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Province of the Massachusetts Bay

A List of the Servants for Life within the Town of
Mansfield in the County of Plymouth, Showing Their
Owner's Name & Their Sex

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Total Servants for Life Twenty-Two

Wrote our Hand, This Second of December, 1754

John Winslow

[Signature]

Joseph Thomas
Province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

In the House of Representatives, Nov. 19. 1754.

UPON Consideration of his Excellency's Message of this Day,

Ordered,

THAT the Assestors of the several Towns and Districts within this Province, forthwith send into the Secretary's Office the exact Number of the Negro Slaves, both Males and Females, sixteen Years old and upward, that are within their respective Towns and Districts.

Sent up for Concurrence,

T. Hubbard, Sp'r.

In Council, Nov. 19. 1754.
Read and concur'd,
Tho's Clarke, Dep'ty Sec'y.

Consented to

W. Shirley.
A List of the Negro Slaves within the Town of Hanover in the County of Plymouth, Taken in Pursuance of a Late Order of the General Court.

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Taken by us the Subscriber Select, open of the Town of Hanover December the 12th 1769.

[Signature]

[Signature]
Exeter December 29, 1757

To your honour Francis Willard Secretary these may justify that in obedience to a message from your own to us the subscribers to take the exact number of the negro slaves both males and females sixteen years old and upwards troveth these lying in my plantation to deserve it. We are of the opinion that there is two males and one female not taxed by us. The subscribers

Benjamin Willard for
Joseph Gilbert, town of Exeter

Littleton November 29th, 1754

An account of the negro slaves in Littleton there is three males and five females; there is eight in all above sixteen years of age.

Attest

Robert Baker
Thomas Wester
John Whetsom
Joseph Norred
Province of the Massachusetts Bay

According to an order of the General Court of said Province on the 29th of Novr. 1759.

These May certify, that the # of Slaves in the Town of Waltham is:

Two males, 1 2
Two females, 1 2

Four in the whole 1

Saml. Livermore

Jas. Dix of Waltham

Waltham Dec. 3, 1759

To the Honourable Joseph Willard Esq.
To the Honorable Josiah Willard Esquire,

In obedience to your directions, we have measured and have taken exact account of all the Negro slaves in Weston, both males and females sixteen years old and upward. The males are Eight; the females, Three. There are ten in all.

Weston December the 10th 1754

James Whitcher
Braddock Smith
John Warren

In compliance with the Governor's order to us directed for the number of Negro slaves are

Males five.
Females two.

Assessor
December 19th 1754 Daniel Reed
We the subscriber, residents of Worcester, on this day, in consequence of the within order and hereby return that within the town of
Worcester there is one male negro and
four female negroes above the age of sixteen.

We are your humble servants,

John Leidener
John R. L. Martin
John Hayden

Worcester Nov. 29, 1775

Wearing His Habit of
Hope Thomas Lovelace, Esq.

Note: The text is handwritten and contains several corrections and edits. The document appears to be a request for a warrant to return certain negroes to their owner.
Springfield, June 2, 1754

Pursuant to an Order by us the Subscribers, Affairs for the Town of Springfield, the following may Observe that the Male Slaves in the Town of Springfield are twenty-two and the Female Slaves five.

22 male
5 female
27 total

James Cotton
David Chapman
Sam. Winch
Robert Harris
Benj. Day

Springfield, Motion of Negro Slaves June 11, 1754
22
5
27

The Hon.
Deborah Wilkins

Benj. Allen
Granville December the 5th 1754
in obedience to the With in order to us
These May Certifie that There is no
Negro Slaves Sixteen years of Age
within this Town or District
attested by us
Phinehas Pratt
Samuel Barlow

Westfield December 1754
These May Certifie that There is in the Town of
Westfield Fifteen Negro Male Slaves & four
Females
Israel Ashley
Walter Sacket

Certified in the Town of
David Stevens
Veerkamp
Pursuant to the General Court Order, we certify, that within the Town of Kingston, there are six Negro Servants, ten more, upward of Sixteen Years of Age: Via three males, 8 three females

Kingston
December 3, 1754

Robert Bradford
Nicholas Scott
John Ackroyd, Jr of Kingston

Mr. Secretary Willard
Wrentham Dec. 27th, 1754

Pursuant to an Order of the great & General Court: This is to certify that the Number of Negro Slaves within this Town is Sixteen viz. Thirteen Males & Three Females.

James Boyden Assessor
Jabez Fisher of the Town
Benj. Day of Wrentham

In Presence of the Order of the General Court.

Sto 15th Directly dated Nov. 19th 1754.

There is in Wrentham of Negro Male Slaves Six & one of them is one of the Ministers in D Town & an older is so old & infirm that we do not set him as any thing in Personable State to be Rated.

And of females Negro slaves therein there is three & one of them is one of the Ministers of D Town.

So that we Rate for but 4 Male 8 2 Female.

Wrentham Decem 6th 1754

Rls. Benj Winthrop Assessor
John Bradford
Maj. Jedidiah (?) of Wrentham.
In obedience to your orders, I have the honor to deliver to you 5000 black males and females. They are a portion of the Negroes on my estate. The number of Negroes on my estate is 96. I am, with the utmost respect, your obedient servant,

[Signature]

J. P. P. Williams, Attorney
Sherburn December the first 1754

In obedience to the order of the Honorable the Great and General Court we the subscriber as lessees for the town of Sherburn find but three negro slaves, all males two belonging to the Reverend Mr. Samuel Porter and the other to a widow many more

Joseph Twitchell
Eleanor Leadland
John Church, Sherburn

By order of the great & General Court got the number of negro slaves in the town of Teunisbury sixteen years old or over (viz) one male & one female

Dated Teunisbury Dec. 3, 1754

William Brown
Joseph Kibbey
Attest
John Chapman
Isaac Kibbey
John Needham

The above
Province of the Massachusetts-Bay,

In the House of Representatives, Nov. 19, 1754.

UPON Consideration of his Excellency's Message of this Day,

Ordered,

THAT the Assessors of the several Towns and Districts within this Province, forthwith send into the Secretary's Office the exact Number of the Negro Slaves, both Males and Females, sixteen Years old and upward, that are within their respective Towns and Districts.

Sent up for Concurrence.

In Council, Nov. 19, 1754.

Read and concur'd,

Thos. Clarke, Dep'ty Sec'y.

Consented to.

W. SHIRLEY.
Surprant to the act of the General Court November 19th 1754
We, the subscribers assessors of the Town of Halifax in the County of Plymoufh have taken an account of the number of Negro slaves within said town and there is two Negro males and two Negro females above the age of sixteen years Dated at Halifax December 17th 1754
Mose Cunningham
Noah Biffings assessors of Halifax

Pursuant to an order of the Grand and General Court was the subscriber Isaac Waterman taken an exact list of all the Negro slaves both male and female within the Town of Scituate and was find the number to be forty three that is to say: Twenty two males and twenty one females, Sixty years old and upwards
December the 10th 1754
Isaac Thomas sergeant of Scituate
John Clay
To Joseph Willard, Secretary in the Province of
The Massachusetts Bay in New England

These may inform you that wee the Administrators of the Town
of Berkeley have taken the number of the Negro Slaves both
male & female that are within the Town of Berkeley from
sixteen years old & upwards & to find that their
nine & no more. Given under our hand,

This 17th of November 1754

N. B. there is seven males
and two females

Abel Crane
John Briggs
Amesbury

December 17, 1751

Respectfully to the Committee in Council, we have

acquainted, that there is

in our town males & females consisting

years old or above males twenty-three

females twenty-five in all.

- Stephen Farguson

- David Stedman

- Stephen Pratt

Amesbury
I feel the subscriber inhabitants of the Towne of Beverly. In
observation of an order from the Great and General Court
of this Province of November the 19th. 1754 have made diligent
Enquiry into the Exacte Number of the Negro Slaves both
male & female sixteen yeares old and upwards Within a
Towne Thirde the Number of P. Slaves to be as followeth.

Twelve male & sixteen female & no more.

Beverly December the 9th. 1754

Anthowdi
Joshua Harrick
Henry Herrick Dr.

In Observation of the Order of 1754 of
General Court of the Province of the Malahitser
Bay — the Collection of the Towne have taken
the Exact Number of the Negro slaves sixteen yeares
of age and with them one female of Beverly
which is one Male and one Female.

John Conkett
Elephat Holbrooke
Of Beverly
In obedience to the order of the Great and General Court, we have made inquiry into the number of negro and slave in the town of Rutland and find but one male of two females above the age of sixteen years old.

Rutland, December 2, 1754
John Stone, Agent for
Pine Moore
In Obedience to the Legislative power we
hear send the exact number of the negro
slave, within the town of Topsfield, sixteen year,
old and upward both male and female, which
is 4

Topsfield Dec. 16:1754

Male 4
Female 1

Benj. Towne, Lieutenent
Davy Clarke
Sam: Smith
Topsfield

To The Hon: Josiah Willard
In Boston Secretary
Surrounded by orders we have taken the exact Number of Negro Slaves within the District of Danvers, both males & females, ten Years old & upwards, which we find amounts to the Number of Twenty one.

Danvers Dec 9th 1754

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In pursuance of the order of the said Court I do certify that there is in this Town the Number of Eight Negro Slaves, & Mulatto Slaves above the age of sixteen Years & upwards.

[Signature]

[Signature]
Honored Sir: Agreeable to the order of the great and supreme court, these are to inform you that there is but two negro slaves in Richland District that are sixteen years of age. December 12thday 1754.

These from your most humble, 

John Caldwell
Mathew Coussell

Esquire
for Richland District
In Obedience to the General Court's order
We have taken an exact number of the
Negro slaves both males and females; that is
Within the limits of this town of Newbury
There is fifteen males and two females.

Date: Newbury, December 23, 1754

John Northend
Selectmen

Thomas Lambert

Daniel Stoddard
insurance December 25th 1847
accrued on account the insurance in the
form of:- 1 horse 300 mks. and
one female and
.

John Wood
Joseph Whittington
Benjamin Ford
For the benefit
of Billerica

Billerica Book of Negroes. December 10, 1754

3/8

In the Town of Billerica, at the House of James Eames, Decr. 10, 1754.

Patriotism Decr. 10, 1754

In obedience to the within order, the above has returned the exact number of the negro slaves within our town, which are three males and five females that are sixteen years old upward.

Joshua Abbott

Wm. Siddons

William D. Billings

Joshua Davis
The exact number of the Negro slaves that are within the Town of Oxford, both male and female of sixteen years old and upwards.
Male Negroes 3  Females 1

Taken at Oxford the 5th Day of December 1764
by us the subscribers

[Signatures]

Samuel Cady  
William Dress  
Sheriff, Caddo
Lexington Decm: 4th: 1754

In Observance of an Order from the General Court
Dated Nov. 19th 1754: therein requiring the Number
of Negro Slaves both Males & Females in this Town

The Number of males is: 13
Number of females is: 11

Josiah Parker
Assessor
To The Honorable
Leicester Dec. 30th, 1754
Sicardi Willard Esq.
Secretary

I humbly present to an order of the General Court with justifick that there is in the town of Leicester two male negroes and three female that are slaves.

John Whittemore Sessions
Thomas Stebbings
Leicester
Boston, December 26, 1754

Pursuant to an Order of the Grand General Court of this Province of November 19 last, to the several
Secretaries of the several Counties, to return into the Secretary's Office the exact number of the Negro Slaves both males and females, sixteen year old and upwards.

We, the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, have taken out of them and find the number:

Males six hundred forty seven, Females three hundred forty two.

Wm. Fairfield
Peter Oliver
John Huseland
As Selectmen for the
Town of Boston

Sam. Edwards
To the Honorable Josiah Willard Esq.

In Obedience to an Order from the General Court, Holden on the 7th Day of November Last, (Directing the Officers of the several Towns & Districts within this Province, forthwith to come to the Secretary's Office, on Exact Number of the People there, sixteen years of age & upwards, that are within their respective Towns & Districts) We the Subscribers, Ministers of the Town of Newton, having taken an exact Number of the People within said Town, find that there are Seventeen, whereof Ten are Males, and Seven Females. Newton Dec. 10, 1794.

Wm. Shepard

Jno. Fuller
This may testify the following account in the number of the Negro Slaves both male & female from sixteen years old upwards in the Town of Lincoln.

No 18 males 7 females

Total 23

Lincoln Dec 9, 1754

Ephraim Flint
Ephraim Hartwell
Benjamin Cutter
In obedience to the order from the Great and General Court we the subscriber have taken the exact number of the Negro Slaves, fourteen years old and upwards, belonging to the town of Middleton and there is therein males thence females. Middleton December the 12th 1734

Ephraim Fullen, Overseers
Joseph Hollis
Isaac Kennedy, Overseers
Hampden's Jan

This may certify that there in the Town of
Hatfield 9 Male & Four Female Negro
Slaves I have

Atto: Old Partridge one of the Assessor
of this Town

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[Handwritten note: Hattin Partridge]
**February 3, 1755**

Agreed to this act we the subscribers do join in to the whole number of the negroes that are now grown which is twelve.

Jonathan Smith

Thomas McLean, Jr.

Elias Miller

捋 applicable places of the town of Middleborough
Agreeable to your Excellency's Command, the subscribers being the present Assessors of the town of Freetown, have herein sent an affidavit of the number of the free Negroes Slaves, both male & females, sixteen years old & upward, that are within our said town.

The number of the males is fourteen, the number of the females is seven.

Freetown, January 4th 1765

Abiel Terry, Assessor

Amos & Barnaby, Town of Freetown
Be a count of the Number of the Negro Slaves.
Taken this 10th Day of January, 1785.
Males Three; Females Four.

Selah Otten Vellet
Thos. Littleton, J. Chranson
Taunton January 4th 1755

The exact number of Negro slaves, both males and females belonging unto the town of Taunton (in twenty and seven) above ye age of sixteen years.

Robert Luscombe

[Signature]

Robert Sumner
To Josiah Willard Secretary

In obedience of an order of the General Court or Assembly of the Province of Massachusetts Bay Bearing Date November 19th 1754

We the subscribers have taken a number of the negro slaves both males & females in the town of Dartmouth and find them to be thirty four

Bartho Babo Ahears
Dartmouth January 29th 1755
Abraham Sherrill, the town of Dartmouth
Falmouth January the 9th 1759

Of an order of the General Court,
In obedience to us the Subscribers We have
Taken the exact number of the Negro slaves
Both males and females and the number is these

Thomas Thorne
Attorney of
Joseph Robinson
Falmouth
Able to Order of the general Court, we the subscribers Asseors of the Town of Medfield, have taken an accoal of the Negro Slaves within said Town and find there in three Males and one Female.

Samuel Smith

The be Eors of

Timothy Harrison

Medfield Dec. 11, 1754

Barachiah Mason
Brookline, December 6th, 1736

We, the subscribers, resident of Brookline do hereby certify that there are in said Town ten male and seven female Negro slaves sixteen years old and upward.

[Signature]

[Signature]

for the subscriber

By your obedient servant
Walpole Dec 31 1734

In obedience to his Majesty's Excellency and house of Representatives ordered that the several Town within this Province should send a list of all Negro Slaves male and female these are therefore to Certifie that there is but one in the town of Walpole and that is a female.

Joshua Capriessen
James Smith
Aquilla Robbins Walpole
Henry Smith
John Kingsberry
Pursuant to the orders of the great General Court we have made an exact inquiry of the number of Negro slaves from sixteen years old by upward within the limits of the town of Weymouth and find that there is twelve males and eleven females.

Weymouth
Dec. 5 1754

James
Humphrey
Assessors

Joseph Whidby
Weymouth
Mr. Secretary Howell.

Sir, Requint to the order of Court for an exact number of negro slaves from sixteen years old and upward for the District of Southampton: we subscribers certify we have none.

Dated at Southampton, 22nd Feb. 1753.

[Signatures]

Assessors for the District of Southampton.
Leominster, January 6, 1755.

Honoured Sir,

This is to certify that the number of Negro Slaves in this Town is two both wards of sixteen years old, the one a Male & the other a Female.

Jonathan White, Collector
Jacob Seabody of Leominster.
In obedience to Order we hereby certify that there is not in the Town of Southborough any Negro Male or Female Sixteen years old, only a young Female with our Sister the Red Mr. Nathan Stone.

Southborough
December ye 9th 1754

Saml. Gisom
Jr. of
John Fellows
Etched Stone

Southboroug
Westborough, December 18th, 1754

In obedience to this order we have made strict inquiry and find we have in our town John Male Phelps and two females that are sixteen years old and upward.

Sam. Wood
Phineas Hazey
This may Certifie that there is in the Town of
Shrewsbury four Negro Slaves, over the age of twenty one,
od of a certain Harry, and of a certain James, of a certain
Sampson, December 10th, 1754. Thomas Heywood, Alias.

John Dixie
Shrewsbury
Lunenburg December the 2nd 1754

In obedience to an order of the great and general court hereunto us requiring we do certify that there is within the town of Lunenburg six negro male slaves, and two females, above the age of sixteen years.

Six males
Two females

Benj. Goodridge
John King
Moses Ritter

Selectmen
and
repositories
of
Lunenburg

[Signature]
In obedience to an order of his Excellency the Governor and General Court we have numbered the Negroes in Welbridge agreed to said order and find seven in all viz: the Reverend Mr Webb two Dea Read one that are a most past labor John Ellerson one aged here unto Death the other three fit for Sail.

Dated WELBRIDGE, 

December 9th, 1754

John Ellerson
Josiah Osbourn

John Sibbey, Welbridge
Bolton December ye 9th 1754
According to the within Order these may
Testify That there is Two men and one
Woman Negro Slaves in said Town and
no more

William Wilson Assessors
Saml. News
John Whitcomb
Pursuant to the order of the Honourable Court, which was forthwith to send into the Secretary's office the exact number of Negro Slaves males and females sixteen years old upward. We the subscribers upon examination find four males, and three females that are sixteen years old and upward and more.

Medway December 29th 1754

Samuel Ely
Samuel Storer
Malachi Bullam
Elisha Adams
Shirley, December 25th 1734.

These above certify according to orders directing us to send up the said number to the Secretary's office of the number of the Negro Negro of which in our District was had but one upwards of six years ago and that is a man name and one woman name and one woman

Negro William Little Alias

Robert Henry
In obedience to an order from the Great and General Court, date November 19, 1754, we have estimated the number and condition of the Negro slaves upwards of sixteen years old as follows: ten males and three females.

John Harnden
Peter Bent
Noah Church

This is to certify that there is in the Town of Concord, fifteen Negro slaves upwards of sixteen years old and no more. Ten males and five females.

Concord December 9th, 1754.

John Jones
Ephraim Jones (Agent of the Town of Concord)
Simon Hart
James Bennett
Stephen Hooper Jr.
We find by a print directed to us bearing date November 19, 1724, by the Honorable Court of this Province that they order us forthwith to send into the Secretary's office as soon as may be the great number of the Negro slaves both males & females sixteen years old & upwards according to their direction we have & do appoint & we find the number to be six.

Grafton December 19, 1724

Joseph Batcheller
In Obedience to the Order of the General Court the subscribers have taken an exact account of the Negro slaves sixteen years old and upwards belonging to Watertown, which is as follows:

(1754)

Males—7—
Females—5—

Watertown Decs—
1754—

Sam Fisk
Natha Stenington Asheford
Ward Subosy
Watertown—
for our Complence with the general Courts order we find you the Number of the Negro slaves in the town of Weyford which is five and two of them Belong to our minister.

To the Honourable Josiah Willard in Boston

Deem'd 16th 1754

Pursuant to the Order of the Gen'r Court

These are to Certifie That there are no Negroes in Southold

Southold Decem 17th 1754

John Moody Daniel Moody
Jan. 20, 1755

It is hereby certified that there is a free female Negro slave in Natick sixteen years old

Eben B. P. 
Francis

This is to certify that the above is a true account of the female slave named

Natick.

[Signature]

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according to the within written order we have numbered the negro slaves and we find their number to be but two one man and one female within the town of Dudley

Dudley, December 16, 1754

Phebe Mixer
Ass'ts

Samuel Coburn
Ass'ts
To Joseph Willard Esq

In Seyvant to the within act a Copy of the within act the Subscribers attented to to send to you that the number of Slaves within this Town Which is but three

Sutton

Solomon Holman

Benjamin North

Tarrant Putnam

Dec 1720 4}

Julia Widow of Mercy

Vere 1755

3st Axt
Weston, 5th December 1751

These may Certifie that there is two Negro males and one female upward of 17 years old within this Town.

To Joseph Williams
Secretary

Timothy Dwight

Gershon Mifflin
Nathaniel Reed
Weston
Sudbury, December 9, 1754.

To the Rev. Josiah Williams, Esquire, in Boston & in absence of an order from the General Court, you have sent me the number of negroes found in this town both males and females which is as follows: 17 male and 15 female.

Samuel John, Steward for Josiah Maynard, Sudbury.

Samuel Austin.
According to the Directions Given us we have taken the Number of the Negro Slaves in the Town of Woburn and we find Nine Males and Eight Females Negroes

Jonathan Poole
Benjamin Wyman
Benjamin Edwards

Woburn December 1st 1754
Owen's Haverhill, deceased, 23d of 17th.

In the name of the within, we present ourselves as the executors of the estate of the within deceased. We have numbered the Negro slaves that are within our town, and our district, and we find there is eight males and eight females, that is, sixteen years old and upward, sixteen in the whole.

Joseph Badger, Executor.

James Blake, Executor.

Benjamin Harrod, Executor.

Haverhill.

Haverhill.

Witnes.

Haverhill.

Witnes.
Middlesex W. Stoneham. December 5th 1754
A true and exact account of the negro
Slaves in the town of Stoneham,
16 years old and upwards

Male negro slaves — 6
Female negro slaves — 2

Peter Han
Assessor of Stoneham

Daniel Gould
Jonathan Green
To the Hon. Josiah Williams, Jr. Secretary

We find in this Town eighty-three Negro Slaves, nineteen years and upward. 

Thos. Proctor. 
Abm. Watson. 
Jas. Ward. 
Tim. Cone. 
Nathl. Rogers.
For the Affairs of Wilmington
Return of Negro Slaves 21st March 1754

First Wilmington to be the 20th of 1754
in obedience to the within Order to us
Ordered the 1st day to us
Secretary within his office at the time
and of the accounts of Negro Slaves in Wilmington
that is males, females but two except one of the
remaining two or one hand a true account

Samuel Walker
Benjamin Frizzel
Stephen Nelson
John Prince Assistant
In Observance to the within written.
The exact Number of Negro Slaves from Sixteen yeares old and upwards in the Town of Dedham, to the best of our knowledge is Seventeen.

Dedham Decem: 5th 1754.

Cliph. Ford
Joseph Wright
Nath. Thomas
Jos. White
Dedham.
In obedience to your within order we have made a diligent inquiry as to male & female Negroes in the town. We find there is seventeen male & seven females but one of the females is now maintained at the charge of the town.

Grotton December 19, 1754

(Signed)

Joseph Carrell, John Potter

[Note: The text is handwritten and the handwriting is difficult to read.]
Milton &c. Decemb' 9th. 1754 We the Subscribers Assessors; in obedience to the within written order; Have Taken an account of the Negro Slaves both males and females that are sixteen years of age and upward; and find in the Town of Milton, fifteen males and four females and no more that we know of.
Perfuent to an Order of Court, these may Certifie that in the Town of Hill, there is Negro Slaves:

Males: 7
Females: 4

II at the Light House there are:

Males: 3
Females: 1

Auct. Jan. 25th 1755:

Joseph Melton
Ann. Binney
John Goodfellow
a Indicator of the Town
HADLEY, DEC. 24, 1764

In pursuance to the order of the General Court of this province. We hereby certify that there is but thirteen negro male slaves of five and female thirteen years old and upwards in the town of HADLEY.

Seth Porter
Enos Nason

The said will be serv'd by John Smith.

HADLEY
Lambrook. Return of Maria Slaves January 7, 1765
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In obligations to the within act be the
publishers have taken an account of the
proprietors slave with the same
as one of fifteen to middle day of
in 1765.

John Wilson
The onuery of
Edward
Pembroke
To the Hon. Joseph Willard Esq. his Majestick's Secretary of the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England:

In obedience of the Order of the Great and General Court of this Province, I am directed to be the subscriber of this certificate, to the effect that

For the Town of Cambridge, do hereunto annex the exact number of the males and female Negroes, in the said Town of Cambridge, sixtieth year of the reign of King George the Third, which are 33 males and 23 females.

Cambridge, Dec. 18th, 1754

[Signature]

Thos. Sparhawk
This May Certifie that there is Not any of
the Negro Slaves of Within Described
within the District of Montague
Viz'd Montague December 28 1764

Joseph Root
Assessor for
Montague

Simeon King
Assessor for
Montague
Haverhill, December 2, 1743.

According to the Order of the General Court at the
Archives. Have taken an Account of the Number
of the Negro Slaves in the Town of Haverhill and find
them to be 9.

Eight Male and Six Female.

To the Honorable
Josiah Allard, Esq.,

Bernard Thoman,
Mayor
Jabez Snow, Esq., of Haverhill.
To the Honourable Joseph Wilmot Esqr. Secretary,

These are therefore to inform your Honour that the subscribers have taken a full and true account of all the Negro Slaves in Chelmsford both males and females and there is in one Town Eight and more.

The one of them is an old man of about Ninety years of age not capable of labour lies/bin and to thus a perpetual charge.

Daniel Proctor
Chelmsford December 6th 1754

Jonathan parking Assessors
Jonathan kirwan for Chelmsford
Zachariah Richardson
To the Honorable Josiah Willard
Esq. Secretary of His Majesty's Province
of the Massachusetts Bay in New England,
These Are to Inform Your Honour That in
Obedience to the Order of Court, We the
Subscribers (Representatives of the Town of Dighton
for the year 1754) Have Taken a List of
The Negro Slaves Within Our Town Which
Is As Follows:

Male Slaves: Nine
Female: Nine

Dated at Dighton
Dec. 19th, 1754

Nathan Walker
George Pitts
Joshua Howe
To The Hon. Joseph Ward Esq. 1753
In Obedience to Your Order to do, necto we the
Subscribers Have Taken An Exact Aget of the Negro Slaves
within our 12 Town (Viz. Six Able Males three of them
Males and three Females) of two Old over Eighty years
Eight in all and No more.

Sandwich 1754
Samuel Cooper 
Aspens of
The Town of
John Freeman
Sandwich
sir pursuant to the order of Court from your humble servant.

[Handwritten text not clearly legible, containing an order to take a list of all the negroes, both males and females, aged 16 years or older, pursuant to a warrant.]

Six males and six females.

[Handwritten text not clearly legible, mentioning a list of names and numbers, including names like Jonathan Bean and Theophilus Higgins.]

Dated Eastham, January 26, 1754.
Perpetual to the within Helen we had taken
an account of 4 male negroes slaves which
is thrust all souls of Treemall's two years more.

Dated: Bradford
January 9st
1755

Jonathan Trickey 2nd hired man
Benjamin Mullicken 2nd of Bradford
John Hopkins
Theresa Hindoll
Dorchester Dec 30th 1754

To the Honoured Josiah Willard Secretary of the Province of Massachuseteis

Sir, These may Certifie that we find in the Town of Dorchester Eighteen Negro Men slaves & Thirteen Female which we hereby Certifie in Compliance with his Order from your great & General Court to us directed,

Samuel Pope
Richard Hall
Joseph Clap
Bedford December 14th 1751.

In observance of the order of His Hon. Court to us directed.

These are to certify that there are two male Negro slaves and four females, sixteen years old upward, in said town.

Isaiah Foster

Att'd:  John Sessions, Esquire.

Joseph Foster
Plymouth December 28th 1754

Pursuant to the within Order, we the Subscribers have collected the following number of Twenty Males and Sixteen Females within limits of the Town:

John Adams
Jonathan Webb
Simeon Scott
Samuel Web
Thomas Allen

Braintree Select Men

February 19, 1755

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16
30
SIR, this is to inform you that there is 6 male Negro slaves at the School house in the Town of Salisbury and no more.

Decr. 19th 1754
Benjamin Merrill, Justice of the Peace
Henry Eaton, Speaker
Richard Hatfield

NORFOLK DEO 26: 1754

In this Town there is six Negroes viz: two males and two females.

George Watkins, Maker
Ralph Whelock, Maker
Suffield
To his Excellency William Shirley Esq.
Capt. General. And his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives.

I have obedience to your order of yesterday to hand to your Secretary's Office a number of Negro Slaves, and desire to inform you that we have, but one Male Negro and five females of sixteen years and upwards to have, only to add that we are

Manchester Dec. 31st 1759

Samuel Lee of Manchester

Jonathan Horward
Geo. Lee
Province of the Mass. Bay.

Pursuant to a order of the Legislature of this Province
To us Directd To send into the Secretarys office the
Exact number of Negro Slaves in this Town both Male
& Females. This is therefore To signify that there is
Sixteen Negro Slaves in this Town Sixteen year old
& upward.

Wenham Dec. 18, 1734.

Sam. Goodridge
Benja Kimball
Eben' Waldron
Saml Carter bore &c.
Daniel Porter

Select men of Wenham
In Obedience to the Order of ye Great & General Court of ye Nineteenth of November last, We have Taken an Exact Act of the Negro Slaves Within ye Town of Stoughton, & find that there is Six Males & Two Females, of Sixteen Years Old and upward.

Stoughton Jan'y 7th 1755

Ephraim Billing

Wm. Royall
Joseph Billing
Daniel Richards
In obedience to the within order we the subscribers have taken the account of the Negro Slaves in the town of Andover of eighteen years of age and upwards and find there to be thirty-two very twenty-eight males and fourteen females.

Andover Jan'y 25th 1765

George Abbot
Joseph Stowe
Richard Savery
John Wood
John Redman
Pursuant to the Order, we have taken an exact Account of the Negro Slaves within the Town, from Sixteen years old and upwards. We find them to be Thirty four Males and Sixteen Females.

Newbury 2d 16th 1755

John Brown, Overseer
Henry Page, Deputy Overseer
Cutting Modey, Overseer of Newbury
Ipswich Jan'y 25, 1755

Pursuant to Order I have sent the said
Number of Negro Slaves both Male & Female
Sixteen Years Old and Upwards within the Town
of Ipswich which is sixty Two

Sam. Roger Gray
Selectmen of Ipswich
In obedience to the order of the General Court last held to the Town of Chelsea the 19th of November.

There are to certify that the Negro Slaves from sixteen years old and upwards amount to the number of thirty-five and no more which are in the Town of Chelsea as witness our hand at Chelsea this 6th day of January 1735

John Floyd

Nathan Reed
Samuel J new Alshee
Benja Brintnell for the Town of Chelsea
For the Affairs of Hopkinton,

John

[Signature]

Dec 9, 1769

Hopkinton

[Signature]

Charles

[Signature]

Samuel

[Signature]
Return of Negro Slaves
Dated 13th 1744
1 Male

Return from the
said

On December 4th 1744
Thos. May certify that there is but one male Negro slave, fifteen years old in action and no females.

Jonathan, Hofmeister
Samuel Ennis
Joseph Scott
Barnstable.

In obedience to the within written.

This certificate that there is thirty-two Negro slaves in the town of Barnstable, males and females (of sixteen years or above), and no more.

December 30th, 1774.

Edward Bird.

NB
15 males
33
15 females
33
Province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

In the House of Representatives, Nov. 19. 1754.

UPON Consideration of his Excellency's Message of this Day,

Ordered,

THAT the Assesors of the several Towns and Districts within this Province, forthwith send into the Secretary's Office the exact Number of the Negro Slaves, both Males and Females, sixteen Years old and upward, that are within their respective Towns and Districts. Twelve Males and four Females.

Sent up for Concurrence,

T. HUBBARD, Sp'r.

In Council, Nov. 19. 1754.

Read and concur'd,

Tho' Clarke, Deputy Secretary.

Consented to

W. SHIRLEY.
georgetown, march 31, 1756

To his Honor the Secretary or this is to inform your Honor that there is only seven negroes in this town above of the age of sixteen years and upward.

Michael Lacegg, Jun.

Thomas Wilson

John Forrester

To the honorable
Joseph Willard, Esqr.
In the order of the General Court has lately come to my hand which requires an account of all negro servants to be paid to your self.

Thees art to inform your honor that in this
george town there are seven negro servants.

If they art both male servants

John Deptrey

To the honorable
Joseph Willard, Esqr.

george town, from

frabruary 7, 1756
Province of the Massachusetts-Bay.

In the House of Representatives, Nov. 19, 1754.

UPON Consideration of his Excellency's Message of this Day,

Ordered,

THAT the Assessors of the several Towns and Districts within this Province, forthwith send into the Secretary's Office the exact Number of the Negro Slaves, both Males and Females, sixteen Years old and upward, that are within their respective Towns and Districts.

Sent up for Concurrence,

T. Hubbard, Sr.

In Council, Nov. 19, 1754.

Read and concurred.

Tho's Clarke, Dep'ty Sec'y.

Consented to:

W. Shirley.

Pursuant to the above Order, we certify there are two Negro Males, one Female, and one Female belonging to the Minister of Said Town.

Northborough, Me.
Province of the Massach. Bay

P. Obserwancie to the General Court of the 19th
Nov. last This may certify That twenty four is the exact num-
of the Negro slaves both males females sixteen years old upward that are within
the Town of York.

In the Name & beall of the rest of the
Agents of said Court by their Order

York Decr. 20 1759

Dan. Moulton

To the court of said Province
In obedience to an order of the Great and General Assembly of the Province of the Massachusetts.

Directed

They are therefore to certify, that the number of Negroes or belonging to the town of Scarborough, sixteen years of age and upward is — 7

The males from sixteen years of age and upward is — 4

Scarborough, December 23rd 1754

John Libby

John McFare

John Redman
Pursuant to an order of the Great and General Court of the 19th of November last to give an account of the present number of the Negro Slaves both male and female fifteen years old and upwards, these may certify that there are eighteen Negro Slaves and seventeen Female Slaves within the Town of Littey. Dec. 26, 1754

Rich Coxe
Selco.

Simoa Truss.

John Denne.

James Gower. Littey.
In accordance with His Excellency's orders, I have sent the following number of Negro slaves of both sexes at Upperland, which are within this town, and there are also all the provision male Negroes — 11
Eight females — 10
The whole — 21

Brunswick Dec. 4th 1753
Henry Chadderton, Collector of Customs

Daniel Libby

Brunswick, March 4th, 1754
Sir, this day we received his Excellency's orders to return a list of number of Negro slaves in this town of Brunswick, and there is but three above sixteen years two males and one female.

Signed as ordered.

William Red

Robert Coven

[Signature]
Pursuant to the order of the General Court of the Nov. Past we have
send your Honours the exact number of
Negro Slaves in this Town viz. Sixteen
Males & Five Females
Attested at Falmouth 13th Day
1st January 1755.

George Berry
William Bucknam
Samuel Skillin
Wheeler

To the Hon. Josiah W...

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