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Rules and Regulations for an Association or Society  
of a number of the inhabitants of the town of Boston,  
who have agreed to meet together for the purpose here  
after mentioned viz: -----

For aiding and assisting the civil magistrates in  
the legal execution of their office, and for the supporting  
the other officers of the town in their duty, &c &c -----

For discouraging by using every means in their power  
to prevent monopolizing extortion & oppression, & every  
other pernicious practice and vice among the inhabitants,  
and for consulting and considering of any matter or thing  
that may be for the Generall good & welfare of <sup>the</sup> town,  
and that order may be observed in said association the  
following 13 Articles are agreed upon, viz: -----

"1." That the said Association shall be called by the name  
of the Free and Independent Whig Society of Observation

"2." That it shall consist of 15 members and no more  
unless two thirds of the whole number shall agree to  
enlarge it. -----

"3." That no person shall be admitted without a unanimous  
vote, and that the choice shall be made by Ballot, -----

"4" That the society shall meet on the evening of the first Monday in each <sup>month</sup>, and upon application from any five of the members to the Clerk to have a special meeting called, the Clerk shall take care that the members are warned to meet, .....

"5" That a moderator be chosen at each meeting, whose business shall be to regulate the meeting and keep order, & no member to speak upon any matter without addressing the moderator, nor to speak more than twice upon the same subject, without leave obtained from the moderator, .....

"6" That a treasurer and Clerk shall be annually chosen by ballot, and shall have a majority of the votes to make a choice the Clerk's business shall be to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the society, and before any vote ~~is~~ entered on the records, the same shall be reduced to writing, read and approved of, and the record book shall be at our monthly meeting, to lay open for the inspection of any of <sup>the</sup> members and the treasurer's business shall be to receive the money from the members and discharge the expence of <sup>the society</sup> ~~it~~ keeping a fair acct. of the same & to lay it before the society every three months, &c. &c. ....

"7" That if any of the members are in private conversation upon the moderator giving the word, (Order) they shall immediately be silent, on pain or penalty of what shall fall thereon, .....

- "8." That in order to defray the expences of the meetings of this society each member at the time of his being admitted shall pay to the treasurer eighteen shillings and six shillings on each monthly meeting afterwards,
- "9." That none of the debates or transactions of the society be made known to any person except to an absent member,
- "10." That no matter of a public nature be determined upon unless a majority of the whole association agree to it;
- "11." That if any member should behave in such a manner as to counteract the good design of this association, he shall be expelled the same,
- "12." That in case of the absence of any member 3 Meetings successively without sufficient excuse, to be determined by the society such delinquent member shall be expelled the society, &c
- "13." That every member shall pay his Dollar & month altho' he be absent from the monthly meetings.

Boston June 25<sup>th</sup> 1778

We the subscribers do agree strictly to abide by and support the above agreement, and comply

with the said Rules & Regulations in testimony  
 whereof we do sett our hands, &c, &c, &c,

x. p. x	John Ballard	x. p. x	Edward Green
x. p. x	<del>Philip Freeman</del>	x. p. x	<del>Edward Porter</del>
x. p. x	Robert Gardner	x. p. x	John Lowell
x. p. x	<del>Nicholas Tall</del>	x. p. x	Jeffrey Richardson
x. p. x	<del>William M. Feild</del>	x. p. x	<del>John M. Jones</del>
x. p. x	<del>John Hancock</del>	x. p. x	<del>John M. Jones</del>
x. p. x	<del>Benj. Adworth</del>	x. p. x	Nath. Noyes
x. p. x	<del>Benj. Adworth</del>	x. p. x	<del>Richard H. H. H.</del>
x. p. x	W. Trobisher	x. p. x	Thomas Uram
x. p. x	Benj. Cades	x. p. x	Eliz. Wilson
x. p. x	John Richardson	x. p. x	John Cades
x. p. x	Jacob Rhoades	x. p. x	Sam. Buggles
x. p. x	Thos. Walley	x. p. x	Benj. White
x. p. x	<del>Joseph Sheds</del>	x. p. x	<del>James H. H.</del>
x. p. x	Joseph Lovering	x. p. x	Joseph Ashkins
x. p. x	John Whittow	x. p. x	Wesley Grant
x. p. x	<del>George M. H. H.</del>	x. p. x	<del>James Goodridge</del>
x. p. x	<del>Joseph H. H. H.</del>	x. p. x	<del>James Goodridge</del>
x. p. x	William Shepp	x. p. x	Thomas Melill
x. p. x	John Hullerton	x. p. x	John Kneeland
x. p. x	Adam Collson	x. p. x	John Furness
x. p. x	Daniel Ingerson	x. p. x	John Furness
x. p. x	Robt. H. H.	x. p. x	Chris. Clark

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Boston June 25<sup>th</sup> 1778

All a full meeting of the association of the free and independent  
whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, that rules and regulations are approved off, and order  
to be recorded,

Voted, Captain John Ballard be moderator for y<sup>e</sup> month

Voted, Thomas Walley Esq<sup>r</sup> be treasure for this year

Voted, Edward Green be secretary for this year

Voted, that a book for the records, be purchase and charg<sup>d</sup>;  
in the Act<sup>s</sup> of expence

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to y<sup>e</sup> 6 July at 8 in y<sup>e</sup> evening

Boston 6 July 1778

All a full meeting of the association of the free and independent  
whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Captain John Ballard be moderator for y<sup>e</sup> month

Voted, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ballard, Walley, & Green be a  
committee, to wait upon M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy and agree  
with him for room, fire & Candles and report

Voted to adjourn to the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst; at 8 in the evening

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Boston July 13<sup>th</sup> 1778

At a full meeting of the association of the free and independent whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, to adjourn till 3 Aug; hav; nothing partic; to say before the society

Boston August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1778

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent whig society of Observation, met at y: Hall of Justice

Voted, Deacon Freeman moderator for the Month

Voted, to adjourn to 6 Int; & then to y; 16 Int; & then to y; 28 Int; and contin; adjourn; from time to time to the 5 Octob; hav; nothing particular to say before the meeting

Boston Octob; 5. 1778

Voted, at a full meeting of the association of free and independent whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice that Deacon Freeman contin; moderator for this month &c

Voted, in Messrs E. Procter, J. Lowell, A. Noyce, A. Wilson, Jeff: Richardson, R. Hurrewell



Voted to adjourn to the <sup>12</sup> Inst; at 7 in the evening, 15

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent  
whig society of Observation met at 7; Hall of Justice

Voted Mess; Walley, Green, & Edes be a committee to  
see the instructions to the Boston Representatives are  
published in the Boston News Papers

Voted Mess; Procter, Ballard, Lowell, Freeman and  
Collson be a committee to inquire into the  
conduct of our representatives and report.

Voted to adjourn to the <sup>15</sup> Inst; at 7 in the evening

Boston <sup>15</sup> October 1778

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent  
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, that the conduct of our representatives be referri;  
over to the November meeting and to adjourn  
to the 2 November at 7 in the evening

Boston 2 November 1778

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent  
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted Thomas Walley Moderator for this month,

Voted, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Waller, Noyce, & Lowell be a committee to draw up a peti<sup>n</sup>; for calling a town meeting, to call the committee of correspondence to act; and know what they have done about the torry, that have dare to return to town with or without leave

Voted to adjourn to the 10. Inst; at 6 in the evening,

Boston 10 November 1778.

At a full meeting of the association of free & independ<sup>t</sup>; whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ballard, Edes, & Cudworth be a committee to compleat a peti<sup>n</sup>; before the town meeting

Voted to adjourn to the evening before y<sup>e</sup> meeting

Voted that each member be desired to attend y<sup>e</sup> meeting & take y<sup>e</sup> part assign; him, viz;

Voted, General Hancock, Deacon Davis, N. Noyce Thomas Waller, W<sup>m</sup> Cooper, Maj<sup>r</sup> Procter & Bro: Price, be putt up at the meeting for a committee to draw up resolu<sup>n</sup>; respecting the return of torry, and such other matter as may come before S: committee if choos'd,

NB. - Deacon Sharp and Ballard to be putt up in case any of the above should not be choos'd

Voted to adjourn to y: 6 December at 6 in e: evening 57

Boston 6<sup>th</sup> December 1778

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent  
whig society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, M<sup>r</sup>: Benj: Edes Moderator for this month

Voted, M<sup>rs</sup>: W<sup>m</sup>: Hopkins, Moses Lyand, John Cade,  
Benj: White, Simeon Elliot, Samuel Buggler,  
in as members of the society.

Voted, that the association be called by the name of  
the free and Independent whig society of observ-  
=ation,

Voted that a committee of 5 be choise to agree w<sup>th</sup> some  
person for a room fire and candles and report  
at our next meeting, and M<sup>rs</sup>: Walley, Edes  
Lovering, Freeman and Shes were appointed,

Voted to adjourn till the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst, at 6 O'clock P, M,

Boston 14<sup>th</sup> December 1778

At a full meeting of the association of free & independent  
whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted that the committee report, which report was  
approved off, and was order; to be recorded, over

Your committee appointed to agree with some person for a room fire and candles &c, &c, do report as follows

That they after making such enquir<sup>y</sup>, as they thought necessary, finally agree'd with the Wid: Fardree, for a large room, for the association to meet in as often as they shall see fit, they paying each evening they occupy the same 36/ Lawfull Money for the use of said room chairs 2 fires & 4 Candles, till the 1<sup>st</sup> May next, and that they shall not be oblig'd to call for any liquors &c, and your committee upon considering what will be the most prudent measure for the association to adopt at their meeting, would recom<sup>m</sup>; to them, viz: Not to have any pipes Tobacco or Liguor, brought into the room, till the business of the evening is compleated, and then the meeting to be adjourned, and every member be at liberty to depart, who thinks proper

And Those who choose it may tarry and call for what they please and club for the same, But that it shall not be at the expence of the association, and that the Treasurer be directed not to spend any part of what he collects each month, for the association, except pay<sup>d</sup> for the room fire and candle, &c, unless he is order'd to do it by a maj<sup>or</sup> part of the association

All which is submitted by y<sup>r</sup>: committee  
 J. Walley Chairman

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Voted, That Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Kennedy and Fullerton be directed to commit to writing what pass<sup>d</sup>: between Justice Jo: Greenleaf and the \_\_\_\_\_ williams who were before him the other day for pick<sup>ing</sup> his & others pocket in the street, &c and report at our next meeting, in order to act thereon &c &c,  
Voted to adjourn to the 4<sup>th</sup> Janu<sup>y</sup> 1779, at 6 in<sup>g</sup>: evening

Boston January 4<sup>th</sup> 1779

At a full meeting of the free and independent whig society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, M<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Ruggles Moderator for <sup>the</sup> month  
Voted, to adjourn to the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst; at 6 o'clock in<sup>g</sup>: evening

Boston 11<sup>th</sup> January 1779

At a full meeting of the free and independent whig society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, to choose a committee of 3 to wait upon M<sup>r</sup>: Jenkins to inquire who has flour to sell and what quantity, and Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Frobisher, Shed & Makepeace were accord<sup>d</sup>: choose a committee to wait upon M<sup>r</sup>: Jenkins and report who reported he did not know &c &c  
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Voted, a committee of 3 be choose to draw a petition  
for calling a town meeting and Messrs  
Walley, Noyce and Puggles were choose

Voted, to adjourn to the evening before the town  
meeting at the Hall of Justice at 6 O'clock P.M.

Boston January 19, 1779

At a full meeting of the free and independent whig  
society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, the association upon the adjournment do  
adjourn to the Old Hall at Mr. Kennedys at  
6, in the evening.

Voted, a committee of 3 be choose to treat with Mr.  
John Kennedy for his room fire and candle,  
and Messrs Walley, Freeman & Noyce were  
accordingly choose.

Voted, to adjourn to the evening before the town  
meeting, after their next adjournment,  
when ever it may be led.

Boston Jan<sup>y</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1779 21

At a full meeting of the association of free and independent whig society, of observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, to get the town meeting adjourn; till some time next week, and the committee are desired to attend the meeting to morrow,

Voted, to get the towns committee of sewers contin; in case it should be mov'd, to have them dism; from any further service &c, &c,

Voted, to allow Mr; Kennedy Thirty shillings for the use of his room five candles and chairs each evening the association improve the same &c.

Voted, to adjourn to the first of Feb<sup>ry</sup> at 6 in y; even; 9

Boston 1<sup>st</sup> February 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent whig society of observation met at y<sup>e</sup> Hall of Justice,

Voted, Cott; Edward Procter Moderator for this month of February &c, &c,

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Voted, Cott; Procter, Doct; Noyce, Capt; Ballard,  
Capt; Wilson, Mess, Lowell, Shed, Humewell,  
be a committee to inquire into the conduct  
of our Representatives, and report from time  
to time till the new choose in May next,

Voted, That Mess<sup>rs</sup>; Kennedy and Fullerton be  
desired to commit, to writing, what passed  
between Justice Jos: Greenleaf and the  
villians who were before him some time  
ago, for picking his and others pockets in  
the streets, and report at our next meeting,

Voted, Mess<sup>rs</sup>; Walley, Edes, Lowell, Procter and  
Gudworth, be a committee to meet once a  
week, and report to the grand body on their  
monthly meetings, &c &c

Voted, To have the list called the first Monday  
in the evening of each month, and mark  
those who are absent, in order to comply  
with rules of the society,  
and found the following members absent vizt,  
Mess; Gardner, Tabb, Rhoades, Makepeace  
Foster, Sharp, M<sup>r</sup>; Lance, Ruggles, Peirce,



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Voted, Mess<sup>rs</sup>: James Gutrage, & Tho: Titertone,  
in as members of the society) -----

Voted, to adjourn the association to the first Monday  
evening in March next, at 6 in the evening  
at the Hall of Justice, and that y<sup>e</sup> committee  
of five be adjourn; till Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 11. Inst, &  
on each Thursday till our march meeting,  
at which time y<sup>e</sup> committee are to report &c.

Boston March 1<sup>st</sup> 1779, in

At a full meeting of association of the free & independent  
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Capt: Wilson Moder; for y<sup>e</sup> Month of March

Voted, Capt: Wilson, Ruggles, Foster, Grant, & Noyes,  
a sub committee to meet once week thro' y<sup>e</sup> month

Voted, the sub committee for the time to come be  
taken from the list, beginning with y<sup>e</sup> first  
man, and go thro' y<sup>e</sup> whole chur: 5 men  
each month &c &c -----

Voted, the sub committee leave at all times to call  
in any of the association to act with them &c

Voted, to call the list every month, meeting and record the absent members, and the following is a list of the absent members viz, ..... Deacon Sharp, Deacon Gardner, G. Makepeace, J. Rhoades, Ingersoll, M<sup>c</sup> Lane, Hopkins, White, Cott; Procter and J Lowell .....

Voted, to adjourn to the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst; .....

Boston <sup>to</sup> 5 March 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free and independent whig society of Observation met at y<sup>e</sup> Hall of Justice .....

Voted, that the list for Assessors, and for the committee of correspondent, be put up, and all y<sup>e</sup> other be omitted, .....

Voted, that G; Green, A, Collson and N; Noyes be a committee to write votes for the committee of correspondent .....

Voted, that S; Ruggler, A; Wilson, & J; Wallery, be a committee to write votes for the Assessors, .....

Voted, to adjourn to y<sup>e</sup> first monday even, in April

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Boston<sup>2d</sup> 5, April 1779

Att. a full meeting of the association of the free and independent whig society of observation, met at the Hall of Justice

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Voted, to oppose y: sale of y: hands upon y: neck — and that the follow<sup>g</sup> list of informers be put up viz; Deacon Davis, D: Parker Am: Davis Ellis Gray, J. Barrell, J. Barrell, C: Payne, J: Winthrop, J. Brick, J. Reed, N: Soames W: Powell, and they were accordingly voted in by y: town as informers to the Officers

Voted, M: Adam Collson Moderator for y: Month

Voted, that the sub committee do not meet ~~more often~~ once a week, unless something particular should turn up, — — — —

Voted to call the list and record the absent members viz R: Gardner, N: Tabb, W: M: Neil, B: Cudworth, Jacob Broades, G: Makepeace, G: Sharp, D: Ingersol, Edw: Procter, J: Lowell, J: M: Lane, R: Hunsell, J Cade, B: White, J: Peince, J: Goodridge, &c &c — — —

Voted, Mess: Waller, Cedes, Collson, Ruggles, Ballard Lowell, Sharp, Noyce, Willson, Green a committee to meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst; to which time y: committee is adjourn; — — — —

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Boston 12 April 1779

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted to put up The Hon: Sam: Adams, John Hancock  
Callet Davis, Tho: Wallery, Tho: Dawes, <sup>w: Fiddis</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup>  
Representatives for this year, who were put up & voted in according

Voted the whole of the association to meet at the Green Dragon the evening before the May meeting and each member to carry one or more friends to the meeting, such friends as he can depend upon &c,

Voted Mess Ballard, Edes, & Utram be a committee to engage the green Dragon for y: evening before the tober meeting, and then adjourn to the first Monday evening in May,

Boston 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1779

Voted Deacon Sharp Moderator for the Month

Voted to call the list and mark down all the absent members w: are as follows viz: - D: Procter, N: Tabb, G: Makepeace, R: Wayer, Edw: Procter, J: Lowell, J: Mc: Lane, R: Hunnewell, J: Cade, and then adjourn to the first Monday evening in the month June

Boston June 7. 1779 (2)

At a full meeting of the association of the free & independent  
whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted, Doct: Nath: Noyce Moder; for this month,

Voted to put off the choice of Treasure & Clerks till our  
next month's meeting &c

Voted to call the list and record the absent members  
viz; Will: Frobisher, Geo: Makepeace, D: Ingersol  
Edward Procter, John Lowell, Jeff: Richardson  
Rich: Hunnewell, John Cade, Benj: White and  
Isaac Peirce,

Voted, the follow: Gent: a committee to draw up a plan  
to conduct the people, in the paths of their duty  
and keep good order &c &c, viz;  
Tho: Walley, E Green, N: Noyce, S: Buggles, Sim:  
Elliot, A Collson, J Ballard, M Grant, are the  
committee for the above purpose

Voted Mess: Eder & Noyce be desir: to wait upon Mr  
N: Peirce, to inquire into y: report of Jonathan  
Amroy's demand; hard money for Rent &c  
and Mess: Walley and Collson be desired to  
wait upon Mr: Boyles to inquire into the report  
of Capt: Erving demand; hard money for his  
rent &c &c

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Voted Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lovering and Foster be desired to call upon Mr Adams and Pope, and inquire into the report of Tho: Amory demand<sup>g</sup> y: Hard money for Rent &c

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kennedy and Shed be desired to wait upon Tho: Waldo and inquire into y: report of Will<sup>m</sup> Dennie order<sup>g</sup> S: Waldo to take nothing but hard money for his molasses stor<sup>e</sup> in said Waldo's Store &c &c and upon David Spear about the Nantuck molasses who has orders to sell for nothing but hard money

Voted to adjourn to the 15 June 1779

All a full meeting association of the free and independent whig society of observation met at the Hall of Justice (upon the above adjournment.)

Voted to call a body meeting to morrow morning at 9 o'clock to meet at the Old South &c

Voted, John Brown Esq: to be moderator of y: meeting who was accordingly choole at the meeting of the people

Voted to have a committee of 13 gent: to consult & determine what steps shall be taken to

save the town and state from destruction, by those  
villians among us, employ; (George 3) for the  
express purpose of ruin: our currency, and all  
other ways employ: in the service of his and their old  
friend and master the (Devil) against all honest  
men who discover any manly determination; to support  
the Congress and Independence of America  
the following Gent: were agree, upon to be put  
up at the meeting of the people viz

John Rowe, W<sup>m</sup> Cooper, W<sup>m</sup> Hopkins, Alex: Wilson,  
Sam: Buggler, Nath: Noyce, J: Phillips, Th: Melvil,  
Dea: Thorp, Hen: Prentice, Edw: Procter, G: Fellows  
and Capt: John Pulling) who were accordingly, choose  
at the meeting of the people

Voted, That Hon<sup>u</sup>: Peter Fagan Esq<sup>r</sup>, be desired to put  
up the hand Bill and sound the alarm to  
call the people together to morrow morning at  
9 O'clock on the floor of the Old South meeting

Voted, Maj: Thomas Melvil in as a member of  
the Association

Voted to adjourn to the 24<sup>th</sup> Inst; at 7 O'clock

Boston June 24. 1779

At the meeting of the Association of the free & independent  
whig society, of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted a committee be choose to draw up some rules  
and directions, as a line of conduct, for carry;<sup>g</sup>  
into execution, the voice of the people and  
the following were choose for y<sup>e</sup> purpose viz;  
Thomas Waller, Edward Green, J<sup>r</sup>. Ballard,  
John Sowell, Benj<sup>n</sup>. Edes &c to meet at Mr  
Kennedy to morrow evening at 7 O'clock —  
and that the whole body be warn<sup>d</sup> to meet  
next monday evening at the Hall of Justice, —

Voted that a body meeting be called to chuse a comm<sup>tee</sup>  
to go to Concord, and at our next month<sup>ly</sup> meet<sup>g</sup>  
to determine upon some direction for y<sup>e</sup> committee  
of 13 &c &c &c

Voted Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Green, Edes, & Waller be a committee to  
wait upon The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. J. Adams to invite him  
to spend an evening at the Hall of Justice,  
and y<sup>e</sup> above committee to make such provisi<sup>o</sup>  
for the company as may judge fitt

Voted the above committee wait upon Mr. G. Tyler  
to inquire abt. S. Reed offer<sup>g</sup> 30 for 6 for Hard money

Voted to adjourn to the 5 July at 6 O'clock in y<sup>e</sup> evening



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Boston 5 July 1779

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and  
independant whig society of Observation, met at the  
Hall of Justice

Voted Deacon Nick, Tabb Moderator for 7: Months

Voted, to call the list and record the absent members viz

Wm: Richardson, J. B. Hoader, J. Whitten, H: Foster,  
G: Makepeace, G: Sharp, A. Collson, G: Procter,  
J. Lowell, J. Richardson, J. Cade, B: White,  
J. Goodridge, S. Elliot

Voted Benjamin Edes Secy; Lord High Treasury,  
Edward Green Secer;

Voted to have a committee of 7 choose at the next  
town meeting to meet at Concord, and agree;  
upon the following list viz;

Tho: Walley, Stepl: Higginson, Sam: Barrett,  
Am: Davis, Ellis Gray, Samuel Buggles,  
Capt: John Ballard

who were accord; choose at the meeting,

Voted Mess: Green, Edes, Grant, Hoskins, Noyce &  
Frobisher a committee to write votes for 7: above  
purpose and then adjourn, to the first Monday  
even: in August at 7 O'clock

Boston 2 August 1779

All a full meeting of the Association of the free and independant whig Society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted, Will<sup>m</sup> Frobisher Esq; Moderator

Voted, to call the list and record the absent members  
 viz: B: Gardner, B: Cudworth, G: Makepeace  
 J: Rhoades, H: Foster, C: Procter, An: Lowell,  
 R: Hunnewell, J: Uranin, J: Cade, B: White,  
 J: Elliot, Moses Grant,

Voted, to adjourn to the first Monday Evening in September at 7 o'clock

Boston 4 Septemb; 1779

All a full meeting of the Association of the free & independant whig Society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice

Voted William Hoising Esq; Moderator, &c

Voted Hop; Foster out of the Association

Voted to refer y<sup>e</sup> monthl<sup>y</sup> settlements near Mon,

Voted the Ballance in M<sup>r</sup> Wallers hand be paid into the hands of the new Treas<sup>r</sup>

Voted to adjourn to the 4<sup>th</sup> October near

Boston 4<sup>th</sup> October 1779, 33

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and  
independant, whig society of Observation met at  
the Hall of Justice.

Voted, Benj<sup>a</sup> White Esq; moderator.

Voted, Tho; Walley Esq; Act<sup>s</sup> were satisfied; and  
all proceedings on S; Act<sup>s</sup> be put off till the  
next month; and the Ballance of £37.11/6  
be paid into the hands of y<sup>e</sup> new Treas<sup>r</sup> with  
all the out stand<sup>g</sup> debts &c.

Voted, Benj<sup>a</sup> Cudworth out of the Association.

Voted, to record the absent members viz<sup>t</sup>,  
N: Tabb, J: Kennedy, B: Cudworth, J: Broader, R: Wyer,  
J: Lovering, G: Makepeace, J: Fullerton, M: Grant  
J: M: Lane, B: Hurrewell, W<sup>m</sup>: Hopkins, J: Elliot,  
J: Goodridge, J: Melvell.

Voted M<sup>r</sup>: John Kneeland in as a member

Voted, to adjourn to the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1779

Boston 5 November 1779

Att a full meeting of the Association of the free  
and independant whig society of Observation  
met at the Hall of Justice

Voted John Whitten Esq; moderator,

Voted to record the absent members viz,  
R. Gardner, N. Tapp, W. M. Neal, J. Rhoades,  
G. Makepeace, G. Sharp, J. Fullerton, R. Weyer  
E. Procter, J. Lowell, J. Cade, S. Buggles B White  
J. Peerce, W. Hoskins, M. Grant, S. Elliot,

Voted M<sup>r</sup>. John Furness in as a member  
M<sup>r</sup>. Christ; Clerk in as a member

Voted Mess; Walley, Edes, Melwell, & Hoyle  
as a committee to agree with M<sup>r</sup>. Jos. Thed  
for his room fire & candles & reports

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday evening  
in December

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Boston<sup>d</sup> 6 December 1779

At a full meeting of the Association of the free  
and independant whig society of Observation met  
at the Hall of Justice

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Voted, Adam Collson Esq; Moderator,

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Voted, The fund of the society now in stock be  
expended in genteel supper at our next  
month's meeting, new years week

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Voted Mess<sup>rs</sup>; Furness, Hoshorn & Edes a Committee  
to treat with Jos: Shed, to provide a room  
for Candles & Supper &c, for the society,

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Voted to record the absent members' votes,

N: Tabb, S: Elliot, B: White, J: Peirce, J: Kennedy,  
J: Lovering, G: Makepeace, J: Fullerton, Rob: Weyer,  
J: M: Lane, R: Hunnewell, M: Grant, Tho: Melwell,  
C: Clark, J: Ballard, R: Gardner, W: Frobisher,  
Jn: Richardson, Jn: Whitten, G: Sharp, E: Procter,  
J: Cade, S: Buggles,

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Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in Janu; 1780

Boston <sup>at 9</sup> 3. Jan<sup>y</sup>, 1780.

At a full meeting of the Association of the free and independent Whig Society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice.

Voted Robert Wyer Esq; Moderator for 4 months

Voted to record the absent members viz<sup>t</sup>

Mr. Ballard, P. Freeman, Robt. Gardner, Nich<sup>l</sup>. Tabb,  
Wm<sup>o</sup>. Neil, In<sup>r</sup>. Kennedy, In<sup>r</sup>. Richardson, J. Rhoades,  
In<sup>r</sup>. Whitten, Dea<sup>n</sup>. Sharp, Edw<sup>d</sup>. Procter, In<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Lane  
Rich<sup>d</sup>. Hunewell, In<sup>r</sup>. Cade, J. Peirce, Moses Grant  
J. Goodridge, S. Elliot, J. Melvell, In<sup>r</sup>. Threlkeld, —

Voted, the present members in case the absent one refuse to pay their Club, engage to see the Treasury paid the expence of this evening, —

Voted, Thanks to Thomas Waller Esq; <sup>late Treas<sup>r</sup></sup> for his past services in that Office; —

Voted, Thanks to Edward Green Secer<sup>y</sup> for his past services in that Office, and he still be allow<sup>d</sup>; all the, Emoluments, Privilege, and Perquisites, arising in that Office, particu<sup>r</sup>, those of finding all the Paper Ink & Quills, at his own expence, for the use of the Association as he has done for 2 or 3 Year past;

Voted, to adjourn to Fryday evening 17 Feb<sup>r</sup>

Boston, <sup>Feb</sup> 1780 <sup>3</sup>

At a full meeting of the Association of the free & independant Whig Society of Observation, met at the Hall of Justice

Voted Jacob Rhoades Esq; Moderator

Voted, to call the list and record the absent members,  
P. Freeman, N. Tabb, W. M. Neal, J. Lovering,  
G. Sharp, J. Fullerton, E. Porter, J. Lowell,  
J. Richardson, T. Uran, B. White, J. Peirce,  
S. Elliot, T. Melwell, John Threland,

Voted to Chuse a committee of nine to meet once a week till March Meeting, to fix proper Town officers for March meeting, y. follow; Year: were choore out; Tho; Walley, Nath: Noyce, Benj: Cdes,  
Ant: Furness, Alia; Wilson, Ad: Colson, W. Horking,  
In; Ballard, Christo; Clark are y; committee,

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in March

Here ends the first Chapter

Selah Hand the Wine

Boston, March 6<sup>th</sup> 1780

At a meeting of the Association of the free and  
Independant Whig society of Observations met at the  
Hall of Justice

Voted John Lowell Esq; moderator

Voted to call the list and record the Absent Members

J. Freeman, R. Gardner, N. Tabb, W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>d</sup> Neal  
B. Eder, J. Rhoades, G. Sharp, D. Ingersoll  
R. Wyer, E. Procter, J. Lowell, J<sup>m</sup> Lane,  
N. Noyce, R. Stunnewell; Alex; Wilson, Cade,  
S. Buggles, J. Peirce, W<sup>m</sup> Hoskins, S. Elliot,  
J. Goodridge, John Kneeland,

Voted to adjourn to y; 8<sup>th</sup> Inst; at 7 O'clock

Boston 8<sup>th</sup> March 1780

Voted the List of Overseers be putt off to fryday  
evening to be conclud; upon at the Green Dragon

Voted to adjourn to fryday evening at the Green Dragon  
and from thence to adjourn to y; 12<sup>th</sup> Inst; on Sunday  
evening before the town meeting, at the Hall  
of Justice at 6 O'clock in the Evening  
and from thence to 3 April next

Salut Hand the Punch,



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Boston April 3. 1780

At the meeting of the Association of the free & Independent;  
Whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted Joseph Urann Esq; Moderator.....

Voted to call the List and record the absent members  
J. Freeman, N. Tabb, J. Richardson, G. Sharp,  
J. Fullerton, R. Weyer, S. Procter, J. Lowell,  
S. Buggles, J. Cade, B. White, J. Peirce,  
W. Hoskins, John Kinneeland,.....

Voted Mess; C. Green, M. Grant, J. Melwell, B. Edes  
N. Noyce, A. Collson, Jr; Furness, be the  
committee to prepare a list of honest men  
to serve the town as Representatives,.....

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday evening in May

..... Selah Hand the Punch.....

..... Turn Over.....

Boston 2 May 1780

All meeting of the Association of the free & Independent Whig society of Observation, mett at the Hall of Justice

Voted Alexander Wilson Esq; Moderator,

Voted to call the list and record the Absent Members

J. Ballard, J. Freeman, N. Taleb, W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup> Neal,  
 J. Richardson, J. Rhoades, T. Walley, J. Lovering,  
 J. Whitten, G. Sharp, R. Weyer, C. Procter,  
 J. Fullerton, J. Richardson, J. M<sup>c</sup> Lane,  
 J. Cade, N. Royce, R. Hunewell, S. Buggles,  
 J. Kneeland, B. White, W<sup>m</sup> Hopkins, J. Peirce,  
 J. Goodridge, S. Elliot, Tho<sup>s</sup> Melwell,

Voted, to Adjourn to the 3 Inst;

Boston 3 May 1780

All meeting upon the Adjournment.

Voted the following Gen<sup>l</sup> should be Representatives

for the present Year if agreeable to them, viz,  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hancock Esq;  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams Esq;  
 Caleb Davis Esq;  
 Thom<sup>s</sup> Walley Esq;  
 John Lowell Esq;  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Austin Esq;

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday Evng; in June

Boston June 5. 1780

At a meeting of the Association of the Free & Independant  
Whig society of Observation, mett at the Hall of  
Justice.

Voted, as nothing of consequence was before the  
society, and a number of members absent to  
adjoin to y: July at 7 O'clock in the evening

Boston 3 July 1780

At a meeting of the Association of the Free & Independant  
Whig society of Observation met at the Hall of Justice,

Voted as nothing of consequence was before y: society  
and a number of members absent, to Adjoin  
to the 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7 O'clock in the evening.

Boston 7 August 1780

At a meeting of the Association of the Free & Independant  
Whig society, of Observation met at y: Hall of Justice,

Voted Samuel Ruggles Esq: Moderator

Voted That M: Edes be desir: to gett his acct ready  
and make a settlement w: M: Shed

Voted, to Adjoin till y: next Monday Evening

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