Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year of our LORD, One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-four.

An ACT for ascertaining the quality of Stone Lime, and the size of Lime Casks, and for repealing all laws heretofore made relative thereto.

WHEREAS considerable quantities of Stone Lime, are, and may be manufactured within this Commonwealth, which, if subjected to proper regulations may become an article of export:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from, and after the first day of July next, no Stone Lime manufactured within this Commonwealth, shall be sold or exposed to sale, or shipped on board any vessels, in casks, but such only as shall be well burnt and pure, and contained in hogsheads of one hundred gallons each, or half hogsheads of fifty gallons each, made of well seasoned oak, or ash staves with ten hoops on each cask well driven, and secured with nails or pins. And every manufacturer or owner of Lime, at the time it is manufactured, and put into the casks, shall, with a burning iron, impress, or mark on one of the heads of each cask of Lime, his own name, and the name of the town or place where said Lime is manufactured, both at length, and the contents in figures.

And be it further enacted, That if the manufacturer or owner of any Stone Lime as aforesaid, or any other person employed by him, shall presume to sell or expose to sale, or ship or receive on board any vessel in casks, any Lime, other than such as shall be contained in a cask or casks, made as aforesaid, and having the aforesaid marks or brands, the offender or offenders shall incur the penalty of *ten shillings* for each cask so sold, or offered for sale, or shipped or received on board any vessel, to be sued for and recovered before any Justice of the Peace, or Court of Common Pleas, as the case may require, by action of debt, and all such Lime, and cask or casks shall be forfeited, and may be recovered by libel as the law directs. And it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace upon information given of any such cask or casks of Lime, sold or exposed to sale, or put or received on board any vessel as aforesaid, not made and duly marked or branded as aforesaid, to issue his warrant directed to the Sheriff, his Deputy, or Constable, requiring them respectively to make seizure of any such Lime sold or exposed to sale, or shipped or received on board any vessel, and not made and marked as aforesaid, and to secure the same, in order for trial, and such officers are respectively directed and impowered to execute the same.

And be it further enacted, That if after any cask or casks containing Lime shall have been stamped with the manufacturer's or owners marks as aforesaid, any cooper or other person shall presume to shift the contents of said cask or casks, and put therein any other Lime, with a design to sell or ship the same on board any vessel, such cooper or other person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of *ten shillings* for every cask of Lime so shifted, to be recovered in manner as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That if any manufacturer or manufacturers, owner or owners of Lime, as aforesaid, or other person, shall be guilty of any fraud in marking with their respective brands, any cask or casks of Lime, that shall not be merchantable according to the true intent, and meaning of this act, he or they shall forfeit, and pay the sum of *twenty shillings* for every such offence, or for every cask so falsely marked, to be recovered as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That if any manufacturer or owner of Lime, or any other person employed by him, shall presume to brand any cask or any casks of Lime with the name of any other person or persons, than of the real manufacturer or manufacturers; or the right owner or owners thereof, he, or they shall incur the penalty of *twenty shillings* for every cask so marked or branded, to be recovered as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That all penalties and forfeitures arising by virtue of this act, shall be, one moiety thereof to the use of the county, in which the offence shall be committed, and the other moiety to him or them who shall inform and sue for the same.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all laws heretofore made for regulating the sale of Lime, be, and they hereby are repealed.

Provided nevertheless, That nothing in the foregoing Act shall be construed to restrain any manufacturers of Lime or other persons from retailing Lime by the bushel or other quantities not in casks.

In the House of Representatives, February 26, 1793.

This Bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted,
EDWARD H. ROBBINS, *Speaker.*

In Senate, February 26, 1794.

This Bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted,
SAMUEL PHILLIPS, *President.*

By the Lieut. Gov. approved Feb. 26, 1794.
SAMUEL ADAMS.

True Copy—Attest,
JOHN AVERY, jun. *Secretary.*

FROM A LONDON PAPER,
of the 8th of February.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.

Monday night the Royal Family went to the little Hay Market Theatre for the first time this season. A most afflicting scene occurred at the opening of the doors. The expectation of their majesties' presence drew the usual crowd, and on opening the doors, the torrent broke in with impetuosity. At the entry of the theatre there is an ill contrived descending stair to the pitt; on which some of the foremost of the multitude lost their feet and fell; the crowded pressed over them with that thoughtless fury which in such a moment no compassion can touch, no eloquence soften. Our reader will hear it with horror! in this way, *fourteen human beings were trodden to death:* exclusive of those, who being recovered from the effects of suffocation, are scarcely expected to survive the bruises which they sustained under the pressure of the eager, unthinking crowd, whose sympathy was extinguished in their curiosity. The confusion lasted for half an hour, and for all that time no possible aid could be given to the victims. As soon as possible the bodies were carried to the adjoining houses; seven of them to Mr. Winches, the druggist, two or three of them to Messrs. Longman and Broderip's and the rest to other houses in the neighbourhood, where all the means recommended by the Humane Society were tried to restore animation in vain. But one person out of all the victims were recovered. Several of them were immediately recognized as having lived in the neighbourhood, and nine were taken to St. Martin's work-house, where four of them were owned; five still remain there whose names are unknown.

The accident did not interrupt the performance; the house was quite crowded with the *Beau Meade*, and the pieces went off with great laughter and applause. It was said the shocking event was not made known to their Majesties till next morning.

New Line of Stages.

THE Subscribers beg leave to inform the Public, That they are now running a LINE OF STAGES, between BOSTON and ALBANY, THREE TIMES A WEEK.

The Stages leave Boston and Albany, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of every week, at 5 o'clock in the morning. The Stages from Boston, on its way to Northampton, tarries the first night at Spencer, and the second at Northampton. The Stage from Albany, on its way to Northampton (passes by New-Lebanon Springs) tarries the first night at Pittsfield, and the second at Northampton; where they exchange passengers—and the next morning, at 5 o'clock, leave Northampton for Boston and Albany,—tarry the first night at Spencer and Pittsfield, and the second in Boston and Albany.

The price of each passenger is 3d. per mile, 14lb. baggage gratis—5 lb. of baggage charged the same as a passenger.

The Proprietors of this Line of Stages from the new arrangements which they have made to accommodate all who wish to travel between Boston and Albany, and from their obliging careful attention, hope to merit the public's encouragement.

PEASE, HUNT, and Co.

Northampton, May 15, 1794.

RAN away from the Subscriber, on the evening of the 14th ult. an apprentice boy, named LAUREN CURTIS, about 19 years of age, of middling stature, dark complexion, black eyes, and brown hair—had on, and took with him, a grey coat, vest and overalls, one pair light brown do. one lead coloured broadcloth coat, and striped pattern vest, several pair of stockings and shoes, and a small wool hat.—Whoever will return said boy, to the subscriber shall receive *nine shillings* reward, but no charges paid. All persons are forbid harbouring or trusting said boy on peril of the law.

ELISHA BREWSTER.

Worthington, June 2, 1794.

Just published, and now selling at this OFFICE,

Prophetic Conjectures
ON THE
French Revolution;
And other Recent and Shortly Expected Events:
Extracted from

ARCHBP. BROWN,	1551.
REV. J. KNOX,	1572.
DR. T. GOODWIN,	1639.
REV. CHR. LOVE,	1651.
ARCHBP. USHER.	1655.
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REV. R. FLEMING,	1701.
REV. J. WILLISON,	1742.
DR. GILL,	1748.

And a Remarkable Anonymous Pamphlet, 1747, with an introduction, Remarks and two Appendixes.

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants the prophets.

[These Conjectures are not the production of Fanaticks, but a rational illustration of several parts of the Sacred Volume, which points out those Revolutions which should take place in the world. The present accomplishment of such predictions is a recent evidence of the divine authority of Scripture Prophecy; and these illustrations, tho' published above 200 years before the event, and corresponding with the facts themselves are new motives to search the Scriptures.]

☞ Subscribers are requested to call and receive their Books.

THIS is to give notice to all Non-resident proprietors of unimproved lands, lying in the town of Montgomery, that they are taxed in the State, County, and Town tax, in the year 1793, the following sums, viz:

	l.	s.	d.	q.
Ichabod Strong,	0	10	1	0
Jesse Sheldon,	0	3	0	2
Samuel Burt,	1	8	11	3
Roswell Clark,	0	7	7	1
Solomon Strong,	0	3	1	1
Dr. Sprague,	0	7	7	1
Richard Andrews,	0	3	0	2
Jonathan Fowler's heirs,	0	12	0	2
Israel Sheldon's heirs.	0	5	0	0

In the Division of ten acre Lots.

Lot Numbers 1, 6, 9, 11, 17, 19, 20, 28, 35, 37, 45, 46, 53, 56, 63, 67, 70, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 84, 87, 89, 90, 91, 93, 95, 97, 103, 108, 109, 115, 115, 116, 117, 118, 125, 126, 127, at one shilling six pence farthing on each lot, except No. 6, which is taxed ten pence, and No. 63, which is taxed two shillings & one penny.

Unless said taxes are paid on or before the 2d day of July next, so much of said lands will be then sold at public vendue at the dwelling house of Mr. *Zadock Butterworth*, in said Montgomery, as will pay said taxes with intervening charges.

PHILEMON HOADLEY, Col.

Montgomery, May 24, 1794.

Daniel Butler,

Has this day received at his Store in Northampton, and Williamsburgh, a new supply of English

GOODS,

Which he offers for sale, cheap for ready pay.

WANTED BY the 15th Oct. next, 3000 yards CHECK'D WOOLLEN SHIRTING, made in the following manner, 3-4ths width—half blue, and 4-4 check—for which a generous price in GOODS will be given on delivery.

N. B. ALL persons indebted, whose accounts are more than 12 months standing, are informed that by paying the balances, on or before the 15th day of October next, will prevent their being sued.

June 2, 1794.

THE Subscriber calls on all those indebted to the late firm of JONES & LADD, to settle their Book Accounts, either by payment or note, immediately—He finds himself under absolute necessity to make the above request—and must, add however disagreeable—That a compliance will prevent cost.

PHILIP JONES.

Buckland, May 26, 1794.

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber, for the use of his SEED-HORSE, are requested to make speedy payment.

EDMUND LAZELL.

Cummington, June 10, 1794.

CASH GIVEN FOR CLEAN COTTON AND LINEN RAGS.

Pomeroy & Wright,
Taylors,

RESPECTFULLY inform the public that they carry on the business in company; a few rods north of the Court House, Northampton, where all who choose to favour them with their custom, may depend on their exertions to please in different styles; and to execute with neatness and dispatch, every favour which will be acknowledged by the public's humble servants.

POMEROY & WRIGHT.

N. B. The Subscriber returns thanks to his customers for past favours and solicits the continuance thereof, and would inform them, that in consequence of the partnership he has entered, it is necessary his private accounts should be soon settled, by calling on him for that purpose—this will oblige their humble servant,

AARON WRIGHT, Jun.

Northampton, May 28, 1794.

New Goods,

OF the latest importation, via New-York, such as Dark and Light Chintzes, Jaconnets and Book Muslins, Cotton, elegant Chintz Shawls, Muslin and Lawn Handkerchiefs, Black Silk, do. Mohair, Satteenets, Hollands, Lawns and Gauze, Russians, Striped Nankeens, Calliccos, &c. &c. which make up a good assortment of

SPRING GOODS.

Also Wool Cards, excellent Indigo, and Bohea Tea, that will recommend itself—well dress'd Flax, and a few Tierces of Flax-Seed, Wool and Fur Hats, to be sold cheap for good pay. Those who contracted to pay last fall and Winter, and those who have given their note for cash, must absolutely make pay forthwith, as they would save cost and obtain a further supply of Goods, and oblige their humble servant.

Checkd Linen, and Tow Cloth will be taken for Goods, and the highest price given for Butter, in CASH and GOODS.

SELAH NORTON.

Ashfield, May 26, 1794.

CAME into the inclosure of the Subscriber, on the 11th inst. a red mare, white streak in her face, shod all round, has been gelled on her right side. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges and take her away.

SIMEON POMEROY.

South-Hadley, May 19, 1794.

BROKE into the inclosure of the subscriber, on the 7th inst. three old SHEEP one of them black, marked with a swallow tail in both ears, one of the other marked with a crop in the near ear and a slit in the top of the same, and the under side of the same ear; the other without any artificial mark, and two LAMBS without any mark. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges and take them away. SIMEON ROOT.

Northampton, May 28, 1794.

BROKE into the inclosure of the Subscriber, the first inst. a sorrel HORSE colt, two years old, with a long tail. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges and take him away.

JOHN KING.

Goshen, May 20, 1794.

TAKEN up by the Subscriber, on Saturday last, 5 SHEEP, no artificial mark, uniform. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges, and take them away.

ELIPHALET PHELPS.

Northampton, June 3, 1794.

ON, or about the 18 day of May last, LEVI WARD, an indented BOY, absconded from my service. All persons are cautioned, not to harbor or trust him on my account, as they would avoid the penalty of the law.

JOSIAH DICKINSON.

Chesterfield, June 2, 1794.

TO be sold, a convenient one Story House, standing at the south end of Middlebury, where mechanicks of almost every line are wanted—Also, a five years lease of a best half an acre of land—said lease to be sold at public vendue at Lemuel Warner's Innholder, in said Hadley, on the 3rd day if not sooner disposed of.

ALSO, a Likely young JACK ASS, to be sold, or let for the season.

Enquire of

JARIB WHITE.

Amherst, June 4, 1794.

THE Subscriber have been appointed Executor of the last Will and Testament of HURAM MARSHAL, late of *Northampton*, deceased, and take upon my self the trust, and have given bonds to the law directs. All persons having demands on the said Huram's estate are requested to exhibit the same—and all persons, who are indebted to said deceased are requested to make immediate payment.

WILLIAM POMEROY, Executor.

Northampton, June 11, 1794.

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FOR 1794.

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His Honor MOSES GILL, Esq.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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County of *Washington*—none.

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☞ *Those gentlemen with a * before their names, were not of the House the last year.*

LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SENATE, *June 7, 1794.*

THE following Answer to the Speech of his Excellency the Governor, was voted, and ordered to be presented.

May it please your Excellency,

THE Senate participate with you the satisfaction you express in the continuance to the citizens of this Commonwealth, of that important portion of their sovereignty, the right of choosing such persons as they judge best qualified to administer their public affairs.—In the free exercise of this right, they have elected you to be Governor of this Commonwealth, and thereby given to you, and the world, new proof of their approbation of your past conduct, & of their confidence in your continued exertions for their happiness. On this event we beg your Excellency to accept our congratulations.

We join with you in sentiment, that the present period is critical. It is a period in the affairs of our country in which we cannot but consider the most disinterested union and exertions of all her friends peculiarly important.

While the government of the union have justly considered the United States as a neutral power, and while from the strict observance of such neutrality towards the belligerent powers, we were entitled to all the rights of a neutral nation, it is painful to observe, that our commerce has been repeatedly interrupted, our property to a large amount seized and condemned, our Flag insulted, and our seamen abused by some of the combined powers, especially the British nation, in open violation of the laws of nations, and without any just provocation whatever.

Had the United States retaliated such conduct by immediate reprisals, such retaliation would have been justifiable by the laws and usages of nations; and the measures they have steadily pursued to preserve peace, and to prevent the further extension of the calamities of war, will convince the impartial part of mankind, that peace and good neighborhood on honorable terms, are the sincere and constant wish of America.

But if the measures adopted to continue the blessings of peace should not prove successful, and the United States must have recourse to arms to obtain satisfaction for the injuries done them, we have the fullest confidence, that the people of this state will heartily unite with their brethren of the other states, in a cause so just and important. In the mean time, we conceive it will be prudent and highly expedient to make all necessary preparations for such an event.

The communications your Excellency has made to us shall be attended to; and we shall endeavor seasonably to lay before you all such matters, as by the constitution most receive your approbation, and render your administration easy to yourself, and beneficial to the Commonwealth.

HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES.
Wednesday, June 11.

The bill granting a Lottery for an additional building to the University at Cambridge, was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed. Yeas 73; Nays 59.

Friday, June 13.

The two Houses met this day, in convention, for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the Senate, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Ebenezer Bridge, when the Hon. Loammi Baldwin, Esq. was chosen.

In the house of Representatives, on the report of the committee on the Judiciary System, which proposed that the number of terms for the holding the Supreme Judical Court, should be increased—that the number of Judges in that case should be enlarged—and that the records of the proceedings in that Court should be kept in future in each county. Mr. Tudor explained the report.

Mr. Parker mentioned the evils resulting from the Courts not being able to set longer in the Eastern counties, and in a very sensible and perspicuous manner, pointed the mischiefs arising from the expence of suitors and witnesses attending from term to term, at a very great distance, in some instances 200 miles—and wished that a Court might be instituted, the Judges of which should reside in that part of the Commonwealth; and objected to the appointment of two additional Judges, who might reside in the vicinity of the metropolis; an evil complained of by the people in the Western, as well as the Eastern counties.

Mr. Edwards opposed the idea of a separate Court for Maine.

Mr. Williams (Pittsfield) who was of the Committee, said, that they had not been unanimous in this report, and wished that it might not be accepted. It did not go to the bottom of the difficulty—the evil was in the Courts of Common Pleas. He was of opinion that the people had not travelled long enough in the bitter paths of that system—that they must suffer more before their eyes would be opened—that the inconsistency of the old articles of the confederation, produced the Federal Constitution, and he did not wish to patch up the Supreme Judicial Court, as was proposed—that although we might not be able, at present, to carry into effect a complete system, yet we ought to make it, and let the people compare it with the present one.

Mr. *Martin* wished that something might be done with the Courts of Common Pleas; that the Judges ought not to be Senators and Representatives; those of the Supreme Judicial Court were not so; and as long as the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, were members of the Legislature, we had but little hopes of a reform; it reminded him of the rabbit, by which a man was forbid to marry his second cousin, and nothing said about the first.

Mr. Tudor agreed with the member from *Pittsfield*. He felt the inconveniencies of those Courts, and considered them as a dead weight on the Commonwealth, to the loss of 20,000 annually. He knew a certain Court, the Judges of which, had heretofore, adding their ages together, made out the number of 306 years; but that lately, they had been delivered from part of this imbecility of old age, so one of them had been removed to heaven, as he hoped, which afforded the country a great relief.

Mr. Sewall, thought the report would do if a jurisdiction was given to the Supreme Judicial Court, in the first instance.

Mr. Davis, of *Plymouth*, said, he wished the report to be recommitted; that he felt the inconveniences of the old system; yet was fearful a reform could not be effected.

Mr. Morton was for a recommitment—he wished to procure a Circuit Court of Common Pleas; and lessen the number appeals.

The report was committed.