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Warrant for March Meeting, 1886.

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 first day of March, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following Articles, to wit:

Art. 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 what action the Town will take in regard to the pay of town officers.

Art. 6th. To see what the Town will allow per hour for the labor of men, horses and oxen on the highways.

Art. 7th. To see if the Town will vote to make a discount on taxes paid within a given time, and charge interest thereafter.

Art. 8th. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum and how much for discount on taxes.

Art. 9th. To see what compensation the Town will vote the Collector for his services the ensuing year.
Art. 10th. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the school dis-
tricts therein, in conformity to the provisions of sec. 3, chap. 11, of
the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine.

Art. 11th. To see if the Town will vote to raise $300. in money,
and to be paid in money, to be expended in repairs on the Presump-
scot Falls Bridge Hills, so called.

Art. 12th. To see if the Town will vote to abate the taxes for
1884 and 1885, on the estate of Russell, Fuller & Stoddard.

Art. 13th. To see if the Town will authorize the Supervisor of
Schools to make such changes as will secure perfect uniformity of
text books, in all the schools of the town.

Art. 14th. To see if the Town will vote to furnish all the text
books needed in the schools of the town.

Art. 15th. To see if the Town will hear and act upon the report of
the Municipal Officers and Supervisor of Schools, on petition of Jos-
eph W. Merrill, to set his property off from school district No. 3,
and annex the same to district No. 5.

Art. 16th. To see what disposition the Town will make of the
Asa Field estate now owned by the town.

Art. 17th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to
confer with the officers of the Maine Central Railroad in regard to
bridging the railroad over the County road at the crossing near Sam-
uel Skillin's.

Art. 18th. To see if the Town will vote to rebuild the culvert
near George O. Knight's.

Art. 19th. To see if the Town will allow Nathaniel Packard to
draw his school money from school district No. 9, and expend the
same in the town of Westbrook.

Art. 20th. To see if the Town will hear and act upon the report of
the Municipal Officers and Supervisor of Schools, on petition of
Charles E. Clifford, to set his property off from school district No. 9
and annex the same to district No. 7.

Art. 21st. To see if the Town will vote to make a new valuation
of all the real estate in town.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the pur-
pose 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 sixth day of February, A. D.
1886.

D. O. MOULTON,  }  Selectmen
W. W. LIBBY, }  of
HAWLEY FOLSOM,  }  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, 1886.

VALUATION, 1885.

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<td>Supplementary val. Real Estate</td>
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<td><strong>Total Valuation</strong></td>
<td><strong>$881,553</strong></td>
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Number of Polls, 393.
Rate of taxation, $1 13 on $100 00.
Poll Tax, $3 00.

TAXES ASSESSED, 1885.

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<td><strong>Total Assessment</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,450 00</strong></td>
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Overlayings,                      | 347 54 |
Deficient Highway tax for 1884,    | 270 11 |
Supplementary Tax                  | 56 29 |

**Total Assessment**,             | **$11,461 55**
Account of Expenditures.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation, $500 00
B. F. Hall, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, $89 00
D. O. Moulton, " " " " " " 75 50
W. W. Libby, " " " " " " 77 50
H. J. Merrill, Supervisor of Schools, 72 25
A. S. Noyes, Treasurer, 30 00
A. S. Noyes, Town Clerk, 12 55
A. S. Noyes, Collector, 180 00
John Noyes, Auditor, 2 00
A. B. Jordon, Moderator, 2 00
D. W. Hodsdon, Police, 10 00
F. P. Marston, " 48 00
J. E. Marston, " 18 00
J. W. Merrill, Surveyor, 5 00
Hawley Folsom, on salary 1885, 29 00

$650 80

Balance against the town, 150 80

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SNOW BILLS.

Appropriation, $400 00
Silas Skillin, $5 20
Curtis Colley, 8 70
F. W. Merrill, 11 10
B. J. Adams, 3 90
Levi Lufkin, 3 00
Richard Mountfort, 23 62
D. W. Hodsdon, 2 80
Leander N. Swett, 12 25
Joseph W. Huston, 12 05
F. I. Noyes, 4 90
Gorham R. Whitney, 24 05
F. O. J. Pride, 25 50
Geo. O. Knight, 7 30
Stephen O'Brion, 7 00
Wilbur Libby, 8 32
B. F. Hall, 6 80
E. A. Noyes, 73 51
Andrew Gowell, 11 80
Albert Winslow, 15 10
Geo. A. Pride, 4 20
T. M. Lewis, 11 15
L. S. Washburn, 13 40
Amos Leighton, 1 30
Adam F. Winslow, 7 30

Balance in favor of town, 95 75

--- $304 25

CONTINGENCES.

Appropriation, $600 00
E. L. Libby, blacksmith work, $1 25
E. C. Blanchard, care of town house, 5 00
Jos. W. Merrill, advertising taxes, 26 00
A. S. Noyes, printing town reports, 20 00
Trustees of 2d. Cong. Church, interest, 24 00
S. H. Anderson, damage to sleigh, 12 00
Town of Gray, taxes, 1 41
A. S. Noyes, printing bills, 2 00
G. W. Snell, watering place, for 1883-1884, 6 00
Horatio Fox, revising shipping list, 3 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co., assessment books, etc. 16 85
Leander Cram, revising mortgage list, 3 00
John Noyes, interest on note, foot and mouth disease, 25 00
Ammi Whitney, " " " " " " " " " " 50 00
R. H. Whitney, " " " " " " " " " " 58 33
Etta Field, quit claim to Asa Field estate, 152 50
Sargent, Lord & Skillin, rope for derrick, 7 57
D. O. Moulton, Guard. and Admr. of Asa Field, 54 00
A. S. Noyes, printing circulars, 1 60
W. B. Moulton, M. D., vaccinating 408 persons, 73 44
F. C. Dolley, M. D., " 547 " 98 46
F. A. Turner, 200 vaccine points, 15 00
N. York Vaccine Virus Co., 755 vaccine points, 50 80
McLellan, Mosher & Co., record book, 3 50
Eastern Argus, advertising non-resident taxes, 20 00
G. W. Merrill, blacksmith work, 16 95
N. & H. B. Cleaves, legal services, 76 00

$823 66

Balance against the town, 223 66
BRIDGES.

Appropriation, $600 00
Goddard's Bridge, 100 00

F. O. J. Pride, rebuilding culvert, 18 50
W. W. Libby, Hollis Leighton bridge, 4 10
Albert Winslow, Presumpscot Falls bridge, 2 00
Ezra M. Lunt, " " " 12 00
H. S. Babbidge, Winslow and Leighton bridges, 14 50
W. W. Libby, " " " 80 00
Geo. E. Nickerson, labor on Goddard bridge, 23 50
D. W. Hodsdon, " " " " 25 00
Alton E. Lunt, " " " " 21 00
Susan S. Noyes, stone for culvert Colley's Corner, 22 00
Alfred Hicks, labor on Leighton bridge, 47 84
Hawley Folsom, Noyes bridge, 173 25
Hawley Folsom, Goddard " 77 29
Hawley Folsom, culvert Colley's Corner, 481 45
Legrow Bros., lumber, 25 91
Cyrus G. Colley, labor on bridge in Dist. No. 3, 8 75
Nathaniel Packard, hauling stone, 44 00
S. M. Latham, Goddard and Winslow bridges, 80 62
John T. Mountfort, stone work Goddard bridge, 2 00
C. E. Winslow, rebuilding culvert, 14 20
Young & Purinton, blacksmith work, 7 00
Deering & Richardson, stringers Winslow bridge, 50 96
E. Merrill, lumber, 1 53
W. W. Libby, Winslow bridge, 195 42
B. F. Hall, culvert near S. Staples', 25 50
M. G. Blake, labor on Winslow bridge, 29 25
Geo. P. Dearborn, culvert, 20 98
John F. Elliott, labor on Winslow bridge, 34 00
Kendall & Whitney, drain pipe, 5 30
T. B. Richards, rebuilding Sq t. Creek bridge, 46 86
W. A. Anderson, services as Engineer, 2 00

$1,596 71
Balance against the town, 896 71
HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, $2,000 00

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<td>Ezra M. Lunt,</td>
<td>73 00</td>
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Curtis Colley, repair highways before May 1, 1885. $14 48

B. J. Adams, 11 75
D. W. Hodsdon, 8 75
F. I. Noyes, 8 50
G. R. Whitney, 14 50
G. O. Knight, 23 28
Andrew Gowell, 11 48
Curtis Colley, 5 00
B. F. Hall, 27 60
F. W. Merrill, 6 00
L. S. Washburn, 34 00
E. A. Noyes, 28 82
Richard Mountfort, 46 10
Curtis Colley, Depot Hill, 63 02
Hawley Folsom, Chenery Hill, 35 00

$2,001 10
Geo. W. Allen, over work tax 1885, 22 05
S. M. Latham, " " " " 11 70
J. A. P. Merrill, " " " " 7 47
B. A. Hinck, " " " " 12 44
F. O. J. Pride, " " " " 14 95
Albert Leighton, bushing highway, 5 00
L. W. Hicks, " " 2 00
Hale Leighton, gravel, 10 00
W. W. Libby, " 10 00
J. P. Jensen, " 5 00
D. O. Moulton, " 2 50
Levi E. Leighton, bushing highway, 7 40

Balance against the town, 449 89

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<td>Frank W. Buxton, &quot; T. R. Beals, 19 00</td>
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<td>Town of Deering, &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; 46 80</td>
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<td>Josiah Bailey, care of Mrs. Lucy Roberts, 78 22</td>
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<td>Town of Windham, for Mary Leighton and child, 11 10</td>
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<td>F. C. Dolley, M. D., medical attendance G. F. Libby, 13 75</td>
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<td>F. C. Dolley, &quot; &quot; &quot; W. M. Swett, 43 50</td>
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<td>Henry O. Colley, digging grave, J. E. True, 4 00</td>
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<td>$550 25</td>
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By cash from Pownal, $96 68
Due from Pownal, 84 01
By cash from Joseph Bond, for Mrs. Roberts, 24 45
Due from Joseph Bond, 8 15

Balance in favor of the town, $63 04
DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriation, $350 00
Amount allowed A. S. Noyes, 477 37
Balance against the town, $127 37

TAXES ABATED FOR 1885.

On list of A. S. Noyes for 1884, $28 65
" " " " " 1885. 23 07

SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

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

D. O. MOULTON, Selectmen
W. W. LIBBY, of
HAWLEY FOLSOM, Falmouth.
REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

STATEMENT.

Paid M. O. Morrill, balance of salary 1884, $205.00.

Alms House and Farm in Acct. with the Town.

Dr.

To W. P. Newman, for supplies, $137.10
A. S. Noyes, " " 148.78
T. B. Richards & Co., " 52.85
George W. Snell, blacksmith work, 5.30
Young & Purinton, " " 3.00
F. C. Dolley, M. D., medical attendance, 1.50
Alton E. Lunt, labor haying, 42.50
C. K. Richards, on S. Lockhart's salary, 219.00
Due S. Lockhart on salary, 31.00
Goods bought off the farm and sundry bills paid, 78.42

$719.90

Cr.

By Appropriation, $500.00
528 3-4 lbs. butter, $120.15
36 doz. eggs, 5.59
Poultry, 3.72
3 veal calves, 17.50
99 galls. milk, 16.01
17 " sour milk, 1.69
1742 lbs. hay, 15.00
2000 lbs. bedding, 7.50
1888 " straw, 11.32
52 1-4 " fresh pork, 4.18
14 bush. oats, 4.90
Old stove, 50
Labor performed off the farm, 63.50
2 cords wood for Lewis Huston, 11.00

$282.56

Total farm receipts and appropriation, $782.56
Balance in favor of farm and appropriation, 62.66

There are now at the Almshouse five persons: Francis Blair, Lydia Allen, Almira B. Hobbs, Mary Leighton and child.

Inventory of stock and produce on farm: -2 oxen, 5 cows, 1
swine, 28 hens, 8 tons hay, 1-2 ton straw, 3 bush. barley, 4 1-2 bush beans, 10 bush. potatoes, 400 lbs. pork, 65 lbs. lard.

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 $886 69 we have done likewise at the close of the year and find the amount to be $792 17, a decrease of $94 52.

D. O. MOULTON, W. W. LIBBY, HAWLEY FOLSOM, Overseers of the Poor of Falmouth.

A. S. NOYES, Collector,

In account with the Town.

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TREASURER’S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1884 in Treasury, $3,860 62
Out Poor, 121 13
Almshouse and Farm, 138 50
Tax Claims, 116 38
Non-Resident Taxes, 54 94
For Oxen, 180 00
Hay on Asa Field estate, 12 00
Wilson Libby estate, 7 15
School District No. 3, 7 01
" " " 7, 1 18
License, 50
School Fund, 1883, 765 39
" " 1884, 762 14
" " 1885, 768 92
State acct. Cattle Disease, 2,044 57
Tax List 1884, 2,980 78
" " 1885, 7,030 62

---$18,851 83
EXPENDITURES.

Town Orders paid, $11,191 20
State tax 1884, 3,081 70
... " 1885, 2,889 33
Cash on hand, 1,689 60

$18,851 83

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

ASSETS.

Due on Margaret A. Field's note, $310 73
Tax 1884, 121 40
Tax 1885, 3,425 92
Tax Deeds, 77 69
Due from Joseph Bond, 8 15
Town of Pownal, 84 01
Almshouse and farm, 11 42
Cash on hand, 1,689 60

$5,728 92

LIABILITIES.

Due Schools, $1,085 32
On Notes, 936 50
Out Poor, 16 25
D. O. Moulton, Selectman, 83 00
W. W. Libby, " 81 00
Hawley Folsom, " 73 00
H. J. Merrill, Supervisor, 75 50
D. F. Small, Auditor, 2 00
S. Lockhart, bal. salary, 31 00
A. S. Noyes, Treasurer, 30 00
... " Clerk, 9 38
... " Collector, bal. 1884, 46 63
... " " 1885, 285 13
Outstanding highway orders, 374 91

$3,129 62

Balance in favor of the town, $2,599 30

In presenting the financial condition, the balance appears $1,444
25 less than last year, which occurs from the large "balances against
the town" in several appropriations.

ARTHUR S. NOYES, Treas.


SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF FALMOUTH:

In conformity with the provisions of the law, I respectfully submit for consideration the following report of schools.

Whole number of Scholars in town, 481
Town appropriation for schools, $2,000 00
Amount received from the State, 768 92
Total, $2,768 92

This amount was apportioned to the several districts as follows:

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Each year we have our attention called to the condition, needs, and necessities of our schools, but as yet we see no new force brought into action to meet the requirements which exist in our present system, and where partial failure has occurred in a few cases the cause may be traced largely to outside influence beyond the teacher's control. Notwithstanding all unfavorable conditions, a marked interest has prevailed in most of our schools. Especially is this true where parents have shown an interest in the welfare of the school. I believe the greatest attainment, to bring our schools to their fullest possible efficiency (whether we continue the present system, or adopt the town system) is the hearty cooperation of the parents with the teacher. The effect of this combined influence is to banish the vulgarity and rudeness too often noticeable among pupils. Let the interest of the parents be felt by aiding to secure prompt attendance, providing necessary books, visiting the school, and adding the might of their voices in favor of obedience to rules and courtesy to all. Let them not forget that teachers hold the same position in the govern-
ment of children that they do; that pupil or class must be a willing sharer in the work or the desired result is never reached. If parents indulge in open criticism, or speak disrespectfully of the teacher at home, the child remembers it in the schoolroom and the teacher's influence is at an end. The pupil's welfare, physical, mental and moral, is, for the time, in the teacher's hands—a sacred trust, and if parents, by indifference, refuse their cordial, respectful support what can be expected?

The unattractive, almost repulsive condition of some of our schoolrooms is such as to create a dislike and disregard for school work, promoting rude and careless habits.

All must hail the new and commodious building—the daily home of the school in District No. 5—erected last summer, as a harbinger of broader, more refined and effective work made pleasant for teacher and pupils, a force of itself, an object of pride and inspiration.

Two public examinations have been held during the year with satisfactory results, yet such examinations fail to prove qualifications, without which, the best teaching is impossible. That unfailing patience, that high regard for truth, and that Christian courtesy, which a teacher ought to possess, are elements, and not the least important, exhibited only in the schoolroom. Inspection alone will reveal this and frequent visits from the parents make official visits less needed. In this way many errors may be corrected and teacher and pupil stimulated.

In conclusion, I urge upon all a renewed sense of the responsibility of lifting our schools to a higher order that the children may be better fitted for the activities and duties of life in any station.

HENRY J. MERRILL, SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.
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