

SUNDERLAND

*Province of New-Hampshire.

Sunderland

GEORGE THE THIRD

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By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and
Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,

Greetings.

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer (sic) Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New-Hampshire in New-England, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of New-Hampshire, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entered (sic) on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying an being within our said Province of New-Hampshire, containing by Admeasurement[sic], Twenty Three Thousand And Forty Acres, which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, Viz. Beginning at the South East Corner of Arlington from thence Due North Six Miles by Arlington Thence due East Six Miles to bound first Mentioned And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Sunderland And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Privileges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy; And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding Two Fairs, one of which shall be held on the _____ annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said _____ and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, Also, the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Wednesday in October Next which is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever on the Second Tuesday of March annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

- I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township and continue to Improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant of Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them RE-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same. The Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectively settle and cultivate the same.
- II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fir for Masting [sic] Our Royal Name, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.
- III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre (sic) of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefore to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of December. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above said twenty-fifth Day of December, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of December, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 One shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons above said, their Heirs or Assigns,

in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth, or to such to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq.; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Twenty Ninth Day of July In the Year of our Lord Christ, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B. Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's [sic] Command,

With the Advice of COUNCIL

Theodore Atkinson Secy

Province of New Hampr July 29th 1761

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The Names of the Grantees of Sunderland-

A Tract of Land for his Excellency Benning Wentworth to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked in the Plan B : W : which is to be accounted two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for Propagating the Gospel in foreign Parts One Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the Benefit of the School in Said Town-

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