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# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## HAMPDEN SS.

To Stephen G. Newton, Constable of the Town of Palmer,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Palmer, on Monday the twenty-first day of March inst., at nine o'clock A. M., to act on the following Articles :

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.  
Art. 2. To see if the town will take a vote to determine the number of the Town School Committee.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art 4. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor and other officers of the town.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of the town schools.

Art 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay State and County taxes, for the support of schools, for the support of highways and bridges, and all other town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise any money and appropriate the same to liquidate or reduce the debts of the town.

Art. 8. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see what course the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed the year ensuing.

Art. 10. To see if the town will allow each school district to choose their own Prudential Committees.

Art. 11. To revise the list of Jurors.

Art. 12. To see if the town will relinquish Elam Ferry from any further payments towards supporting Molly Ferry.

Art. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the Lawsuits now pending against the town.

Art. 14. To choose an agent or agents and give them instructions.

Art. 15. To see if the town will reimburse School District No. 3 for money taken from said district in 1857 for the support of the High School, and also for money taken from said district for District No. 4.

Art. 16. To see if the town will sell to Wm. E. Hancock a small piece of land from the west end of the Town Farm, and authorize the Treasurer to give a deed of the same.

Art. 17. To see if the town will set off Seva Brown from school District No. 7, and annex him to school district No. 5.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to abolish the school districts therein, and take such action as may be necessary to carry such votes into effect.

Art. 19. To see if the town will give any instructions in regard to insuring their Town House and Town Farm buildings after their present policy expires.

Art. 20. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 21. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by vote of the town, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said Meeting. Given under our hands, this, tenth day of March, A. D., 1859.

HORACE HUNN, }  
GEORGE MOORES, } Selectmen  
S. R. LAWRENCE, } of  
Palmer.

A true copy—attest.

S. G. NEWTON, Constable of Palmer.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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THE Selectmen of the Town submit the following report of Receipts and Expenditures, for the year ending March 12th, 1859:—

Balance in the Treasury, March 12, 1858,	\$18 05
Amount received of Stephen G. Newton, for Taxes, 1857,	1,140 80
“ “ Lyman S. Hills, “ 1858,	9,487 00
“ “ Town of Barre, support of Chipman family,	43 13
“ “ Town of Groton, sup. of Child's family,	100 90 ←
“ “ “ “ coffin for Lucy Stone,	5 00 ←
“ “ “ Greenwich for Everleth family,	18 85
“ “ “ Amherst for Peck family,	6 00
“ “ “ Brimfield, bridge repairs,	19 83
“ “ George M. Stacy, for Liquors sold as Town Agent,	269 73
“ “ Ephraim Fenton, for Note and interest,	66 78
“ “ Circus,	20 00
“ “ Commonwealth, State School Fund,	167 16
“ “ “ State Paupers,	48 48
“ “ Interest on School Fund Note,	49 50
“ “ Boston Five Cts. Savings Bank, borrowed,	4,700 00
	\$16,161 21

### EXPENDITURES.

#### DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Balance due the District Schools, March 1858,	\$1,351 04
Appropriated by the town for 1858,	2,000 00
Division of the interest of the State and Town School Fund,	211 64
This amount voted by the Town to District No. 13,	85 00
	\$3,647 68
Amount of orders paid in current year, including \$427 20 outstanding orders,	2,929 05
Balance due the Districts,	\$718 63

	Amount paid in current year.	Over drawn.	Amt. due 3d Dis.
District No. 1,	\$106 00.		\$39 13
2,	331 64.	\$6 30	
3,	318 50.	8 72	
4,	101 75.		70 26
5,	161 37.		46 42
6,	193 50.	7 81	
7,	145 50.		34 46
8,	137 00.	3 83	
9,	146 00.		16 96
10,	127 65.		9 96
11,	97 35.		43 82
12,	689 26.		280 63
13,	373 53.		176 99
	<u>\$2,929 05</u>	<u>\$26 66</u>	<u>\$718 63</u>

## GRADED SCHOOL.

Amount appropriated by the Town,		\$500 00
Paid order to T. V. Kent, for wood, &c.,	\$10 14	
“ “ H. B. Barrows, Teaching,	185 62	
“ “ George C. Landon, “	104 50	
“ “ Town School Committee, wood,	15 00	
	<u>\$315 26</u>	
Outstanding order due George C. Landon,	97 00	
“ “ James Gamwell, board of teacher,	47 25—	459 51
		<u>\$40 49</u>

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Amount paid as follows:—		
T. V. Kent, labor on Thorndike bridge,	1857,	\$11 93
William Gerald, labor on bridges,	“	4 00
Jacob B. Merrick, for plank for bridges,	“	51 41
Eli Smith, work building culverts,	“	11 00
Royal Buffington, plank for bridges,	“	8 23
Horace Hunn, labor on bridges and highways,	“	16 50
Wm. McElwain, labor on bridge,	“	4 25
“ filling in at Thorndike bridge,	“	80 00
Marble K. Ferrell, work on highway,	“	1 00
George H. Clark, labor on bridge,	“	1 75
George Moores, “ “	“	38 86
“ Cash paid for lumber and labor on bridges,	“	41 14
“ Cash paid for labor on highways,	“	48 50
Flynt & Co., stone for Thorndike bridge,	“	15 00
		<u>\$333 57</u>

Amount carried forward,

NOTE.—The above were outstanding orders, March 12, 1858.

Amount brought forward,		\$383 57
Moses H. Miller, repairing roads, 1858,		6 75
Jonathan Cooley " bridges,		2 00
George H. Clark, labor on bridge,		8 48
Austin R. Smith, plank for bridges,		51 22
Plinny Cooley, putting up railings on road,		28 50
Elias Turner, stone for Thorndike bridge,		25 00
A. F. Nichols, putting up railing,		8 25
Ephraim Fenton, building road,		175 00
Gilbert F. Lincoln, building road west of Three Rivers,		200 00
" " in part for building new road near Hasting's Bridge,		100 00
E. Bond, plank for bridge,		3 07
George Calkins, building culvert on highway,		17 00
Plinny Cooley, " " "		5 00
John Strickland, repairing old Northampton road,		26 31
Beri H. Johnson, " bridges,		14 00
" " " Hasting's & Burley bridge,		8 50
Lahee & Cahill, repairing road,		7 87
Lucius Brown, building two culverts,		9 00
Wm. McElwain, clearing pier from Thorndike bridge,		12 00
C. L. Bugbee, repairing bridge,		6 00
M. C. Fenton, laborer on highway,		5 50
George Calkins, building culvert,		20 00
Justus Hitchcock, labor, District No. 2,		8 60
A. R. Smith, plank for bridges,		22 10
Alanson C. Merrick, repairing Merrick Bridge,		3 00
Abel Webber, putting up railing and building bank wall,		20 00
Jonathan Cooley, repairing bridge,		2 00
Joseph S. King, clearing ice from highway,		2 50
H. Hunn, paid for labor on Hasting's Bridge,		14 56
Horace Smith, putting up railing near A. P. Kendall's,		21 00
Paid order drawn by the Selectmen for labor on highways, by highway surveyors, and others,		1,188 50
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		\$2,355 28

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Amount paid as follows :—		
Lewis Tenney, for coffin for pauper,	1857,	\$4 50
J. S. Loomis, " "	"	8 00
Charles Smith, for goods furnished Gideon Moores,	"	19 16
Wm. Holbrook, for doctoring town paupers,	"	40 00
E. G. Murdock, goods for paupers,	"	15 20
John Twiss, boarding and taking care of John Crowley,		35 00
Nancy Wright, supporting Charity Barker,		39 00
Town of Ware, merchandise for Theodore Shaw's family,		5 00
George Moores, merchandise for Peck family,		7 12
" Cash, for relief of paupers,		6 63
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Amount carried forward,		\$179 61

Amount brought forward,	\$179 61
E. B. Shaw, keeping paupers,	3 50
S. R. Lawrence, services for Town Farm,	3 50
“ Cash for relief of paupers,	8 30
“ making 800 foreign pauper certificates,	32 00
“ support of H. B. Arnold,	6 00
P. P. Kellogg, merchandise for Bacon family,	4 92
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	\$237 83

NOTE.—The preceding were outstanding orders, March 12, 1853.

B. B. Caswell, for blacksmithing for Town Farm,	9 00
John F. Gerald, for support of his wife, a pauper,	60 00
Town of Ware, for support of Freeman Bacon,	45 04
P. P. Kellogg, for merchandise for Town Farm,	157 22
Hawley Keith, in part for salary on “ 1857,	175 00
Town of Belchertown, supporting Robert King,	25 88
Nancy Wright, supporting Charity Baker,	39 00
Thomas F. Shirman, supporting Freeman Bacon's girl,	22 00
L. F. Snow, merchandise for Jackson family,	7 00
Theron McMaster, support of Mary McMaster,	12 00
“ “ “	12 00
Doct. George Nichols, medical attendance on McDowell,	6 00
Mary Mack, support of Charles Tyler's family,	3 50
P. F. Shirman, support of Louisa Bacon,	19 00
Lewis Tenney, coffins for poor,	9 00
Varanus Moores, support of his father, Gideon Moores, during his life time,	50 00
J. S. Loomas, coffin for pauper,	4 50
Wm. Holbrook, medical attendance of Chipman family,	25 00
M. K. Ferrell, rent of house for Chipman family,	16 00
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	\$934 97

#### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Amount paid as follows:—

Lewis Tenney, putting up guide boards, 1857,	\$4 22
George Ellis, damage to wagon on highway, 1857,	5 00
George Fuller, abatement on taxes,	4 50
Jonathan McElwain, opening graves and returning deaths,	25 60
Elias Turner, “ “	11 00
David Knox, “ “	
and going with hearse,	65 00
E. B. Gates, school books for the town,	13 80
Sarah B. McMaster, money left by John McMaster,	15 00
L. S. Hills, posting warrants and notifying town officers,	18 96
E. G. Murdock, school books for the town,	49 84
M. K. Ferrell, expenses going to Springfield on graded school business,	2 00
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Amount carried forward,	\$214 92



Amount brought forward,	\$214 92
Horace Hunn, expenses attending town business abroad,	10 83
George Moores, expenses in H. D. Reed's damage case,	17 66
Henry D. Reed, damage sustained on road,	30 00
S. R. Lawrence, stationery,	3 00
"    services out of town,	11 50
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	\$287 91

NOTE.—The preceding were outstanding orders, March 12, 1858.

Talma Brown, breaking roads,	2 60
Abel Webber, books for District No. 2,	2 85
John Bowles, books for the town,	6 39
James D. Allen, cash paid to settle road indictments,	31 24
Fisk & Goff, printing diplomas, town warrants, and advertising for Assessors,	20 12
"    Printing for town, 1857,	25 50
Lewis Tenney, putting up guide boards,	10 00
Joseph S. Hastings, land damage,	125 00
Phillips, Sampson & Co., school books,	49 73
Avery Keep, damage received on highway,	8 92
James Gamwell, conferring with Joseph S. Hastings in regard to land damage, &c., &c.,	10 90
Lewis Tenney, putting up guide boards,	3 50
Z. P. Putnam, opening graves and returning deaths,	2 20
Elias Turner, " " "	15 40
Jonathan McElwain " " "	17 80
David Knox, " " "	
and going with hearse,	63 00
Chapman & Chamberlin, professional services,	44 00
S. G. Newton, posting warrants, &c.,	15 00
G. M. Stacy, liquors purchased as town agent,	220 89
State Treasurer, town note,	3,800 00
"    Interest on said note,	101 33
"    Balance of State tax, 1857,	749 43
"    Interest on " "	42 46
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, interest on note,	36 81
County Treasurer, county tax for 1858,	1,564 13
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, interest on town's note, to December 1, 1858,	141 00
State Treasurer, State tax for 1858,	799 00
S. G. Newton, killing seven dogs,	3 50
Lyman S. Hills, killing two dogs,	1 00
James Gamwell, as tender for town order, and costs,	61 00
"    "    "    "	18 00
Treasurer, cash paid fees and expenses in borrowing money at Boston,	9 70
"    Cash paid moving town safe,	2 45
"    "    express bill on Laws and Resolves, elec- tion returns, &c.,	5 44
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Amount carried forward,	\$8,298 20

Amount brought forward,	\$8,298 20
Treasurer, postage stamps, stationery, &c.,	3 25
“ Book-case for the town,	6 50
“ Interest on town orders, outstanding 1857, after payment had been demanded,	26 16
Lyman S. Hills, discount made on taxes, 1858,	361 59
“ “ Abatements of taxes,	229 54
George W. Calkins, teaching graded school in 1857,	100 00
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	\$9,025 24

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Amount paid as follows :—	
Gamaliel Collins, school committee, 1857,	\$54 00
A. D. Bullock, “ “ “	61 25
E. B. Gates, “ “ “	43 00
George Moores, selectman, “ “ “	43 00
Horace Hunn, “ “ “	38 00
S. R. Lawrence, “ “ “	48 00
George Moores, overseer of poor, “ “ “	35 00
S. R. Lawrence, “ “ “	35 00—357 25
S. G. Shaw, assessor, 1858,	54 07
E. B. Gates, “ “ “	45 00
J. E. Crane, “ “ “	40 50
J. H. M. Leland, school committee, “ “ “	51 00
A. D. Bullock,, “ “ (part pay)	25 00—215 57
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	\$572 82

NOTE.—Balance due from the town to town officers, for services in 1858, included in outstanding orders, \$354 93.

## TOWN DEBT.

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, Note,	\$4,700 00
Interest on Note,	70 50
Abel Calkin's heirs, (four Notes)	2,000 00
Interest on Notes to April 15th, 1859,	249 00
Balance of other debts against the Town, as estimated March 12, 1859,	1,439 78
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Total liability of the town,	\$8,459 28

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount paid as follows :—	
Schools,	\$3,244 31
Highways and bridges,	2,355 28
Support of poor,	934 97
Contingent expenses,	9,025 24
Town Officers,	572 82
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	\$16,132 62
Total amount of Receipts,	\$16,161 21
Total amount of Expenditures,	16,132 62
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Balance in Treasury, March 12th, 1859,	\$28 59

Amount due from S. G. Newton, collector, 1857,	\$927 35
“ Lyman S. Hills, “ 1858,	337 35
“ Elam Ferry, support of Molly Ferry, two years,	50 00
“ Interest on school fund, note due April 1, 1859,	49 50
“ Town of Monson, plank and labor on bridges,	27 39
“ Town of Barre, support of Chipman family,	7 60
“ The executors on the will of Reuben Ferry, for the support of Molly Ferry, say	50 00
“ Alfred Lamb, support of Molly Ferry to April 1, 1859,	41 92
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	\$1,491 11
Balance in the treasury, March 12, 1859,	28 59
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Total amount due the town,	\$1,519 70
Amount due the several school districts,	\$718 63
Due superintendent of town farm, salary, due April 1,	250 00
Amount of three and six per cent. abatements made by	
S. G. Newton, collector of tax-bills, 1857,	349 15
Amount of other abatements (as estimated),	300 00
Due S. G. Newton, as collector, 1857,	75 00
L. S. Hills, “ 1858,	90 00
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Due for outstanding orders, as follows:—	\$1,782 78
Theron McMaster, support of Mary,	12 00
P. P. Kellogg, merchandise for town farm,	25 16
“ “ Bacon family,	10 50
Dr. W. Holbrook, medical attendance at town farm, for 1858,	37 50
John K. Welman, clearing ice from highway,	2 00
Lewis Tenney, coffins for paupers,	16 25
E. G. Murdock, goods for Gideon Moores and Dalmage families,	16 76
J. B. Thomas, medical service,	1 00
Nancy Wright, support of Charity Barker,	49 00
George C. Landon, teaching graded school,	97 00
James Gamwell, boarding G. C. Landon,	47 25
Town of Belchertown, repairing undivided bridges,	7 75
John Strickland, labor on highway,	14 40
A. R. Smith, plank and timber for Hastings' bridge,	15 22
G. M. Stacy, storing standard weights and measures two years,	10 00
J. E. Crane, assessing and abating taxes,	3 00
Charles Smith, wood for Gideon Moores' family,	5 00
E. G. Murdock, books furnished school districts,	18 13
G. Collins, services going to Ware to meet commissioners and others on the road case from Ware to West Warren,	7 67
Wm. N. Packard, merchandise furnished Jones family,	8 51
“ “ “ Chipman family,	7 60
“ Recording births, marriages and deaths,	32 90
J. B. Merrick, timber &c., for foot bridge,	5 00
S. R. Lawrence, cash paid for relief of sundry paupers,	4 57
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Amount carried forward,	\$2,236 95

Amount brought forward,		\$2,236 95
S. R. Lawrence, time and expenses out of town,		5 00
George Moores, cash paid for relief of sundry paupers,		8 28
“ Time and expenses out of town,		10 00
“ Cash paid S. G. Newton for team, work for bridges, &c.,		11 00
D. B. Bishop, wood for town house,		6 00
Horace Hunn, cash paid for relief of poor,		7 20
“ Time and expenses out of town,		12 00
Russell Jenks, boarding and nursing pauper,		2 00
Henry Canterbury, repairing bridge near Bugbee's,		1 50
Selectmen, stationery, &c.,		3 00
Hall & Shaw, goods for town farm,		1 55
Thorndike Co., highway labor, District No. 3,		161 40
A. N. Dewey, “ “ 4,		29 65
Horace Hunn, “ “ 2,		37 62
Justis Hitchcock, “ “ 2,		21 40
Horace Hunn, services as Selectman,		48 75
“ “ Overseer of Poor,		20 68
George Moores, “ Selectman,		52 50
“ “ Overseer of Poor,		25 00
S. R. Lawrence, “ Selectman,		48 00
“ “ Overseer of Poor,		25 00
Wm. N. Packard, “ Treasurer,		50 00
G. Collins, “ Town School Committee,		60 00
A. D. Bullock, “ Balance due as Town School Com- mittee say,		25 00
Amount due for highway certificates not yet presented to the Selectmen for orders, (estimated)		50 00
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Liability of the Town,		\$2,959 48
Balance against the town,	\$1,439 78	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HORACE HUNN,	} Selectmen of Palmer.
GEORGE MOORES,	
SOLOMON R. LAWRENCE.	

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

For the support of Paupers for the year ending March 1st, 1859.

### EXPENSES.

To inventory of Stock, hay, grain, provisions, &c., as estimated March 1, 1858,	\$1,379 90
Interest on cost of alms-house establishment,	150 00
Amount of orders drawn and paid on account of paupers for the current year,	392 22
Amount of sundry bills paid by Superintendent,	113 64
Superintendent's salary due April 1, 1859,	250 00
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	\$2,285 76

### RECEIPTS.

By inventory of Stock, hay, grain, provisions, &c., as estimated March 1st, 1859,	\$1,366 28	
Amount of produce sold from Town Farm,	251 47	
Amount due from Oliver Ferry's heirs,	25 00	
Received from Town of Amherst, on account of Peck family,	6 00	
Received from the State, on account of State Paupers,	48 44—	1,697 19
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Balance against Poor House establishment,		\$588 57
All of which is respectfully submitted.		

HORACE HUNN,	} Overseers of Poor.
GEORGE MOORES,	
SOLOMON R. LAWRENCE.	

## REPORT OF TOWN LIQUOR AGENCY.

### EXPENSES.

	Dr.
To inventory of Liquors, barrels, &c, on hand, March 1, 1858.	\$335 85
Salary of Liquor Agents,	46 83
Freight bills paid on Liquors,	6 93
One Guage Rod,	2 00
Liquors purchased by Town Agents,	381 30
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	\$772 90

## RECEIPTS.

By inventory of Liquors, barrels, &c., on hand, March 1st, 1859,	Cr. \$327 83
Cash received for sale of liquors, casks, &c.,	460 61
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Balance in favor of Agency, \$15 53.	\$788 44
Respectfully submitted,	

HORACE HUNN,	}	Selectmen of Palmer.
GEORGE MOORES,		
SOLOMON R. LAWRENCE.		

## DOG FUND.

Received from Lyman S. Hills, Collector,	\$52 00
Paid orders drawn by the Selectmen for damage to sheep, by dogs,	30 00
Balance in Treasury to be divided and paid <i>pro. rata</i> , to the persons of whom it was collected,	\$22 00
Respectfully submitted,	
WM. N. PACKARD, Treasurer.	

## VALUATION OF TOWN, &amp;C.

Valuation of Town of Palmer, 1858,	\$1,095,401 00
Amount raised to defray Contingent Expenses, 1858,	3,000 00
“ Common Schools, “	1,800 00
“ Appropriated by School Committee,	200 00
“ Graded School,	500 00
“ Repairing highways and bridges,	1,500 00
“ State Tax,	799 00
“ County Tax,	1,564 13
Number of Polls in 1858 was 836.	
Poll Tax,	1 50
Tax in 1858, sixty-five cents on one hundred dollars.	
Amount of Tax bills in hands of L. S. Hills, Collector,	9,824 35

S. G. SHAW,	}	Assessors.
E. B. GATES,		
J. E. CRANE,		



