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WEST FALMOUTH:

A. S. NOYES, CARD AND JOB PRINTER.

1885.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

TO ARTHUR S. NOYES, A CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH,
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 Falmouth, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Town, on the second day of March, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit :

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3d. To see if the Town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of Schools, and the Poor, and repairs of Roads and Bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 4th. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and Supervisor of Schools.

Art. 5th. To see if the Town will vote to make a discount on taxes paid within a given time, and charge interest thereafter.

Art. 6th. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$350 for discount on taxes.

Art. 7th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the pay of town officers.

Art. 8th. To see what the Town will allow per hour for the labor of men, horses and oxen on the highways.

Art. 9th. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Municipal Officers, Treasurer and Clerk, and act thereon.

Art. 10th. To see if the Town will authorise the treasurer to convey by quitclaim deed, all right and title to the Point Cemetery so called, to the Pine Grove Cemetery Corporation.

Art. 11th. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit any and all persons, not inhabitants of the town, from digging clams anywhere within the limits of the town, and to make June, July and August a close time, except for domestic use for our own town's people, and boarders, and summer residents, and to appoint the necessary officers, to see that the law is enforced.

Art. 12th. To see if the Town will vote to fill in four feet at the foot of the hill, near the brickyard of F. F. Hall, and raise money for the same.

Art. 13th. To see if the Town will vote to build a culvert opposite the house of Geo. W. Leighton, at Falmouth Corner, and raise money for the same.

Art. 14th. To see what compensation the Town will vote the Collector for his services the ensuing year.

Art. 15th. To see what instructions the Town will give the treasurer in relation to the settlement of tax deeds.

Art. 16th. To see if the Town will vote to widen the bridge near Cyrus Noyes', and raise money for the same.

Art. 17th. To see if the Town will vote to rebuild the bridge near C. W. Goddard's, and raise money for the same.

Art. 18th. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the school districts therein, in conformity to the provisions of sec. 3, chap. 11 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine.

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 lists, at the Town Office, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1885.

B. F. HALL,	} Selectmen	
D. O. MOULTON,		of
W. W. LIBBY,		Falmouth.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH :

We herewith submit for your consideration a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town, for the year ending March, 1885.

TAXES ASSESSED, 1884.

For State tax,		\$3,081 70
County tax,		448 23
Schools,	\$2,000 00	
Poor,	500 00	
Out Poor,	400 00	
Bridges,	400 00	
Town Officers,	400 00	
Contingences,	600 00	
Discount,	350 00	
Snow Bills,	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,050 00
Overlayings,		2 13 04
Deficient Highway tax for 1883,		2 14 88
Supplementary tax,		805 28
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		\$9,883 18

VALUATION, 1884.

Real Estate,	\$699,080	
Personal Estate,	108,025	
	<hr/>	\$807,105
Supplementary val. Real Estate,	\$ 2,950	
“ “ Personal Estate,	75,830	
	<hr/>	\$78,840
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Total Valuation,		\$885,945
Number of Polls, 403.		
Rate of taxation, \$.95 on \$100 00.		
Poll tax, \$3 00.		

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Geo. D. York, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	\$91 00
B. F. Hall, " " " "	76 00
D. O. Moulton, " " " "	69 40
D. O. Moulton, Supervisor of Schools,	74 00
D. O. Moulton, Moderator,	2 00
A. B. Jordan, Moderator,	2 00
J. W. Merrill, Constable,	9 00
J. W. Merrill, Collector,	166 76
W. A. Anderson, Collector,	36 92
A. S. Noyes, Collector,	82 12
A. H. Waite, Treasurer,	30 00
F. P. Marston, Special Police,	46 00
J. E. Marston, Special Police,	18 00
C. H. Gifford, Auditor,	2 00
J. W. Merrill, Surveyor of Lumber,	5 00
D. F. Small, Town Clerk,	9 52
	\$719 72
Balance against the town,	319 72

CONTINGENCES.

Appropriation,	\$600 00
Curtis Colley, highway,	\$13 88
Ford & Rich, printing town reports.	23 00
Hale Leighton, gravel 1883,	10 00
E. C. Blanchard, care of town house,	4 00
J. S. Colley, highway,	12 88
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, assessment books. etc..	14 10
Horatio Fox, revising shipping list,	3 00

Leander E. Cram, mortgage list,	2 50
E. P. Merrill, damage to fence for 1881 and 1883,	14 00
Albert Winslow, highway,	5 60
George Libby, highway,	6 70
F. O. J. Pride, highway,	7 10
Geo. O. Knight highway,	25 40
James E. Marston, gravel,	2 65
H. J. Merrill, highway,	7 00
Andrew Gowell, highway,	11 56
B. J. Adams, highway,	7 43
Ezra Bucknam, plow,	9 00
Hale Leighton, gravel 1884,	10 00
Amos Leighton, highway,	26 90
W. W. Libby, gravel,	10 00
D. O. Moulton, gravel,	13 40
Joha P. Jensen, gravel,	9 15
L. S. Washburn, highway,	10 90
E. A. Noyes, watering place,	14 00
N. & H. B. Cleaves, legal services : 1880 Balance \$183 13 :	
1881, \$111 08 ; 1882, \$36 00 ; 1883, \$75 00 ; 1884, \$44.	449 21
Wilbur Libby, highway,	12 30
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	\$735 66
Balance against the town,	135 66

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$400 00
A. F. Winslow, labor,	\$6 00
Lyman, Son & Co., rope for derrick,	6 96
E. R. Woodbury, stone work,	19 37
A. B. & G. W. Jordan, hauling stone,	40 00
Daniel W. Hodsdon, labor on bridge,	22 00
Leander N. Swett, " " "	45 25
Stephen Huston Jr., " " "	48 12
A. S. Noyes, powder and fuse,	2 61
B. F. Hall, hauling stone and labor on bridge,	74 25

S. M. Latham, labor on ledge and bridge,	65 62	
J. B. Mountfort, hauling stone,	52 00	
Nathaniel Packard, " "	48 00	
Granville Hall, stone,	12 50	
	<hr/>	\$442 68

Cr.

10,000 feet of 3 and 4 inch plank,	\$135 00	
Balance in favor of town,		\$92 32

SNOW BILLS.

Appropriation,		\$400 00
Curtis Colley,	\$15 20	
Oliver Hardy,	19 29	
A. F. Winslow,	25 10	
F. O. J. Pride,	32 70	
J. S. Colley,	6 40	
Richard Mountfort,	54 80	
B. F. Hall,	20 30	
A. G. Marston,	12 10	
Albert Winslow,	25 20	
B. J. Adams,	15 15	
Amos Leighton,	13 40	
George Libby,	35 65	
Geo. O. Knight,	12 10	
Ferdinand I. Noyes,	14 25	
Perez Babbidge,	39 60	
Robert Huston,	66 30	
G. R. Whitney,	31 30	
H. J. Merrill,	15 90	
Andrew Gowell,	14 44	
B. J. Adams,	5 20	
Leander N. Swett,	16 25	
Nathaniel Stewart,	2 60	
L. S. Washburn,	19 10	
G. A. Pride,	22 31	
J. W. Huston,	19 10	
Albion P. Field,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$567 74
Balance against town,		167 74

OUT POOR.

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Maine Insane Hospital, board of C. F. Merrill,	\$137 20
Geo. D. Sargent, supplies furnished G. F. Libby,	88 43
Geo. D. Sargent, " " J. E. True,	151 00
T. B. Richards & Co. " " Asa Field,	36 93
T. B. Richards & Co. " " Lewis Huston,	41 40
T. B. Richards & Co. " " G. F. Libby,	2 50
F. C. Dolley, M. D., medical attendance G. F. Libby,	44 50
F. C. Dolley, M. D., medical attendance C. Logan, tramp,	11 50
F. C. Dolley, M. D., medical attendance Asa Field,	6 25
F. C. Dolley, M. D., " " T. R. Beals,	19 75
F. C. Dolley, M. D., " " J. E. True,	1 50
D. O. Moulton, sheeting for Asa Field,	2 00
S. P. Winslow, wood for Lewis Huston,	2 50
S. W. Bachelder, for Tolman family,	3 50
W. F. Babb, care of C. Logan, 4 weeks,	12 00
Josiah Bailey, for Mrs. Roberts,	16 25
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	\$577 21
By cash received from Pownal,	37 25
" " " " G. F. Libby,	1 50
Due from Pownal,	96 68
Balance against the town,	41 78

On Account of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Dr. H. Richardson, examining cattle,	\$10 00
Elmer E. Hanson, labor,	8 25
Joshua L. Whitehouse, damages,	586 25
W. P. Newman, nails, etc.,	8 46
E. W. Winslow, labor,	5 00
E. A. Jordan, painting signs,	3 00
C. F. Rendall, labor,	18 00
Eastern Argus, advertising,	14 75
Samuel Bell, labor,	121 50
Ruel Small, reporting evidence.	5 00
Symonds & Libby, counsel,	15 00

F. F. Hall, labor,	14 11
Rufus Deering, lumber,	82 04
Fernald & Sawyer, hacking,	23 00
State Publishing Association, advertising,	2 87
Portland Publishing Co., advertising,	14 47
John W. Perkins & Co., drugs, etc.,	42 38
W. L. Prince, Mark Mosher, T. B. Haskell, appraisers,	50 00
Samuel Skillin, labor,	20 25
James L. West, damages,	691 53
James L. Pierce, damages,	805 50
C. W. Belknap, lime,	11 96
Maine Central R. R. Co., freight,	5 00
C. B. Ross, loss of horse,	35 00
J. W. Merrill, loss of horse,	75 00
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	\$2668 32

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriation,	\$350 00
Amount allowed A. S. Noyes,	378 17
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Balance against the town,	\$28 17

TAXES ABATED FOR 1884.

On list of Joseph W. Merrill,	\$58 95
On list of Arthur S. Noyes,	45 85

Sums Recommended to be Raised.

For Schools,	\$2,000 00
Highways,	3,000 00
Bridges,	600 00
Town Officers,	500 00
Poor,	500 00
Out Poor,	400 00
Snow Bills,	500 00
Contingences,	600 00
Discount,	350 00

B. F. HALL,	} Selectmen of Falmouth.
D. O. MOULTON,	
W. W. LIBBY.	

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.
STATEMENT.

Paid M. O. Morrill, bal. of salary for 1883, \$60 00

Alms House and Farm in Acct. with the Town.

DR.

To W. P. Newman, for supplies,	\$159 51	
A. S. Noyes, " "	147 83	
M. O. Morrill, on salary of 1884,	95 00	
C. H. Lord, labor haying,	40 00	
J. A. Small, blacksmith work,	9 50	
F. C. Dolley, M. D., medical attendance,	16 00	
W. B. Moulton, M. D., on case Francis Blair,	5 00	
Goods bought off the farm and sundry bills pd.	69 65	
Due M. O. Morrill on salary of 1884,	205 00	
	\$747 49	

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By Appropriation,		\$500 00
953 1-2 lbs. butter,	\$234 61	
325 1-2 doz. eggs,	63 52	
8 galls. milk,	1 28	
27 bush. potatoes,	15 20	
17 " beans,	36 85	
10 " apples,	5 87	
Poultry, pork and lard,	15 41	
1 1-4 tons straw,	10 00	
6 ft. wood for Asa Field,	3 00	
4 1-2 cords wood for Lewis Huston,	24 00	
Labor performed off the farm,	81 20	
Exchange of oxen,	22 50	
	\$513 44	

Total farm receipts and appropriation,	\$1013 44
Bal. in favor of town and appropriation,	265 95

There are now at the Almshouse, Francis Blair, Lydia Allen and Almira B. Hobbs, no change from last report.

Inventory of stock and produce on farm :-2 oxen, 4 cows, 1 heifer,

2 swine, 40 hens, 15 tons English hay, 1-2 ton straw, 9 bush. barley, 2 bush. meal, 50 lbs. shorts, 55 bush. potatoes, 1 bbl. apples, 7 bush. beans, 350 lbs. pork, 2 galls. kerosene, 90 lbs. lard, 6 lbs. sugar, 8 lbs. dried apple, 50 lbs. flour, 4 galls. molasses.

Additions made to farming tools and household articles: 1 iron sink, 1 ox goad, 1 sprinkler, 1 coffee pot, 6 towels, repairs on house \$7 28, repairs on ox sled.

At the commencement of the year, we made an inventory of all the stock, produce, farming tools, household articles, groceries and lumber at the Almshouse, at a cash value amounting to \$1,017 75. We have done likewise at the close of the year and find the amount to be \$1,035 32, an increase of \$17 57.

B. F. HALL,	} Selectmen of Falmouth.
D. O. MOULTON,	
W. W. LIBBY,	

ARTHUR S. NOYES, Collector,

In account with the town.

1884.	Dr.	
July 7.	To total committment,	\$9,883 18
	Cr.	
Oct. 21.	By county tax paid,	\$448 28
“ 21.	“ cash,	200 00
Nov. 7.	“ discount allowed,	378 17
Dec. 1.	“ cash,	4,200 00
1885.		
Feb. 14.	“ cash,	1,358 83
“ “	“ abatements,	45 85
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		\$6,631 13
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		\$3,252 05

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Account of Receipts and Expenditures of A. S. Noyes, Treasurer of Falmouth, 1884.

<i>RECEIPTS.</i>		<i>EXPENDITURES.</i>	
Balance from 1883 in Treasury,	\$1,675 54	Town Orders paid	\$9.270 46
Out Poor,	104 72	Interest,	24 00
Incidentals,	2 05	Out Poor,	32 50
Tax Claims,	172 94	Cash on hand.	3,860 62
Notes negotiated,	2,500 00		
Difference in Oxen,	22 50		
School District No. 3,	29 96		
" " " 4,	2 24		
Alms House and Farm,	318 35		
Tax list, 1882,	630 60		
" " 1883,	1,969 85		
" " 1884,	5,758 83		
	\$13,187 58		\$13,187 58

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ARTHUR S. NOYES, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	\$3,860 62
Due on Margaret A. Field's note,	293 14
“ State School fund 1883,	765 39
“ “ “ “ 1884,	762 14
“ Tax deeds (estimated),	450 00
Due from State, acct. cattle disease,	2,134 65
“ Town of Pownal,	96 68
“ A. S. Noyes, tax 1884,	3,252 05
“ C. Rice,	8 15
	<hr/> \$11,622 82

LIABILITIES.

Due Schools,	\$638 00
State tax 1884,	3,081 70
On notes,	3,007 35
B. F. Hall, Selectman,	89 00
D. O. Moulton, “	75 50
W. W. Libby, “	77 00
H. J. Merrill, Supervisor,	72 25
John Noyes, Auditor,	2 00
M. O. Morrill, bal. salary,	205 00
A. S. Noyes, Treasurer,	30 00
“ “ Clerk,	12 55
“ “ Collector,	222 37
Out Poor,	16 25
Outstanding orders,	50 30
	<hr/> \$ 7,579 27
Balance in favor of town,	<hr/> \$4,043 55

I hereby certify that I have examined the several accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Falmouth, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN NOYES, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

As required by law, I respectfully submit for your consideration the following report of the condition, progress, and needs of our town schools.

Whole number of Scholars in Town,	489
Amount of Money raised by Town,	\$2,000 00
“ received from State,	762 14
Total School Fund,	2,762 14

In summing up the work of the year, it is gratifying to report that in most cases success has attended the efforts of those employed to teach our schools, and in no case has failure occurred. Irregularity in attendance caused by sickness has interfered with the success of several schools, three having been closed abruptly on that account. In several districts a steady progress has been maintained throughout the year, and a high standard of excellence has been attained. Yet many are lacking and many obstacles must be met and overcome before we can reasonably expect to secure better results.

1st. How shall we hold the advance made and make further advance? In the annual reports of former years Supervisors have frequently made “such suggestions and recommendations as will best promote the interests of our schools” Yet our school buildings are gloomy and uncomfortable and shamefully deficient of all suitable appliances, especially needed in our ungraded schools to enable the teacher to attain larger and better results. Thus we continue a practice that is wasteful of much of the teacher’s time and force—hence wasteful of the school money. In our report for the year ending March, 1883, we find a remedy prescribed, viz: “abolish the District System.” With the districts abolished, the town becomes responsible for the building and repair of school-houses, also for the furnishing of the school with all needed apparatus. Thus burdens of

the citizens, as well as privileges of the children, are equalized, and and the best teachers employed and retained, such as not only instruct their pupils in those branches which are useful in common business life, but also seek to fulfill the requirement of the State statute to "use their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principals of morality and justice, and a sacred regard for truth, love of country, humanity, and a universal benevolence, sobriety, industry, and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and all other virtues which are the ornaments of human society." Best in instruction and government, best in example and character.

2d. Shall we establish Free High Schools? One strong argument in favor of a division of our town is that many citizens claim that the social and business conditions of today demand a broader and higher intelligence than our common schools are able to impart, such knowledge as is alike essential to meet successfully the larger demands of life in every station, and for the varied and higher interests of citizenship. Why may not the whole town profit by a more efficient agency and establish a Free High School for each division to benefit those who "outgrow" our common schools.

HENRY J. MERRILL, SUPERVISOR.

*Board included.

NAME OF AGENT.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Term.	Am't of Money Appropriated.	No. of Scholars. Whole attend'e.	Average attend'e.	Length in days.	Wages per Mo. exclusive of board.	Board per Week.	REMARKS.
1 Silas Skillin,	Thos. B. Looke,	S.	\$265 00	25	21	18	30	00*	Closed on account of sickness.
	Thos. B. Looke,	F.		21	14	40	32	00*	Satisfactory.
	H. J. Merrill,	W.		22	18	60	40	00*	
2 Moses Starling,	Annie C. Colley,	S.	280 00	32	29	50	24	00	2 00 Very successful.
	Annie C. Colley,	F.		37	34	50	24	00	2 00 Scholars interested.
	Annie C. Colley,	W.		40	36	60	24	00	2 00 Successful.
3 Henry M. Stone,	D. O. Moulton,	S.	350 00	41	36	35	45	00*	No comments needed.
	D. O. Moulton,	F.		43	37	38	45	00*	Steady advance.
	D. O. Moulton,	W.		49	42	66	50	00*	Still onward.
4 W. H. Barker,	Mrs. J. M. Thompson,	S.	209 00	28	19	37	32	00*	Thorough work.
	Mrs. J. M. Thompson,	F.		26	23	40	32	00*	Good success.
	Mrs. J. M. Thompson,	W.		27	23	50	32	00*	Fine work.
5 Wm. Knight,	Annie L. Gowen,	S.	207 00	22	20	45	32	00*	Closed without notice.
	Annie L. Gowen,	W.		23	20	50	32	00*	Good result.
	Mary E. Merrill,	S.		15	13	35	20	00*	Fair success.
6 Manchester Bowie,	Mary E. Merrill,	F.	169 00	9	7	40	24	00*	Lack of interest.
	Olive Merrill,	W.		13	11	45	20	00	2 50 Profitable.
	Annie M. Winslow,	S.		31	26	50	24	00	2 00 Satisfactory.
7 Geo. L. Hall,	A. B. Jordan,	F.	320 00	33	28	50	32	00	2 00 Lack of interest.
	A. B. Jordan,	W.		29	26	50	32	00	2 00 Some good work.
	Georgie Leighton,	S.		15	14	28	18	00	2 25 Closed on account of sickness.
8 S. M. Blanchard,	Georgie Bailey,	W.	167 14	22	19	16	70	22	00 2 50 Great success.
	Isabel Jordan,	S.		19	17	50	18	00	2 00 Began well.
	J. C. Sawyer,	W.		26	24	65	24	00	3 00 Fair progress. Good order.
10 S. W. Batchelder,	Belle Packard,	S.	207 50	12	9	45	16	00*	Fair beginning.
	Addie P. Gowen,	F.		14	12	40	20	00	2 00 One of the best.
	Mame Leighton,	W.							
11 T. M. Lewis,	Leila M. Elliott,	S.	206 00	14	12	40	20	00*	Order lacking.
	Addie A. Stephens,	F.		14	13	55	20	00	2 25 Improving.
	Addie A. Stephens,	W.		14	12	45	24	00	2 25 Money well expended.
12 R. M. Leighton,	Cora B. Leighton,	S.	169 00	14	12	50	20	00*	Good results.
	Thos. B. Looke,	W.		16	13	55	38	00*	Good success.