

Obligation by Phebe Brown to the town of Portsmouth for a sum of fifty-one pounds, seven shillings; Brown is also obligated to submit a complete inventory of her late husband's possessions to the town Council
PHS # 211.51

Know all men by those present that Phebe Brown, Widow, [illegible] Sanford & Jonathan Davenport, yeomen, all of Portsmouth in the county of Newport & state of Rhode Island, are held & firmly bound unto Thomas Shearman, Esq., David Gilford, Burrington Anthony, George Cornell, Alexander Thomas & William Anthony, yeomen, all of Portsmouth & the present members of the Town Council of Portsmouth in the full & just sum of fifty one pounds, seven shillings. Lawful money equal to silver to be paid to the said members of the Town Council or their successors in said office for the time being, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves, our heirs, Executors & Administrators & every of us jointly & severally & firmly by those present sealed with our seal. Dated this twelfth day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty.

The conditions of this obligation is such that if the above bounded Phebe Brown, Administrator of all & singular the goods, chattels & credits of Godfrey Brown, late of Portsmouth, deceased, do make or cause to be made a true & perfect inventory of all & singular the goods, chattels & credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession, or knowledge of her the said Phebe Brown or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for her & the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the Town Council on or before the Twelfth day of June next ensuing & the same goods, chattels & credits of the said deceased at the time of his death & which at any time after shall come to possession of the said Phebe Brown or unto the hands of possession of any other person or persons for her, do well & truly administer according to law & further do make or cause] to be made a true & just account of the said administration on or before the twelfth day of June, A.D. 1781, then this obligation to be void & of none effect or otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in the presences of us,
[Signed by:]

John Thurston
Stephen Brownell, Esq.

For,
[Signed by:]
*Phebe Brown [Her mark]
[illegible] Sanford
Jonathan Davenport

