

The County of Barnstable



Declaration of Independence 1774-2018

Whereas there have been of late several acts of the British Parliament passed tending to introduce an unjust and partial administration of justice; to change our free constitution into a state of slavery and oppression, and to introduce Popery in some parts of British America, &c.:

Therefore, we the subscribers do engage and declare that we will not accept of any commission in consequence of, or in any conformity to, said acts of Parliament, nor upon any unconstitutional regulations;

And that if either of us is required to do any business in our offices in conformity to said acts or any way contrary to the charter of this province,

We will refuse it although we may thereby lose our commissions.

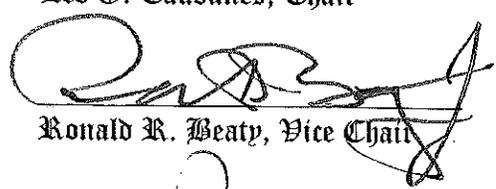
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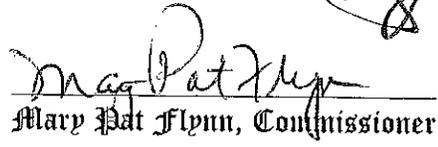
James Otis, Thomas Smith, Joseph Otis, Nymphas Marston, Shearjashub Bourne, David Thacher, Daniel Davis, Melatiah Bourne, Edward Bacon, Isaac Hinckley, Solo. Otis, Kenelm Winslow, Richard Bourne

Reaffirmed and Ratified on This Day Sept. 27, 2018

Board of Regional Commissioners


Leo G. Calounes, Chair


Ronald R. Beaty, Vice Chair


Mary Pat Flynn, Commissioner