

BOSTON TOWN RECORDS, 1772.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 9th. Day of March Anno Domini. 1772 —

The Town brought in their Votes for Sixteen Fire-Wards, and upon sorting them it appeared that

[323.]

John Scollay Esq.
Newman Grenough Esq.
M^r. William Cooper
M^r. John Mico Wendell
Coll^o. Thomas Marshall
M^r. Joseph Tyler
Maj^r. Adino Paddock
M^r. James Richardson
Cap^t. Benjamin Waldo
The Hon^{ble}. John Hancock
M^r. Samuel Adams
Cap^t. Martin Gay
Francis Shaw Esq.
Maj^r. Thomas Daws
M^r. Alexander Hill
Cap^t. Job Prince

were chose Fire-Wards for the Year ensuing —

[352.] Wednesday the 20. of May, Met according to Adjournment —

[363.] The Hon^{ble}. John Hancock Esq. having made a tender to the Town of a Fire-Engine, he had lately imported; it was thought more respectful to that Gentleman, that the consideration of his offer should be referred to the Adjournment —

Fryday May 22^d. 8. O'Clock P: M: Met according to Adjournment —

The Hon^{ble}. John Hancock Esq. having made a tender to the Town of a new & finely constructed Engine for the extinguishing of Fires, provided they will direct the Gentlemen the Selectmen to appoint a suitable Company for the same, and allow the Men belonging thereto, the Exemptions & Privileges indulged the other Engine Men, — It is therefore Voted, that the Town do accept of the said generous present of M^r. Hancock as a fresh mark of his Regard for the safety & welfare of the Town, and that the Selectmen be directed to appoint a suitable Number of Men [365.] For working said Engine at any Fires that may happen, with such a Master as M^r. Hancock may be pleased to Nominate, and that said Company when appointed be and hereby are Excused & exempted from all such Duty, and entitled to all such privileges and Allowances as are the present Enginemen of this Town — and that said Engine be placed under proper cover, at or near Hancocks Wharff and in case of Fires, the Estate of the Donor shall have the preference of its service —

Voted unanimously that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the Hon^{ble}. John Hancock Esq. or the above mentioned generous Donation to this Town. —