

#1700-055/ 10 Dec 1781: License for a public house

Know all Men by these Presents that Jonathan Cornell Inholder John Thurston & William Cook Yeoman-- all of Portsmouth in the County of Newport & State of Rhode Island & C, are held & Firmly bound unto Thomas Shearman Esq, David Gifford, William Anthony Ju. Thomas Potter Peter J. Wales & Giles Lawton Jur. all of Portsmouth & the present Members of the Town Council of said Portsmouth, In the full & Just sum of Fifteen pounds Lawful Money Equal to Silver or Gold, to be paid unto the said Members of the Town Council or to their Successors in said Office for the time being, to which Payment will & Truly to be made we bind our Selves our heirs Executors & Administrators & every of us Jointly & Severly & Firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals Dated this Tenth Day-- of December. in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas the above bounded Jonathan Cornell by Record bearing even Date hereon is by the Town Council aforesaid Licenced & allowed as an Inholder to keep a Publick house of Entertainment untill the second day of July in the house where he now Lives & on the Land there unto belonging for the Entertainment of Travelers & such others whom it shall be Lawful for him to Entertain with good Sufficent Meat, Drink, & Lodging, in said Dwelling house or on the Land there unto belonging, he Shall not Suffer any Game or Games, as Cards, Dice, Tables, or Bowling, nor Suffer any Cockfighting or any other game or games whatsoever, nor Suffer any Quarriling or Fighting therein or thereon, nor Suffer any Town Dwellers, Common Drunkards, or Apprentices or Servants there to be Tipling or Drinking at unseasonable hours or times, or Especialy on the first Day of week, nor Entertain any Person, Runaway or any against whom a hew-in-Cry is out against, nor Receve any Stolen goods or pawns, but that he shall forthwith after the Receipt of the same Inform some one or more of the Justice of Peace thereof of said Town, Therefore if the said Jonathan Cornell During the times for which he is Lincened as aforesaid Maintain good Order & Rules According to Law & in what he is herein before by these Presents Restricted, then this present Obligation to be null & Void & of non Effect or Els to abide & Remain in full force & Virture --

Signed Sealed & Dileverd in}  
the Presence of us--

Joseph Faulknor

Jonathan Cornell  
John Thurston  
William Cook