

TOWN OF ROXBURY, VERMONT CHARTER

THE GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE FREEMEN OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

To all People to whom these Presents shall come GREETING:

KNOW YE, That whereas the HONORABLE BENJAMIN EMMONS ESQUIRE & HIS ASSOCIATES our worthy Friends have by Petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within the State, in order for Settling a new plantation to Erected into a Township, WE have therefore thought fit for the due encouragement of their laudable designs, and for other valuable

Considerations us hereunto moving, and do by these Presents in the name and by authority of the Freemen of the State of Vermont, give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter described and bounded, unto him the said Benjamin Emmons, and to the Several Persons hereafter named and his associates, vizt John Throop, Bryant Brown, Mastin Cabbot, Capt. Edward Aikins, Hezekiah Thompson, Asa Whitcomb, Samuel King, John Cook, Solomon Withull, Steel Smith, Rueben Smith, Joseph Kimball, Isaac Morgan, Roswell Smith, Asa Taylor, Eliakim Spooner, Joseph Tidd, Eldad Brownson, William Lyon, Ebenr Curtis, Edward Smith, Whitman Jacobs, Edmund Hodges, Joel Butler, John Ransom, Jedediah Strong, William Birch, Zelotes Gates, Paul Brigham, Thomas Brigham, John Marcey, Henry White, Henry Aynsworth, Abel Davis, Thomas Chittenden, Seth Hodges, William Powers, Jonathan Hall, Paul Spooner, Joshua Dodge, Thomas Lawton, Bethuel Cross, Jonathan Burnet, Daniel Gilbert, Jonas Boardman, Solomon Strong, William Gallup, Elisha Gallup, Samuel Dutton, Simon Davis, Daniel Rix, Ebenzer Parkhurst, Shubal Cross, Elias Stevens, Benjamin Wait, Josiah Dunham, Elisha Hawley, John Ranger, Robert Hunter, John Ranger Jur, William Chaplain, Phinehas Parkhurst, Jonathan Chase, and Lathrop Thomson, Which Together with the five rights or equal Shares reserved to the Several uses in manner following, includes the whole of said Tract of Township vizt one Right for the use of a Simonary or College; one Right for the use of County Grammer Schools, in said State; Lands to the amount of one right to be & remain for the purpose of settlement of a minister and Ministers of the Gospel in said Township forever; Lands to the amount of one Right for the Support of the Social Worship of GOD in said Township; and Lands to the amount of one Right for the Support of an English School or Schools in said Township, which said Two Rights for the use of a Seminary or College & for the use of County Grammer Schools as aforesaid, and the Improvements, rents, Intrests & Profits arising therefrom shall be under the Controul, order dircetion & disposal of the General Assembly of said State forever; And the proprietors of said Township are hereby authorised and empowered to locate said Two Rights justly and equitably, or quantity for quality in such parts of said Township as they or their Committee shall judge will least incommode the General Settlement of said Tract or Township; And the said Proprietors are further empowered, to locate the lands aforesaid amounting to three Rights assigned for the Settlement of a Minister & Ministers for their Support, & for the use & Support of English Schools in such and in so many places as they or their Committee shall judge will Least incommode the Inhabitents of said Township when the same shall be fully settled and improvements Laying the same equitably, or quantity for quality, which said Lands amounting to the three Rights last mentioned when located as aforesaid, shall Together with their improvements Rights, Rents, Profits, Dues, & Intrest remain unalianably appropriated to the uses and purposes for which they are respectively assigned, & be under the charge direction & disposal of the Inhabitents of said Township forever; which Tract of Land hereby given and Granted as aforesaid is bounded & discribed as follows Vizt BEGINNING, at the Northwesterly of Brookfield, then South thirty three D(egrees) West about Six iles in the line of Brookfield to an Angle thereof, then carrying the breadth back North 61 D(egrees) west so far as that a Line being

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extended North 33 D(egrees) East across Sd Breadth, will encompass the contents of Six miles Square, And that the same be & hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of ROXBURY. And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter Inhabit said Township are declared to be enfranchised and Intitled to all Privileges & Immunities that the Inhabitants of other Towns within the State do and ought by the Law and Constitution of this State to exercise & Enjoy

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Granted Premises as above expressed with all the Privileges & appurtenances thereto belonging & appertaining unto them and their Respective heirs and assigns forever, upon the following Conditions & Reservations vizt That Each Proprietor in the Township of ROXBURY aforesaid his heirs or assigns shall plant and Cultivate five acres of Land and build an House at least Eighteen feet square on the floor, or have one Family Settled on each Respective Right of Share of Land in said Township & the same to revert to the freemen of this State, to be by their representatives regranted to such persons as Shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same; That all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy be reserved for the use and Benefit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed In Council this 6th day of August AD. 1781, & in the 5th year of the Independance of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency

Command.

Thomas Tolman D. Secy.