

Sudbury
1670

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town
the 20th November, 1670

This Towne taking into serious Consideration of Intolerable
Sprell & waste there is of wood & Timber upon the com-
mon Landes by Lopping of Trees & by falling others
taking only the Tops as also much Timber being
fallen for fire wood & much of it by persons yt have
now right to say at all the Towne hath therfore
ordained & engendered Ensigne for Gent & best for better
to see that there be no more Lopping of any oaks
upon penalty of paying two shillings for every
dozt to the above said Surveyors nor falling
any oak Timber for fire wood & wth trees shall
be fallen of any sort shall be Chaired both body
& top by the person or persons so falling them
within four months upon yt penalty afore said
if those yt are not proprietors & have now Towne
right shall neither fall or lop or carry of the
common Landes of this Towne any wood butt such
as is already fallen untill the commons be fully
chaired of all such wood as by open sprell
ordained & engendered & agreed upon 2^d day of June above written
wth Ephraim Curtine as folloth viz^t yt the sd Ephraim Curtine
doth Covenant promise & Grant to & wth 2^d Inhabitants
of this Towne yt he will well & sufficiently bond &
shingle the publique meeting house the bonds to be
Champed on firth & the shingle to be good & Maryfalle
& well laid on yt sd Ephraim to put on 4 y^e of new flem
Bonds & 4 Jamings well fith wth work to be
completely don & finished by the twenty fourth day of
June next & in Consideration of the said work soe to
be don yt Towne doth Covenant promise & Engadge to pay
the said Ephraim Curtine twenty eight poundes in maner
& forme folloth viz^t eighteene poundes att or before the
20th day of March next & y^e other ten poundes to be pd
att or before the twenty fift day of March next shall be
in yt year of our Lord 1672 wth said paym^{ts} wth to
be made in any Curant pay as it shall be prised by
two Indiforant men on Chosen by yt sd Ephraim y^e oth^r
by the Towne to be pd att yt new dwelling house of
Honey Curtine or att wth other place yt sd Ephraim shall
agrement in yt Towne wth come any person shall pay in to
be pd wheat at 5^s 4^d & Indian 3^d for this first paym^{nt}
& y^e last paym^{nt} as yt Country shall prise wth
yt said Ephraim to have a Rate of every mans proportion
& yt wth a signe to gather in yt pay of yt sundred Inhabitants
in case any person neglect or Refuse to pay when due
yt sd Ephraim shall have wth y^e for every time yt shall goe
after in pay wth quiering 4 days warning for yt providing of it