Sudbury 1679/80

Hurlebarnard Ensigne Jno. Grout & Mr. Joseph Noyes were sworne & nominated Burgesses for this Towne on ye. 8th of March 1679/80 respectively to attend ye. adjournment of ye Generall Court to be held at Cambridge ye last wednesday of ye. March, as ye aboves.d order requires: Dated in Sudbury ye 30th of March 1680

Jabish Brown Constable of Sudbury

It was ye. aforesaid & voted yt. at ye request of ye Committee a warrant be signed by ye Clerke of ye Towne requiring ye Constables to levy of severall persons their arrears due by their own accounts with Mr. Tho. Brown late pastor of Sudbury (if need be by distress) & cause ye same to be paid in to Peter King by ye 24 of this present month of March: ye Committee of ye Towne complaining that sure dollars in money the payments not withstanding so earnestly called upon to pay ye same in by ye forem.d last day & doe detract their prosecution & closing of yt affair with ye Pastors Executors in ye Townes behalfe.

It is ord.d yt all swine are to be yoaked & ring sufficiently by ye 15th of Aprill & so maintained till ye 15th of ye following; & Joseph Grout junr. & Joseph Parmenter were sworn to yoake ye swine & execution of this order for ye year, & so ever of every owner of any swine & a hind for want of a ring, & a hind for want of a sufficient yoake, but not for ye same swine twice in one day, nor if found so wanting if upon ye owners own land only, nor if under a month old; if ye owner of any swine with yoake or ring as afores.d ye aforenamed persons or their of ye sure & sworn power to pound all & every sure swine till ye fines & all damages be paid, & every townsman hath power to doe & privilege to demand & receive ye same fines & damages.

It is ord.d yt all fences of generall & particular fields in this Towne & bounds thereof shall be well & sufficiently made up by ye 15th of Aprill next at farthest with sufficient hall posts & with four strong rails in every panell ye first to be at least three foot & a half high: or otherwise a good strong edge sufficiently staked ye edge strongly staked & well & three foot & a half high at least, & so to be kept up well & sufficiently maintained till ye end of Indian harvest, on penalty of forfeiting & paying to ye sure & sworn of ye same 12d. a rod for every default & neglect of this order by ye owner of ye land & such found on defective fences & also all damages yt any may sustain, sure & sworn of ye defective fence shall pay ye same, ye sure & sworn of yt fence upon mr. Pelegans farm is deputed this order, or or other fence yt may be equivalent.

Ye particular surveyors of fences are as follows:

Mr. Joseph Noyes } are appointed to be surveyors of ye field fences were ye dwell from ye land by
Joseph Parmenter } Gregory Maynards & ye land by mr. Peter Noyes; & Joseph Parmenter alone

Joseph Gleason } are appointed surveyors of all ye field fences were ye dwell, & of all ye field fences
& Jonath. Rice } on ye Eastern side of ye great River of Sudbury, being on ye south side of Pond Brook

Jacob Moore } are appointed surveyors of ye field fences of Benjn. Rutter, Joseph Curtis & Geo. Maynard
Jno. Bridwell } were & of Benja. Chamberlain & Jona. Eddaway, & Joseph Graves's field fences & also of their own field fences

Clifton Staines } are appointed surveyors of ye field fences on ye west side of ye great River of Sudbury
Tho. Read senr. } & Langam, & Nobsrol, & ye new mill & mr. Pelegans farm excepted
Edward Wright

Ensigne Grout } are appointed surveyors of all field fences were ye dwell and of all field fences
Jona. Stanford } between ye old mill brook & Pond brook, & ye Rivers field fences, & Joseph Allens
Jno. Grout junr. } & Saunders Rosses field fences &c.

Mr. Peter Noyes } are appointed surveyors of ye said Noyes's & Brown's field fences
mr. Eze. Brown
Joseph Allen

Peter King } are appointed surveyors of all ye field fences from Gregory Maynards land to Joseph
Joseph Moore } Blanchards, & Peter Kings fences ye all road to common swamp, & on ye hill from ye
Gregory Maynard } little Pond to ye old mill Brook, & ye field fences were ye widow Rhoades dwell

Ensign Jno. Grout, mr. Joseph Noyes, & Benjn. Joseph Rutter are hereby appointed to be general surveyors of all ye field fences within this Towne & ye bounds thereof; were are empowered to hear & determine all matters & differences arising about ye sufficiency, or insufficiency of all fences.

110 It is ord.d yt all every householder within this Towne & limits thereof have & provide a good strong & sufficient Ladder at his dwelling house of a sufficient height to reach up to ye top of his dwelling house at least for prevention & extinguishing of fire that may happen on penalty of paying twelve shillings for neglect & want thereof by ye owner or inhabitant thereof: & Joseph Grout junr. is appointed hereby to ye execution of this order to all dwelling houses on ye Eastward of ye great River of ye Towne: & Edward Wright is appointed to ye dwelling houses on ye West side of ye said River within this Towne

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