

BOW.

[Granted by Lieut. Gov. John Wentworth, May 10, 1727, to Jonathan Wiggins and others, and was so named on account of a bend in the river within the town limits. A portion of Bow was combined with Suncook and Buckstreet to make the parish of Pembroke, Nov. 1, 1759. Two tracts of land were severed from Bow, and annexed, one to Concord, and the other to Pembroke, Dec. 13, 1804. A portion was severed and annexed to Allenstown, June 22, 1815.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 62; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 209; Index to Laws, 64; sketch, by Harrison Colby, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 263; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 12, 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 357.]

[BOW CHARTER, 1727.]

*GEORGE By the Grace of God of Great Britain *1-7
france & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c^a—

{ L. S. }
To ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents Shall
Come Greeting Know ye, that we of our Special
Knowledge & mere motion, for the Due Encourage-
ment of Settling a New Plantation, By & with the
Bow } Advise & Consent of Our Council have given &

Granted And by these Presents as far as in us lyes do give & Grant
in Equal Shares unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names
Are Entered in a Schedule here unto Annexed that Inhabit or Shall
Inhabit within the s^d Grant, within our Province of New Hamp-
shire all that Tract of Land within the following Bounds Viz—
Beginning on the South East Side of the Town of Chichester &
running nine miles by Chichester, And Canterbury And Carrying
that Breadth of Nine Miles from Each of the afores^d Towns South-
west untill the full Compliment of Eighty one Square Miles Are
fully made up & that the Same be A Town Corporate by the
Name of Bow to the Persons afores^d and their Associates for-
ever—TO HAVE & TO HOLD the s^d Land to the S^d Grantees and to
Such Associates as they shall admitt for ever—upon the Conditions
following—

1) That the Proprietors build or Cause to be built Seventy five
Dwelling houses on S^d Land & Settle a family in Each House &
Clear Three Acres of Land fitt for Mowing or Plowing within
Three years And that Each Proprietor pay his Proportion of the
Town Charge When & So often as Occasion Shall Require the
Same

2) That A meeting House bee built for the Publick Worship of
God within the Term of four years—

3 That upon Default of any Perticular Proprietor in Complying
with the Conditions of the Charter upon his part Such Dillinquent
Proprietor Shall forfeit his Shear to the other Proprietors

*1-8 which Shall be *Disposed of According to the Maj^r Vote
of the S^d Proprietors at a Legal Town meeting—

4) That a Proprietors Shear be reserved for a Parsonage.
another for the first minister of the Gospell: which Shall be
Settled and ordained in S^d Town Another Such Share for the
benefit of the School in S^d Town PROVIDED nevertheless that the
Peace with the Indians—Continue Duering the Space of Three
Years but if it Should So happen that A War with the Indians
Shall Com'ence before the Expiration of the S^d Three years then
the Term of three years Shall be Allowed the Proprietors after the
Expiration of the War for the Performance of the afores^d Con-
ditions—rending & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors
or Such officer or officers as Shali be Appointed to recieve the
Same The Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgment of One Ear of
Indian Corn in the S^d Town on the first fryday In December Yearly
for Ever (if Demanded) reserveing alsoe unto us our heirs & Succes-
sors all mast Trees Growing on y^e S^d Land According to Acts of
Parliament in that case made & Provided & for the better order rule
& Governm^t of the S^d Town We do by these Presents for our Selves
our heirs & Successors Grant unto the S^d men & Inhabitants or
Those that Shall Inhabit the S^d Town That yearly & Every year
upon the first Thursday in April forever Shall meet to Ellect &
Choose by the maj^r part of the Proprietors then Present Constables
Select men and other Town Officers According to the Laws &

usages of Our S^a Province & we do Appoint Andrew Wiggin Esq George Veazey & W^m Moor to be Select men of Our S^a Town untill the first Thursday in April which will be in the year of Our Lord 1728 with full power & Authority as other Town Select men have to Call a Town meeting or meetings as there may be Occasion And to Continue untill other Select Men Shall be Chosen in their Steed in Such Manner as is in *These Presents Expressed IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of our S^a Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS John Wentworth Esq our Leiu^t Governour & Com^{and}er in Cheiff in & over our S^a Province at our Town of Portsm^e in our S^a Province to the 20th Day of may in the 13th year of Our Reigne Anno Domini 1727 J Wentworth
By the L^t Gov^r Command
with advice of the Council

Rich^d Waldron Cler Co'n

A Schedule of the Proprietors of the Town of Bow—

Jon ^a Weggins	Thomas Weggins	Sam ^l Piper
Thomas Veyse	George Veysey	William Moore
Edward ffield	William ffrench	James Palmer
Jon ^a Chase	Moses Leavit	Joshua Hill
Thomas Rollings	Rich ^d Crochet	Isaac floss
Thomas Piper	Rich ^d Colley	Sam ^l Goodhue
Joseph Mason	John Hanniford	Joseph Rollings
Zachel Rundlet	John Mead	Joseph Merrill
Nathaniel Stephens	David Robinson	John ^a Derburn
Joseph Merril Jun ^r	Jude Allen	James Merrill
John Piper	Sam ^l Veasey	James Kenniston
John Sinkler	Sam ^l Green	W ^m Burley
Benj ^a Hoeg	Sam ^l Hillton	Mathew Thompson
Benj ^a Palmer	Owen Renals	Joshua Neal
Thomas ffrench	Nath ^l Piper	Joseph Jewet
John Hill	Thomas Odell	Abraham Stockbridge
Rich ^d Colley Jun ^r	Thomas Bryer	Joseph Mason Jun ^r
Edward ffield	W ^m ffrench Jun ^r	Eph ^m Leavit
Benj ^a Veasey	Thomas Veasey Jun ^r	Nathan Taylor
Jon ^a Clark	George Veasey Jun ^r	John Levett
Symon Weggins	Sam ^l Stevens	John Sachell
John Speed	Sam ^l Piper Jun ^r	Chace Weggins
Thomas Wiggin 3 ^d	Benj ^a Mason	Joshua Kenniston
Walter Weggins	Caleb Rowlings	Joseph Palmer
Edward Taylor	Benj ^a Norris	John Green
Joshua Stephens	Tho ^a Piper Jun ^r	Nath ^l ffolsham
*1-10 Henry Weggins	Joseph Pevey	*Jeremiah ffolsham Jun ^r
John Palmer	James Norris	Abra ^m Morgan
Broadstreet Weggins	Thoph ^t Smith	Stephen Thurstin
Rob ^t Willson	John Avery	Joseph Hoeg
Benj ^a Taylor Jun ^r	Benj ^a ffollet	Nathan White
Benning Wentworth	Hunking Wentworth	W ^m Wentworth
Mark Wentworth	Rich ^d Wibird Jun ^r	George Jaffrey Jun ^r
Henry Rust	Cyprean Jaffry	Ebenez ^r Wear
Rob ^t Auchmuty	John Read At ^r	Sampson Sheaff
George Long	Rich ^d Waldron Jun ^r	

Admitted Associates

His Excelency & Hon^{rs}—Sam^l Shute Esq John Wentworth Esq
Each of them 500 Acres of Land And a home Lot

Coll Mark Hunking Coll Walton George Jaffrey
Rich^d Wibird Coll Tho^a Westbrook Archibald Mcpheadris

John ffrost Jotham Odiorne Esquires

Each A Proprietors Shear—

Peter Wear	John Plaisted	James Davis
John Gillman	Andrew Wiggin	Cap ^t John Downing
Cap ^t John Gillman	Sam ^l Tibbets	Paul Gerrish
M ^r Eph ^m Denmet	John Sanburn	Theod ^r Atkinson
Eben ^r Stevens	Rich ^d Jennes	Cap ^t W ^m ffellows
James Jeffry	Jos Loverin	Dani ^l Loverin
Zah Hanahford	Jos Wiggin	Peirce Long

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Joseph Low	James Robinson	Noah Barker
George Clark	Daniel Moody	Tho ^a Wiggin Jun ^r
John ^a Rowlings	Holdrge Cilley	Daniel Davis
W ^m Moor Jun ^r	Abigail Powel	Mary Smith
Mary Jones	Katharin Wiggins	Nich ^o Wiggins

Benj^a Taylor

The Sixteen ¶ sons above named Are A Part of the Schedule
Added ¶ order of the L^t Gov^r & Council

R Waldron Cler Con

Prov^e of New Hamp^r November 25th 1742

Entred & Recorded According to the Original

¶ Theodore Atkinson Sce^r