



## Records

of the Proprietors of the townships  
granted to the Sufferers of Portland

Being the townships No 2 and 3  
in the second Range of townships above the  
Plymouth Plain - West of Kennebec River

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Date: March 2, 1791

Description: Petition for land by Enoch Ilsey, Nathaniel Deering, Samuel Freeman and Thomas Sanford, creating the Town of Freeman.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
In the House of Representatives March  
2 1791---

On the Petition of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Enoch  
Ilsey Nathaniel Deering. Samuel Freeman  
and Thomas Sanford in behalf of themselves  
and the other Sufferers by the Destruction of  
the Town of Falmouth (now Portland) by  
the British Forces in the year 1775.

Resolved for Reasons set forth in  
said Petition that there be granted to the  
Petitioners and others the Sufferers aforesaid  
Two Townships of Land of six miles square  
each to be laid out under the direction of the  
Committee for the Sales of Eastern Lands in  
the Counties of Cumberland or Lincoln, re-  
serving however in each Township four lots  
of three hundred and twenty Acres each for  
Public uses viz<sup>1</sup>. One for the Ministry. One for  
the first settled minister. One for the Support  
of Schools and one for the future disposition  
of the General Court to average in goodness  
and situation with the other lots on said  
Townships. And the Sufferers are hereby au-  
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Sent up for Concurrence

David Cobb Specher

In Senate March 9, 1791

Read & concurred Sam<sup>l</sup> Phillips Pres<sup>dt</sup>

Approved John Hancock

True Copy Attest John Avery Jnr Sec<sup>ty</sup>

Whereas the General Court of the  
In 1791

To the Honorable Josiah Thatcher  
Esq<sup>r</sup> one of the Justices of the Peace throughout  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

We the Signers five of the Proprietors  
of two Townships of Land granted by a Resolve  
of the General Court of said Commonwealth pass<sup>d</sup>  
March 9, 1791 to your Petitioners & others suf-  
ferers by the Destruction of the Town of Sal-  
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in the Year 1775 and since laid out under the  
direction of the Committee for the Sales of Eastern  
Lands viz Number Two and Number Three  
situated on the West Side of Kennebec River

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