

FIFTH PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.

Journal of the Conventions in Congress which assembled at Exeter, December 21st, 1775,—being the Fifth Provincial Congress.

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In Congress at Exeter, Dec' 21st 1775.

At a General Convention of the Delegates from the several Towns, Parishes, and Places in this Colony, on the Twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1775, Pursuant to Precepts Issued by the late Congress :

The Returned Members met, and after making out a List of their Names and the Places they represent, Proceeded to make choice of a President, and the Votes being bro't in, It appeared that the Hon^{ble} Matthew Thornton Esq^r was chosen President of this Congress by a great majority, who took the chair accordingly.

Voted, That Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r be Secretary of this Congress.

Voted, That Noah Emery Esq^r be Assistant Secretary to this Congress.

Then adjourned to half after eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

A Roll of the Members Returned to sett in Provincial Congress Begun and Held at Exeter in & for the Colony of New Hampshire on the Twenty-first day of December, Anno Domini 1775.

Towns & Places.	Names.
PORTSMOUTH,	Sam ^l Cutts Esq.
	Sam. Sherburne
	Peirce Long
Hampton,	Capt. Josiah Moulton
Northampton,	Dr. Levi Dearborn
Exeter,	John Giddinge Esq ^r
	Noah Emery
Londonderry,	Hon. Matthew Thornton, Esq.
	John Bell,
New Castle	Henry Prescott, Esq.
Rye,	Nathan Goss,
Kingston & } East Kingston }	Sam ^l Philbrick
Sandown & } Hawke }	
Greenland,	Clement March, Esq.
Newington,	Richard Downing, Esq.

Stratham	Benj ^a Barker,
Newmarket,	Thomas Tash, Esq.
Southampton & } Newton	Phillips White, Esq.
Kensington,	Capt. Ezek. Worthen
Plastow & } Atkinson	Sam ^l Kimball
Hampstead,	John Calfe
Salem,	Caleb Dustin
Pelham,	James Gibson
Chester,	Stephen Moss
	Capt. Robert Wilson

Candia,	John Dudley, Esq.
Raymond & } Poplin	Sam ^l Dudley Esq.
Brentwood,	Hon. Meshech Weare, Esq.
Hampton Falls & } Seabrook	-----
Nottingham,	Jere. Eastman
Deerfield & } Northwod	Thomas Clough
Canterbury & } London	John McClary, Esq.
Chichester,	David Gilman, Esq.
Epsom & } Allenstown	James Betton, Esq.
Pembroke,	Capt. Caleb Page
Wyndham,	Timothy Walker, Jun ^r
Bow & } Dunbarton	Nehemiah Wheeler
Concord	
Epping	
DOVER,	Stephen Evens, Esq.
	Otis Baker, Esq.

Madbury,	Eben ^r Thomson, Esq.
Durham,	Hercules Mooney
Lee,	Ichabod Rawlins, Esq.
Summersworth,	Sam ^l Hayes
Barrington,	Joseph Badger, Esq.
Gilmantown & } Barnstead	Eben ^r Smith, Esq.
Sanbornton & } Meredith	Dea. James Knowles,
Rochester,	Nathaniel Balch
Leavitstown } Wakefield & } Middleton	-----
New Durham } the Gore & } Wolfborough	Daniel Bede Esq.
Moultonboro' } Sandwich & } Tamworth	
AMHERST,	Moses Nichols, Esq.
	Nahum Baldwin
Litchfield & } Nottingham W. }	Wyseman Claggett Esq.
Dunstable	Jonathan Lovewell, Esq.
Holles	Stephen Ames

Merrimack & Bedford } Derryfield & Goffstown } Weare Hopkinton Henniker Deering Hillsboro' & Society Land } Francestown & New Boston } New Ipswich Boscawen & Salisbury } Temple & Peterborough } Wilton Lyndeboro' Mile Strip & Duxbury Farm } Mason & Raby New Britton Warner Perrystown & Fisherfield }	Jon ^a Blanchard, Esq ^r Moses Kelley, Esq. John Worth Stephen Harriman Capt. Joseph Symonds _____ William Shattuck Col. Henry Gerrish Sam ^l Moore Jacob Abbott Dea. Amos Dakin _____ _____ Elphalet Stone Robert Pollock Nat. S. Prentice Archibald Robinson _____ _____ Maj. Tim ^o Ellis Maj ^r John Bellows Elijah Grout Moses Chase Esq Capt. Joseph Wait Benj ^a Giles Esq _____ Sam ^l Emerson
RINDGE, Jaffrey & Peterboro' Slip } Dublin & Monadnoc No 5 } Packersfield, Limerick Cambden & Gilsum } Marlow, Surry & Alstead } Hinsdale & Chesterfield } Winchester Richmond Swanzey & Fitzwilliam } Keen Westmoreland Walpole Charleston Cornish Plainfield Protectworth & Grantham } Claremont Unity, Acworth Lemster, Savill, Croydon & Newport }	
PLYMOUTH New Chester Cockermouth & Alexandria }	

Romney, Holderness Campton & Thornton	} Daniel Brainerd, Esq
Lebanon, Hanover, Relban, Canaan Cardigan & Grafton	} _____
Lyme, Orford, Warren, Dorchester, Wentworth & Piermont	} Israel Morey, Esq
Haverhill, Bath, Lyman, Gunthwait, Landaff & Morristown	} John Hurd, Esq
Apthorp Lancaster Northumberland Stratford Cockburn Colburn Conway Shelburne & the Towns above	} Abijah Learned.

Friday Dec^r 22^d, 1775.

Met according to adjournment, and

The Petition of the Committee of Safety of the Towns of New Ipswich, Rindge, Fitzwilliam & Jaffrey (Praying to have Enoch Hale Esq^r & William Smiley admitted to sit in this Congress) And also the return made on the Precept which issued to the Towns of Rindge, Jaffrey & Peterborough Slip, being read & Considered,

Voted that Neither of the said Gentlemen shall have a seat in this Congress, They being chosen contrary to the Direction in the Precept from the late Congress.

Voted, To choose a Committee of three Persons to Draw up a Solemn Obligation or Engagement to be entered into by the members of this Congress, and Lay the same before the Congress for their approbation — And that Benjamin Giles Esq^r Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r & Wyseman Claggett Esq^r be the Committee for that purpose.

Whereas Sundry Persons have appeared in this Congress bringing Certificates of their choice to represent Towns & places in this Congress, some of which are certified by the Selectmen, some by the Town Clerk and some by the Moderator of the meeting in their respective Towns & places, and no return being made of the Precepts which issued from the late Congress Directing such choice: