

- 18 Novem 1695. At a publick Generall townes meeting. Legally warned the min-
 of said town most whoe Mr James Shormans proposals were
 and heard and considered: and upon serious ~~deliberation~~ and solemn
 Distanting upon the promises the town came to this Result to wit
 then voted: and determined that the town cannot nor will not by any
 money come up to Mr James Shormans: proposals neither as to a bill
 to discharge him of ^{his} part of the Coronat. nor of the rate and charge
 that God and this people have & gauged him in but if hee will advo-
 to dismiss him self hee must look unto it
 and for our parts if Mr James Shorman doe not forthwith return to
 wee think in reasonableness that God talke us to provide a suitable man to
 preach the word of the Lord unto us: and we purpose to attend it as our duty
 not one dissentor
 2ly In order thereto. the town did then by voat Choose and appoint a
 Committee to wit Edw. In Hayns Captn Thom Brown Mr Joseph Noyes
 or any two of them who are to take Effectuall care that a suitable man be
 provided to preach the word of the Lord unto this people this winter season
 Except Mr James Shorman our reverend pastor shall in person return
 home to us forth with
 3ly voted that Captn Thom Brown shall ^{be} appointed to entertain the
 Gentleman or gentlemen men that shall come to preach the word of y^e Lord
 unto us this winter season and shall bee paid for y^e same by y^e town

December y^e 23. 1695. At a publick meeting both of y^e Church and town being law-
 fully warned for the hearing of y^e reverend: Edward Lotters Ser to sd town after
 reading hearing and Consideration the town and Church did voat order
 and determine that Captn Thom Brown Mr Joseph Noyes Capt Hayns
 Mr Henry Rere Capt Edward Wright Saml Sten Sr & Jr Goodenow
 or any five of them to bee a committee to make ^{an} ~~an~~ return of thank to
 Reverend Edward: For the care of us and Good Advice Given to us
 said meeting the town did voat and order the sd men: to make a
 money Rate on the Inhabitants of and belonging to this town an-
 to one quartar part of Mr Shormans yearly Salary as near as
 bee for a present and Constant Supply of a minister to preach y^e word
 of y^e Lord unto us: and other Contingent charged as may normally arise

The town of Newbury in the County of Middlesex do hereby certify that the within
 is a true and correct copy of the original as the same is now in the possession of the
 Town Clerk of Newbury this 15th day of June 1695.