	1 60
Fred E. Burnell	1 80
F. S. Blanchard	7 60
C. H. Prince	4 60
O. W. Lufkin	3 30
H. W. Russell	4 40

Paid Albert Mountfort	8 70
R. B. Morrison	7 10
F. H. Collins	7 60
Shaw Bros.	8 75
E. D. Merrill	2 10
F. L. Haskell	2 85
M. W. Pearson	5 20
C. H. Morrill	6 60
Frank Jones	2 30
G. S. Doughty	7 00
S. F. Hamilton	7 45
Henry Nelson	5 40
James L. Dunn	2 80
S. L. Field	5 40
A. H. Farris	13 20
F. W. Blanchard	6 70
E. O. Russell	1 20
E. S. W. Jones	1 40
J. P. Breiel	3 40
W. L. Merrill	6 00
J. Alex. Hamilton	1 12
David E. Loring	2 90
Christian Petersen	2 80
O. W. Leighton	50
W. M. Farwell	1 15
S. L. Farwell	1 50
N. A. Cole	1 40
S. L. Clough	4 30
S. L. Clough, 1896	2 10
W. M. Merrill	3 20
H. C. Blanchard	1 38
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Appropriation,	\$172 90
	200 00
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Balance in favor of town,	27 10

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Trustees Greely Institute one-half year's interest on town notes	\$624 00
Trustees Greely Institute one-half year's interest on town notes	624 00
Treasurer Cumberland School Fund, interest on town note	52 62
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	\$1,300 62
Appropriation	1,300 62

TOWN FARM REPAIRS.

Paid D. L. Blanchard for freight bill	\$1 35
G. L. Farwell, labor	29 50
S. H. & A. R. Doten, lumber	10 42
Legrow Bros, windows and express	1 25
A. M. Farwell, labor	21 75
O. S. Thomes, lumber	35 69
J. L. Dunn, nails, etc.	3 68
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	\$103 64
Reappropriation	50 05
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Balance against town	\$53 59

BRIDGE BILLS.

Paid F. L. Adams, repairs on derrick	\$ 85
Legrow Bros., lumber	29 26
R. B. Morrison, labor and material	25 35
F. H. Jones, labor	4 05
G. T. R. R., freight	1 68
W. M. Merrill, material	3 53
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	\$64 72
Appropriation	\$200 00
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Balance in favor of town	\$135 28

CULVERT, CUMBERLAND CENTRE.

Appropriation	\$500 00
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TOWN FARM BILLS.

Paid James L. Dunn, supplies	\$20 70
Robert Goodenow, salary in part	30 86
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies	20 20
John F. Copp, making grave O. J. Field	5 00
D. L. Blanchard, services as undertaker	5 00
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies	17 19
S. S. Rich & Son, caskets, robes, etc., Mrs. Cowdrey and Field,	44 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, paper, etc.	2 52
D. L. Blanchard, making grave and under- taker's work for Mrs. Cowdrey	10 00
F. L. Adams, shoeing, etc.	10 30
Frank L. Jones, pigs for town farm	3 00
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies	35 56
Joshua McKenney, salary in part	75 00
Anderson, Adams & Co., insurance on town farm buildings	39 00
James L. Dunn, supplies	26 49
H. M. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance Mrs. Field and Cowdrey	13 00
James L. Dunn, supplies	7 06
Robert Goodenow, balance of salary to April 9, 1897	69 14
J. L. Dunn, supplies	10 34
Walter M. Farwell, labor	3 00
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies	27 67
J. L. Dunn, supplies	9 25
E. H. Trickey, supplies	31 74
James L. Dunn, supplies	10 63

Paid Wm. McAleny, repairs on harness	1 25
J. L. Dunn, supplies	12 80
King & Dexter Co., hardware	3 59
Kendall & Whitney, supplies	1 40
F. L. Adams, blacksmith work	1 80
City of Augusta, transportation for Goold	1 85
L. J. Hamilton, supplies	33 44
Benj. Whitney, whiffletrees	80
Joshua McKenney, salary in part	125 00
F. H. Jones	5 00
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	\$714 58
Appropriations	\$700 00
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Balance against the town	14 58

TAXES ABATED FOR 1897.

The following abatements have been made by the Selectmen for the year:

	Cause.	Poll tax.	Total.
George Byron, for 1897,	death	\$2 00	\$2 00
Herbert Atkinson, 1897,	sickness	2 00	2 00
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			\$4 00

ISLAND ROAD.

Paid Portland Stone Ware Co., stone pipe	\$2 86
Hamilton & Co. and others, land damage	10 00
C. V. Hamilton, labor	4 50
H. W. Hamilton, labor	18 60
Benj. Hamilton, labor	17 55
S. F. Hamilton, labor	44 45
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	\$97 96
Appropriation	\$125 00
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Balance in favor of town	\$28 04

CONTINGENT BILLS.

Paid M. B. Hamilton, attending funerals with hearse, 1896	\$16 00
L. H. Merrill, services as Moderator, 1896	3 00
N. D. Farwell, Supt. of cemetery, 1896	5 00
N. M. Shaw, services as Auditor, 1897	3 00
Walter S. Jaques, horses for town farm	195 00
Transcript Printing House, printing town reports, 1897	23 00
Trustees Greely Institute, amount received from State in aid of free high schools	250 00
D. L. Blanchard, for Memorial service by vote of town	10 00
W. M. McAleney & Co., set double harness	73 00
W. H. Stevens & Co., books and stationery	18 43
F. O. Bailey Carriage Co., blankets, etc.	8 00
Lefavor Printing Co., printing seal blanks	1 50
G. Fred Murch, mortgage list	1 00
Samuel Merrill, treasurer's book	50
Willis N. Doughty, two horse rigging	50 00
F. O. Bailey & Co., safe for town and trucking,	122 00
John Alex. Hamilton, services as constable	5 75
F. L. Adams, rigging for town team	5 80
Est. Wm. S. Blanchard, bal. services as Con- stable, 1896	8 00
F. H. Chase, Supt. of Schools salary in part, 1897	72 74
Geo. W. Jordan, services as Constable in part, 1897	14 15
Albert Mountfort, fuel for town house	3 25
N. D. Farwell, Collector's premium in part for 1896 tax	80 00
Robert Hamilton, warden, Island ward 1896	4 00
N. M. Shaw, for sheep killed by dogs	12 00
N, D. Farwell, tax bid in by town for 1896	5 27

Paid E. H. Trickey, supplies	85
R. N. Leighton, Supt. of cemetery	2 50
John F. Copp, Supt. of cemetery	2 00
King & Dexter Co., supplies for schools	58
L. L. Hale, M. D., certificate of births and deaths	5 50
Symonds, Snow & Cook, legal advice	45 00
Hamilton & Co., supplies No. 9	1 20
S. L. Clough, set double sleds and body	34 00
S. B. Hamilton, supplies 8	1 22
James L. Dunn, supplies 3	4 83
James L. Dunn, postage	3 00
S. F. Hamilton, Supt. of cemetery	5 00
M. B. Hamilton, attending funerals with hearse, 1897	14 00
Frank H. Chase, bal. of salary Supt. of Schools, 1897	43 75
Benj. Whitney, whiffle trees, etc,	3 32
H. M. Moulton, M. D., certificate of births and deaths	4 00
H. M. Moulton, services Sec. of Board of Health	30 75
H. C. Blanchard, attending funerals with hearse	24 00
D. L. Blanchard, service as Town Clerk	30 84
D. L. Blanchard, Supt. of cemeteries	11 00
Est. C. H. Blanchard, bal. Coll. premium for 1896	21 27
Est. C. H. Blanchard, Coll. premium on school rebate	40 00
Samuel Merrill, service as Town Treasurer	50 00
D. L. Blanchard, service Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor	153 20

Paid E. H. Trickey, service Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor		164 30
S. F. Hamilton, service Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor		53 00
		<u>\$1,736 50</u>
Appropriation	\$1,600 00	
Amount received from State	250 00	
	<u>-----</u>	<u>\$1,850 00</u>
Bal. in favor of town		\$113 50

LIABILITIES.

Notes due Greely Institute	\$20,800 00
“ “ Cumb. School fund	877 00
Bal. due schools	276 90
Bills outstanding estimated	175 00
	<u>\$22,128 90</u>

ASSETS.

Bal. due from Treasurer, as per his report	\$10,322 16
Bal. “ “ “ on tax deeds	150 00
Town farm with buildings thereon, stock, farming tools &c., valued at	3,185 00
Town House and lot	800 00
School houses	4,850 00
	<u>\$19,307 16</u>
Bal. against the town	\$2,821 74

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Old school house, No. 8	\$18 00
School house No. 13, insurance	370 00
Salvage on school house, No. 13	42 00
	<u>\$430 00</u>

SUMMARY.

	Amount Assessed and from other Sources.	Amount Expended.
Schools	\$2,670 84	\$2,393 94
Interest	1,300 62	1,300 62
Road repairs	1,700 00	1,772 68
Contingent	1,600 00	1,736 50
Almshouse poor	700 00	714 58
Outside poor	400 00	641 19
Bridges	200 00	64 72
School books	200 00	243 27
Repairs on Town farm buildings, ap- propriated dog tax	50 05	103 64
Snow bills	200 00	172 90
Culvert, Cumb. Center	500 00	
Road on Chebeague Island	125 00	97 96
Repairs on school houses	200 00	75 40
Collector's premium	239 82	
Overlay	283 33	
Supplement	12 00	
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	\$10,381 66	\$9,317 40
Abatements		\$4 00
Amount received from State, high school	\$250 00	
Supt. Town Farm, products sold	104 22	
Supt. Town Farm, labor	132 50	
School books sold	36 81	
Bal. of J. H. Cobb's U. S. Pension	15 00	
School house sold, No. 8	18 00	
School house sold, No. 13	412 00	

Cow and calves sold from farm	49 00	
Due from C. B. Norton	404 35	
Town of Lisbon	14 00	
Willis Prince	92 55	
	\$11,910 09	\$9,321 40
Balance in favor of town		\$288 69

E. H. TRICKEY, } *Selectmen*
D. L. BLANCHARD, } *of*
S. F. HAMILTON, } *Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

N. M. SHAW, AUDITOR.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

To the Citizens of the Town of Cumberland:

Your Overseers would submit the following report: We commenced the year with the following persons receiving aid or support from the town: Olive Titcomb, Mary A. Cowdrey, Olive Jane Field, W. Emery Gould and Willie Morton, at the Town Farm. Willie Morton has been adopted by Robert Goodenow and wife, and will be no more expense. Mrs. M. M. Cowdrey died at the Town Farm March 23d, 1897. Mrs. Olive J. Field died at the farm March 25th, 1897. The inmates at the present time are Olive Titcomb and W. E. Gould. October 30th, James H. Cobb was moved from the town of Harpswell to Cumberland. Mrs. Mary J. Pride, his sister, moved him to her home in Westbrook, Nov. 5th, 1897, where he now is, at the expense of Cumberland. We have paid Capt. Geo. H. Matthews for moving J. H. Cobb, \$10 00; H. C. Hanson, M. D., and Feles, M. D., consultation on J. H. Cobb, \$10 00. S. S. Rich & Son, moving J. H. Cobb to Cumberland, \$11.00; A. N. Hicks, board of J. H. Cobb, \$10.00; paid City of Deering, for board of Sarah J. Prince, \$60.21; paid City of Portland, board and supplies for W. F. Darling, \$23.43; paid City of Portland, supplies for Mrs. C. A. Whiting, \$14 50; paid Hamilton & Co., supplies for Ira Ridlon family, \$17.50; paid Town of Harpswell, board, medical attendance, etc., J. H. Cobb, \$218.07; paid Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., for Justina Morton, \$131.50; paid Maine Insane Hospital, for board, etc., for Elizabeth H. Norton, \$134.98.

ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM MATTERS.

At the commencement of the year Robert Goodenow and wife had charge of above, term ending April 9th, 1897. At the close of that term we engaged Joshua McKenney to take care of the inmates and farm for one year, to end April

9th, 1898. He has taken good care of the poor and worked for the interest of the town. He has raised on the farm 17 tons of hay, 20 bushels potatoes, 6 bushels apples, and vegetables enough for home use, 800 pounds pork.

We took an inventory of all stock, produce, farming tools, etc., at the farm Feb. 19th, 1898, a schedule of which may be seen at the office. We estimate the same to be worth \$1,099.35. Amount of dry wood in shed, prepared for use, 11 cords; green wood at the door, 15 cords.

TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT
WITH TOWN OF CUMBERLAND.

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To value of stock, as appraised Feb. 15, 1897,	\$713 43
To paid by Superintendent, as per account rendered, for supplies, etc.	59 48
To amount in town orders, as shown in Selectmen's report	714 58
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Cash received by Superintendent, as per account rendered, for sale of products	\$104 22
Cash paid Town Treasurer by Superintendent, for products sold, and labor	46 63
Cash paid Town Treasurer by Superintendent, for labor on roads with team	130 50
Cash paid Town Treasurer, for cow and calves sold	49 00
Meals and lodging 44 tramps	17 60
Value of stock, farming implements, household goods, etc., as per inventory made Feb. 19, 1898	1,099 35
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E. H. TRICKEY, } *Overseers*
D. L. BLANCHARD, } *of*
S. F. HAMILTON, } *Poor.*

Town Clerk's Report.

No. of marriages recorded for year ending Feb. 15, 1898, 9
 No. of births " " " Feb. 15, 1898, 23
 No. of deaths " " " Feb. 15, 1898, 22
 No. of deaths reported from other towns as per record, 14

Date of Death.	Name.	Place of Death.	Yrs.	Age Mo.	Days
June 12, 1896	Everett Leighton,	Portland	15	8	22
Feb. 15, 1897	Wm. S. Blanchard,	Cumberland	71		21
Feb. 17,	Hollis St Clair,	"	86	8	4
Feb. 21,	Chas. H. Blanchard,	"	54	7	19
Feb. 6,	Isabella M. Rose,	Chebeague Is.,	51	2	27
Mar. 23,	Almina Cowdrey,	Cumberland	65		
Mar. 25,	Olive Jane Field,	"	61	10	
Apr. 24,	Abbie B. Sawyer,	"	64	9	24
May 24,	Julia A. Dunn,	"	80	2	
June 8,	Seward L. Field,	"	63	9	19
June 10,	Annie S. Mockler,	Chebeague Is.	55	8	25
June 16,	Joseph Sawyer,	Foxbo.' Mass.	79	4	29
June 17,	Peter L. Allen,	Yarmouth	74	8	9
June 22,	Doughty,	Chebeague Is.			
July 7,	Edmand S. Flint,	" "		2	20
July 24,	Ai M. Small,	Cumberland	71	4	
Aug. 1,	Sarah S. Strout,	Chebeague Is.	70	1	9
Aug. 5,	Mary McKeown,	Wake'ld, Mass.	80	8	
Sept. 2,	Mary B. Clough,	Cumberland	82	6	
Sept. 21,	Emeline P. Porter,	"	79		

Oct. 10, 1897	Samuel W. Randall,	Portland	60	2	24
Oct. 16,	Lois Hicks,	Falmouth	73		
Oct. 20,	M. A. Drinkwater,	Pownal	54	1	23
Nov. 3,	Sarah J. Prince,	Portland	42		
Nov. 29,	Royal T. Rideout,	Saco	63		25
Dec. 16,	Huldah A. Hamilton,	Chebeague Is.	56	2	19
Dec. 9.	Eliza A. Mack,	Portland	70		
Dec. 29,	William Ross,	Chebeague Is.	78	11	18
Jan. 6, 1898	Daniel W. Doughty,	St. George	50		
Jan. 13,	Cornelius Wilson,	Cumberland	68	10	29
Jan. 17,	Jordan Brown,	Cumberland	82	8	24
Jan. 18,	Lovina Emmons,	Chebeague Is.	74	7	18
Jan. 18,	Scott Leighton,	Belmont, Mass.	50		
Jan. 21,	Alice E. Soule,	Portland	6		27
Jan. 22,	James W. Long	Boston, Mass.	6	10	
Feb. 13,	Mary A. Clough,	Cumberland	59	10	8

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury, March, 1897	\$8,212 80 3-4
Assessors commitment, 1897	11,991 52
Received from State for schools, 1897	1,080 91
Cumberland School fund	92 62
State for free high school	245 23
State for railroad and telegraph tax	85
tax deeds redeemed	42 27
State dog license refunded, 1896	95 87
for cow and calves sold from town farm	49 00
for products sold from town farm	46 63
from City of Hallowell, pauper supplies	51 85
from Town of Yarmouth, running town line	10 12
from Wm. Allen, in settlement of fire loss on school house, Dist. No. 13	370 00
from O. A. Mountfort, salvage on school house	42 00
from City of Westbrook, pauper supplies, 1896	13 75
from S. F. Hamilton, for old school house in No. 8	18 00
from State for sheep killed by dogs	12 00
for grass sold from Drowne farm	100 00
from Supt. of Town farm for labor on highway	130 50

Received for interest accumulated on sinking fund	51 94
for interest accumulated on free high school money	3 81
for interest on deposits in First National Bank	62 71
from R. D. Hamilton, for lot in Island Cemetery	4 00
for Town Hall rent	6 75
from U. S., part pension of J. H. Cobb	15 00
from school books sold	36 81
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	\$22,786 94
Paid out town orders	\$12,464 78
Balance due the town	10,322 16
Due from Est. of C. H. Blanchard, 1894	\$13 50
C. H. Blanchard, 1895	12 29
Due from N. D. Farwell, Coll. 1896	15 26
N. D. Farwell, Coll 1897	5,296 09
Deposit in Portland Savings Bank, sinking fund	673 58
Deposit in Maine Savings Bank, sinking fund	664 88
Deposit in Portland Savings Bank, free high school money	249 04
Cash to balance in First Nath. Bank	3,397 52
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	\$10,322 16

SAMUEL MERRILL, TREASURER.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

N. M. SHAW, AUDITOR.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Spring term commenced March 1st, closed May 6th.
Mr. Edgar L. Pennell, A. B., Principal; Miss Cora B. Pennell and Miss Ethel C. Blanchard, assistants.

The Fall term commenced August 30th, and closed November. Mr. Edgar L. Pennell, Principal; Miss Mary A. Hewins and Miss Rita Wilson, assistants.

The Winter term commenced Dec. 10th, closed Feb. 18th, 1889, with the same teachers.

The Spring term will commence March 7th, 1898.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note	\$12,000 00
For Town of Cumberland note	6,000 00
For Town of Cumberland note	2,000 00
	\$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note	\$300 00
For one year's interest	18 00
For cash balance from 1896	32 94
	\$350 94
Paid H. H. Hay & Co.	\$10 39
Cash on hand	40 55
	\$50 94
Town of Cumberland note	\$300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank	\$616 60
For May and November dividends	24 88
For cash from 1896	65
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	\$642 13
Paid E. L. Pennell, for books	\$3 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, books	27 70
E. L. Pennell, books	4 00
Amount in Portland Savings Bank	596 68
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	\$642 13

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note	\$500 00
For amount due on tuition book	96 00
Cash on hand	32 67
Amount in Maine Savings Bank	234 80
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	\$863 47

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND
AND OTHER SOURCES.

IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid O. H. Fellows, printing	\$4 00
Maverick & Wissinger, diplomas	17 00
Express	35
Edgar L. Pennell, Principal	272 75
Cora B. Pennell, assistant	100 00
Ethel C. Blanchard, assistant	50 00
Percy A. Leighton, janitor	18 00
E. L. Farwell, labor	1 50
Repairing chair	80
King & Dexter	88

Paid P. A. Leighton, advertising Greely Institute	
Star	5 00
Carrie B. Curry, cleaning building	12 00
M. B. Bourne & Son, slaters	14 95
R. P. Greely, coal	69 00
Cleaning furnace and cellar	3 75
Hooper, Son & Leighton, curtains	15 52
Southworth Bros., folders	5 00
W. C. Jones, trucking settees	3 50
E. L. Pennell, Principal	327 24
Mary A. Hewins, assistant	108 00
Rita Wilson, assistant	48 00
J. F. Blanchard, janitor	18 00
Leonard Leighton, wood	2 50
C. H. Greely, repairs	75
G. L. Farwell, glazing	2 00
C. P. Graves, tuning piano	3 00
G. M. Hall, advertising in Greely Institute	
Star	5 00
Benj. Whitney, repairs	75
A. R. Alexander, repairing furnace	20 87
James L. Dunn, supplies	9 95
H. C. Blanchard, express	1 30
G. L. Farwell, repairs	1 40
T. P. Beals & Co., settees	78 00
Southworth Bros., printing catalogue	27 15
E. L. Pennell, Principal	299 97
Mary A. Hewins, assistant	110 00
Rita Wilson, assistant	44 00
J. F. Blanchard, janitor	20 00
D. L. Blanchard, trustee	4 00
E. H. Trickey, trustee	16 00
Amount in Maine Savings Bank	234 80
Cash to balance	32 67
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	\$2,009 67

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For cash balance from 1896	\$80 87
For amount in Maine Savings Bank	290 00
From Town Treasurer, money received from State Free High School	250 00
Interest on \$12,000, \$6000, \$2000, \$500 town notes,	615 00
Tuition, Spring term	45 00
Tuition, Fall term	53 00
Interest on \$12,000, \$6000, \$2000, \$500 town notes	615 00
Back tuition	19 00
Tuition, winter	36 00
Breakage	4 00
Dividend Maine Savings Bank	1 80
	————\$2,009 67

E. H. TRICKEY, } *Trustees of*
D. L. BLANCHARD, } *Greely*
S. F. HAMILTON, } *Institute.*

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing
accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

N. M. SHAW, AUDITOR.

Report of Schools.

Citizens of Cumberland:

In presenting this report, I realize how indispensable it is for a person to have experience in order to superintend a set of schools as it should be done. The custom, which we have practiced of late, of changing our superintendent every year or two and selecting a man not accustomed to the work, I believe is a great mistake. No definite plans can be put into execution, and no material progress made in our schools, so long as we adhere to this method. Considering this fact, I would recommend most earnestly that we take advantage of the new State law which gives us the privilege of uniting with other towns for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools. By so doing we can get a man who understands the business and who will give his whole time to the work.

I shall not in this report give an account of the work done by each individual teacher; but I believe that without exception, all have tried hard to lead the pupils along step by step, teaching them not only the bare facts which are needful for an education, but stimulating in each, the power to reason for themselves, inspiring them with a desire for knowledge and to develop such manly and womanly characters as shall make their lives a pleasure to themselves and useful to others. Of course all have not succeeded equally well; some have put more energy and enthusiasm into their work than others; some have more natural tact to control or skill to instruct than others, but the corps of

teachers employed during the past year, and especially for the Winter term have done exceptionally good work.

I wish that in some way, the parents could be brought to realize that their attitude toward the school has a vast deal to do with its prosperity. Never in the presence of your children criticise a teacher's methods, and do not do so at all until you have first investigated the matter. Never send a threatening note to the teacher by your own children. Never take a child out of a school for what you consider unjust punishment without knowing both sides of the case. If you wish other methods used go to the teacher or superintendent and talk the matter over in a friendly way. You will find that your grievance is either groundless, or that it can be settled satisfactorily.

The pupils at Bates' Island have been attending school at Chebeague. An offer was made for the transportation of those on Hope Island to Chebeague, but it was not taken advantage of. No. 1 on the Man was suspended for the Fall and Winter terms, and the pupils taken to No. 2, where they had excellent privileges. The Winter term at No. 5 was nearly broken up by measels, and the attendance at all of the schools for this term was greatly effected by the storms and deep snow. No very extensive repairs have been made on the school houses during the year, but I would recommend for next year that several of the buildings be painted, that some papering be done, and that a woodshed be built at No. 9.

At the close of the Winter term of school an account was taken of the school books owned by the town. I find there are about 1700 serviceable books, consisting of 80 different kinds. In addition to this there are about 300 which are considered worthless, and the most of these should be burned before the Spring term commences.

The teachers at Greely Institute have done a very successful year's work. Considering some difficulties with which this school has to contend, the pupils have made good advancement. I hope that the time is not far distant when,

either by common consent, or by legislation, pupils will be required to pass an examination before entering the Institute. I regret very much that for several years, writing has not been taught in this school. This, I think, is neglecting a very essential part of the preparation of the pupils for a successful life.

Jan. 14th a Teacher's Institute was held at Institute Hall, Cumberland Center. The teachers and all others interested in the three towns of Falmouth, Gray and North Yarmouth were invited to join us.

Hon. W. W. Stetson, State Supt. and Prof. Corthell of Gorham Normal School, were present. The valuable suggestions of these two veteran school workers so ably presented, together with the papers read, the questions and answers of the teachers present, made the meeting exceedingly interesting and helpful. Undoubtedly many valuable points were carried away to be put into practice in our schools. A permanent organization was formed, comprising the four towns of Falmouth, Gray, North Yarmouth and Cumberland, called the Union Teachers' Association. Four meetings each year are to be held; by this means each teacher will get the benefit of the experience of all the other teacher. This I think is a step in the right direction, and much improvement ought to be derived from the organization.

In closing I would say whatever action we take in regard to the management of our schools, let us remember that we are planning not only for the welfare of the children of the present day, but that we are actually moulding the intellect and character of the future generation. With this in mind let us drop all party feeling and prejudice and use our best *judgment*.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. CHASE,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Cumberland, Feb. 25, 1898.

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR
1897—1898.

Number of School	Name of Teacher.	Term	Whole Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Wages of Teachers per Week.	Number of Weeks.
1	Addie R. Duran	Spring	8	7	\$6 00	9
2	Edwin S. Sweetser	Spring	33	27.72	9 00	9
	Olive H. Merrill	Fall	35	27	9 00	10
3	Alice L. Randall	Winter	35	26	9 50	10
	Olive M. Hayes	Spring	39	35.5	9 00	9
	Olive M. Hayes	Fall	48	34	9 00	10
4	Olive M. Hayes	Winter	31	27	9 00	10
	Rita N. Wilson	Spring	18	15.6	7 50	9
5	Nellie C. Groves	Fall	17	14.6	7 50	10
	Nellie C. Groves	Winter	17	14.6	8 00	10
	Inez M. Rowe	Spring	21	17.7	8 75	9
7	Inez M. Rowe	Fall	19	15	9 00	10
	Inez M. Rowe	Winter	18	10.2	9 00	10
	Gertrude S. Merrill	Spring	12	10.3	7 00	9
8	Gertrude S. Merrill	Fall	11	10	7 00	10
	Gertrude S. Merrill	Winter	11	8.2	7 50	10
	Alice C. Blanchard	Spring	32	19.56	8 00	9
	Mrs. A. F. Trafton	Fall	32	26	9 00	10
Grammar 9	Mrs. A. F. Trafton	Winter	32	24	9 00	10
	Mrs. Sarah E. Clark	Spring	45	37	10 25	9
Primary 9	Elsie M. Dolloff	Fall	47	44.75	9 50	10
	Elsie M. Dolloff	Winter	46	38.67	10 50	10
	Annie W. Morrill	Spring	25	19.3	7 00	9
	Annie W. Morrill	Fall	27	21.46	7 00	10
	Annie W. Morrill	Winter	19	14	7 50	10